



Education for everybody

Brookland Infant and Nursery School is supporting the 'Send My Sister to School' campaign, to help highlight the fact that over 35 million girls globally are missing out on an education.

Pupils there are joining with thousands of schools across the UK and in over 100 countries worldwide to show their commitment to Education for All. To support the campaign, Brookland pupils have been making 'sister' figures and adding their messages in speech bubbles. Mike Freer MP visited the school on Tuesday 12 July to receive the work they had been doing. He also invited two of the school's youngsters to present their messages at 10 Downing Street shortly after his visit.



Mike Freer sees the Brookland children's work.

For more information about the 'Send My Sister to School' campaign visit www.sendmyfriend.org



Young art critics enjoy the show at Martin Primary School

Our East Finchley

By Jessica Lundie

"Wow" was the word used by a parent on seeing the work that the children from Martin primary school produced during their recent art and design week.

The theme of the week was 'Our East Finchley'. Each school year explored and sketched a different area from the High Road to Strawberry Vale. This gave the children the inspiration to create a piece of art that was displayed at a pop-up art gallery in the school.

The artwork produced by the children will be used to create a mosaic in the playground with the help of the community art company, Artyface. Once installed in September, the mosaic will highlight what East Finchley means to the children and will be enjoyed for many years to come.

Mentors show the way

Volunteers are being sought to take part in an innovative project designed to help mentor people with learning disabilities in how to use public buses safely.

The Going Places scheme will see volunteers with learning disabilities given training which allows them to pass on their travel skills to others living with similar disabilities. Barnet Mencap, which is running the project, is looking to recruit as many as 12 Volunteer Travel Assistants. The pilot stage of the scheme was supported by Barnet Council's Community Support Team and is being funded by the Metropolitan Police's Safer Travel Team. The volunteers will be aged 18

or over and will already be able to use public transport confidently. Potential mentors will be given training in how to use public transport safely, and support in areas such as improving their communication skills and asking for directions. They will then be matched with someone looking to build up the skills and confidence needed to get about the borough independently. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Shelley Gibbons or Judith Green at Barnet Mencap on 020 8349 3842.

Lucky 13 for Pasture

By Maureen Delandro
The number 13 was lucky for Long Lane Pasture in June, as that was the number of girl guides who visited one evening as part of their annual service to the community.

The girls' activities were co-ordinated by guide leaders Toni, Kristy and Andrea. Pasture Volunteers were also on site to direct efforts. They divided into two teams and trimmed brambles and scrubbed many of the benches around the site, taking on these challenges with enthusiasm and energy.

It was a lovely warm evening and there was a spectacular sunset that can be appreciated from the Pasture, because of the absence of buildings on the horizon.

Their help was much appreciated. Long Lane Pasture relies on volunteers to maintain and develop the site. Groups are welcome to visit the pasture, by prior arrangement. Please contact enquiries@longlanepasture.org. The next event there is Moth Day on Saturday 27 August. More information can be found at www.longlanepasture.org

Currently, 4th East Finchley rainbow group is in danger of closing if more adult volunteers can't be found. Please get in touch by emailing, 4theastfinchleyguides@googlemail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

YOUNG ARCHER



The Manorside Samba Band in full flow.

Manorside gets rhythm

Following on from a successful performance at the Camden Regional Festival in March, the Manorside Samba band was selected to represent their school at the Music For Youth National Festival in Birmingham. They brought the house down!

In other news from the primary school in Squire's Lane, pupils enjoyed their usual summer term trips to the zoo, aquarium, and Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park. There was a gig for the grown ups by the legendary band Headz, featuring headteacher Mr Hilborne, and another hugely successful International Food Festival.

Manorside also celebrated Sports Week with taekwondo, tennis, gymnastics and athletics, all facilitated by Barnet's Kim Henderson,

and 44 children took part in the Barnet Olympics Day at Cophthall.

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Coffee & Kids, Fri 9.15-11.15, Green Man Ctr. Rachel 8343 6147.
- ❖ Dads' Club: Get-togethers for dads looking after young children in East Finchley. Adam 07957 441435.
- ❖ EF National Childbirth Trust contact Ruby Yang or Patrizia Canwell at eastfinchleynct@googlemail.com
- ❖ Parent & Toddler Group, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276
- ❖ Stepping Stones, interactive play session for under 3s. Karen 07957 278860.

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