



YOUNG ARCHER



The mesmerising mosaic at Martin School. Photo by Jessica Lundie.

Marvellous mosaic

By Jessica Lundie and Rhona Elson

Everyone was very excited to see the fantastic mosaic unveiled in the Key Stage 2 playground after months of hard work by the children of Martin Primary and Artyface, a community art company. The mural was designed by all year groups and then made by year 3 children and upwards, staff and parents.

Emma Margree, 8, said: "Artyface has helped children in other schools make their murals and I think they look really cool. The mural will have lots of different parts of East Finchley and our school. We are doing this to represent our school and where we live."

Go Full Circle

Do you like singing, dancing and acting and would you like to take part in a fantastic new musical? Run by three qualified teachers, Full Circle is a well-established, friendly theatre company for children aged 6-16 years, renowned for its high-quality musical productions.

Following a successful adaptation of *Aladdin* last month, Full Circle is launching a brand new show. Rehearsals start on Saturday 5 November and performances will take place at the end of March.

The group meets every Saturday afternoon at the Finchley Youth Theatre, High Road, East Finchley from 2-5pm, and new children are always welcome (teenage boys especially). So if you are looking for a place to experience the arts, grow in confidence, make friends and have fun, please call Anne-Marie on 07958 409863 for further details.



Come and have fun with Full Circle.

Community projects going strong

By Simon Dyke

This month marks the second anniversary of two community projects launched by East Finchley Baptist Church in November 2009.

A community survey undertaken by the church in 2009 identified the need for more toddler group provision within East Finchley, leading to the Little Fishes baby & toddlers group being established.

Little Fishes meets on Friday mornings at the church, from 9.30am-11.15am, for parents, carers and children from 0-3 years. The cost is £2.00 per session and the group is run by church members.

The second community initiative was the establishment of an English language class for speakers of other languages, which started on the Grange estate but now meets at the church.

The language teaching is provided for beginners through to intermediate level. Classes are completely free, and run by volunteers from the church

for one hour on Wednesday evenings from 5.30-6.30pm.

Both groups continue to flourish and welcome new people to join. More details can be found through the church website www.eastfinchleybc.org.uk or by telephone on 020 8444 0365.

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

❖ **Newstead Parent & Toddler Group**, Thurs 9-12-30, Green Man Ctr. Sajni 8359 3460.

❖ **Parent & Toddler Group**, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276

❖ **Stepping Stones**, interactive play session for under 3s. Karen 07957 278860.

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Olympic visitor

By Frances Buckingham

Martin Primary School has marked the start of its official countdown to the Olympic and Paralympic Games with a special visit from Paralympian Richard Fox.

Richard Fox represented Great Britain in seven-a-side football in the Beijing Olympics and is one of eight BT London 2012 Paralympic Ambassadors.

He told the pupils how he used to enjoy playing football in his back garden, as a child. When he scored a hat-trick on his 11th birthday he realised that this was something that

he wanted to pursue more seriously.

He brought in his first England cap, which the pupils were allowed to hold, and he showed photos of him playing in several international tournaments. Richard also encouraged the children to apply his team's motto, "dream it, believe it, achieve it," to their school life.



What a line-up!

By Stan Spinks

Look who turned out as volunteer marshals at the Bobath Centre Fun Walk on Sunday 25 September in Cherry Tree Wood, showing that they are all keen to support charitable events in East Finchley.

Pictured from the left are: Roger Chapman, Chairman of the East Finchley Community Trust, Colin Rogers, one of East Finchley's councillors, David Smith, Chairman of The Finchley Society, and Mick Harvey, Chairman of the East Finchley Constitutional Club.

Both The Finchley Society (Tel: 020 8346 5258) and The East Finchley Constitutional Club (Tel: 020 8883 3134) are now open to recruit more members. You'll be very well received.

The East Finchley Community Trust, amongst other things, funds and organises the East Finchley Festival, which grows by leaps and bounds year on year.

Consequently they are always looking for volunteers to help with this mammoth task. The telephone number is: 07983 360834.

If you want to chat to Colin Rogers or his fellow councillors you'll often find them at a table outside Budgens or Iceland on the High Road on a Saturday morning.

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