



Staff and pupils plant one of the apple trees at Martin Primary School.

Apple for the teacher

A new 50-tree apple orchard was planted on part of the playing field at Martin Primary School on Thursday 17 February. Over 10 different varieties of apple tree were planted by the school children, parents and key partners who have supported the scheme.

The idea for an orchard has been developed by the school in conjunction with the East Finchley Community Trust. All the trees were donated by Wates Construction, currently building new affordable housing at Lankaster Gardens, N2, through their supplier Woodlands PH Ltd.

Roger Chapman, Chair of the East Finchley Community Trust said: "The orchard will be a tremendous asset to the school. Educationally it will give great benefit and of course the produce will be really good to eat or, if juiced, to drink. I'm really pleased that we managed to get the support of firms working locally to fund the orchard."

New air cadets have high hopes for the future

By Diana Cormack

It was a double first at Finchley squadron HQ on Friday 11 March as 12 teenagers signed up for flight training. It was the largest number to join in one session since the air training squadron was formed, and the first night for their padre, Father Kevin Ryan.

Father Ryan and the group's Commanding Officer, Mr Alborne, were there to hear the youngsters make the required promises and declarations, after which the cadets marched out applauded by their families and squadron members as they left to put on their uniforms proudly.

Former cadets return

Also present at the ceremony was former local cadet, Pilot Officer Richard Davoren, who joined the RAF in 2009 and is now training at RAF Cranwell. Former cadet Olivia Elmakenzie, 19, was also in attendance. Another success story from the centre, Olivia won a coveted flying scholarship to train in Dundee, one of the highest awards an air cadet can achieve. Both she and her 16-year-old sister Miranda have gliding scholarships and have been asked to become civilian instructors.

Activities are not limited to flying and gliding (although it is possible to work towards a BTEC in Aviation Studies) and not all cadets intend to join the armed forces. For some, the well-equipped centre is considered more of a youth



CO Alborne and Father Ryan listen as the cadets promise.

Photo by Diana Cormack.

club. There are plenty of things for 13 to 17-year-olds to do, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, a wide range of sports, adventure training, target shooting, first aid and much more. It is also another way for them to make friends, to learn new skills and develop confidence.

Parade nights at the centre, which is next to the Lido complex, are on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7.30-10.00pm. For further details telephone 020 8444 9861 or visit www.393atc.50megs.com

Transport and science at Manorside

The Reception children at Manorside Primary School have been learning about transport and enjoyed a bus trip to Mill Hill as well as a ride in the back of a cab. Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a visit from the Royal Institute in February where they explored different approaches to maths.

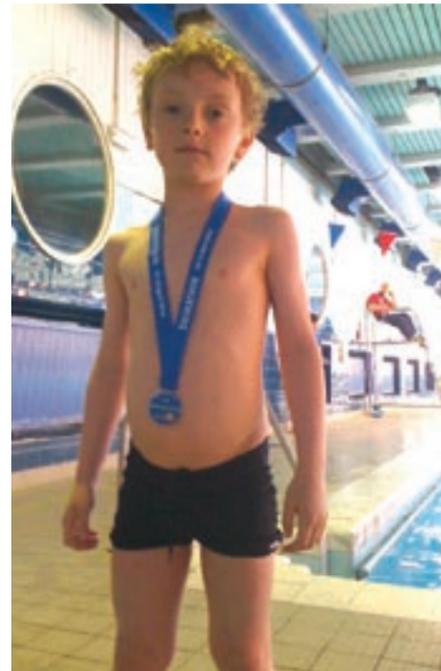
Science Week was celebrated throughout the school with experiments of all kinds. A company called Night Owls brought owls into school, and the children enjoyed Fossil Fest with Jules the Wildlife Man. A number of Year 6 children also celebrated science week at Middlesex University enjoying activities and competitions. To see more of what's going on at Manorside Primary School, visit www.manorsideprimaryschool.co.uk

YOUNG ARCHER

Splashing out for

charity

Seven-year-old Archie Price is hoping to raise £1,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care by taking part in the Swimathon (www.swimathon.org). Archie, who lives in Durham Road, East Finchley is competing in the event at Finchley Lido, on 10 April. He will be taking part in the charity event with his parents Chris and Wendy Price as part of Team Goggleblog.



Archie is getting ready for another Swimathon.

A pupil at Martin School, Archie is aiming to swim at least 60 lengths of the pool (1.5km) while the team will be swimming 200 lengths (5km) between them.

Dad Chris Price says: "Archie took part in the Swimathon last year and despite the fact that he hadn't been swimming that long he managed a fantastic

28 lengths. He is hoping to do better than this year and aiming to swim 60 lengths. We are really proud that he wants to take on this challenge to help others."

You can sponsor Archie and Team Goggleblog at www.archieprice.com. For details on how to take part in this year's Swimathon go to www.swimathon.org.

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