



What it feels like to be hunted

By Daphne Chamberlain
Last month, we reported the visit of Eva Schloss, Anne Frank's stepsister, to Manorside School. Janette Roth, Manorside's Year 6 teacher, prepared the children well for her visit. After reading *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, they wore their own pyjamas to school for one day to discover how that changed their perception of their usually cosy nightwear.

They thought a lot about what it must be like to be trapped and hunted down.

Some of their work was on display for Eva Schloss's visit. Here are extracts from their writing:

My whole body is shaking with fear. All I can do is sit and wait for my death.
Adrian

I am alone, with no one to tell me it's going to be OK.
Alanna

Why us? Why me? A little part of me has hope. But that just keeps on shrinking and shri.....

BANG! The Nazi men banging on the door. *Fatma Muhammed*

As I sit next to my mother, I cling to her like never before. I hear the trucks coming closer and closer. I hear their big beast hands banging on the door. I am petrified. Why me? *Daniel C*

Screams bursting out. The sounds suddenly stopped. I hear footsteps louder and louder. Then - knock, knock, knock. It was over. Nowhere to go, nowhere to hide. *Joe*

We sit as we hear screaming mums and children. We know they are close. Just then we hear the door knock! BANG! Then my mum screamed. What could we do but just sit there? My brother says, "They're here! They're here!" *Lauren Palach'e*

The distant rumbling of death machines surrounds my ears. Three deafening hammers on my door, and a booming voice. *Nazifa*

I can hear it coming, time and again, waiting for it to halt to take me away. I hear the knock that will ruin my life for ever. They bombard my space. *Prithika*

The powerful, beast-like tank came in our road. My heart was racing as fast as a cheetah. Suddenly someone started banging at our door. I heard a deafening voice, "Open the door, Jew!" *Roozy Divsalar*

YOUNG ARCHER

Bikeability

By Year 5 at Holy Trinity Primary School

This week we have really enjoyed taking part in some free cycle training at school. Firstly, we had to check that our bikes were roadworthy, following the ABCD check (air, brakes, control and chains, and loose dangly things near the wheels).

In the school playground we learnt how to use signals to show other drivers when we are turning left and right. We also learnt how to do a controlled stop and an emergency stop safely.

We had to pass level one and then, with the instructors, we were allowed to go on the roads. We cycled along quiet minor and major roads, including East End Road. We learnt that before setting off or even signalling, we must look behind our right shoulder and check there are no cars coming.

We have really enjoyed our learning this week and would like to say a huge thank you to Warren and Eba, our instructors, for teaching us our cycle training. We are now more confident at cycling safely using the local roads.



Pupils preparing for pedal power. Photo by Lisa Huegdon

New arrivals in the classroom

Children at the Holy Trinity are excited to welcome chick eggs to their school. The chicks found their home in reception's class for two weeks.

Staff said the children thoroughly enjoyed setting up their habitat to make the eggs feel comfortable and welcome. After just a few days they eagerly watched the eggs slowly hatch and the chicks develop.



Although the chicks have been living in the younger children's classroom, the whole school has enjoyed regular trips to visit and even hold the chicks. One parent said it was a fantastic real life experience for the children.

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 3's. Karen 07957 278860.



Tess alongside a child from the Soweto project.

Tess makes a difference in Soweto

Tess Hadik, a scout from the 8th Muswell Hill group, has won a Jack Petchey award for fund raising to build a shelter for orphaned children in Soweto, South Africa.

She and her mother supported the project after visiting the country 10 years ago and encountering local residents who were determined to improve life for abandoned children.

Tess collected money from friends and her school agreed to collect money as well as books, educational toys and clothing which the children desperately needed.

The house that was built has a large sitting room, a proper kitchen, three toilets, a bath, a

shower and several bedrooms with bunk beds. It even has a vegetable garden.

Tess said: "I thought building the house would go much more quickly but it took a very long time. There were many ups and downs but I am very proud that finally these children have a 'proper' home."

The Jack Petchey scheme makes awards to individuals and youth organisations to help fund their activities and recognise outstanding achievements.

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