



YOUNG ARCHER

Our sneak peek at Olympic site

By Anna and Tyler

Year 3 at Holy Trinity Primary School were lucky enough to go to the enormous Olympic park on Wednesday 9 May. When we got there, there were lots of staff in bright pink waist jackets showing us where to go. Some even had megaphones. Kindly they let a few lucky people speak into them.

It was quite a long walk to the stadium. We walked past interesting buildings such as the basketball arena and the aquatic centre. We saw lots of TV people carrying cameras. There were school children everywhere.

At the Olympic stadium there was even more security. We had to give our tickets and eventually everybody got through the security check. When we got inside there were 80,000 seats. The

pitch was enormous with loads of activities going on including hurdles, high jumps and discus. Our favourite was the high jump and the 100m sprint.

We were all supporting the South East Team. Around us there were loads of people singing and shouting "Come on". Our class were shouting like wild animals.

It started to rain even more but that didn't stop us having fun. We went outside to lots

of activities. Our favourite activity was riding the bikes because we got free smoothies and then Year 3 got to dance the Olympics mascot dance. Then we went to the bus and went back to school. Hope our next school trip is as fun as this one!

Mrs Wharton would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Mrs Huegdon for organising this trip and thank you also to Mr Ritson, Ms Sheppard and Jackie for all their help.



Making music: The Tudor Orchestra in rehearsal.

Discover the secret orchestra

By Sam Warner

Having run for over 20 years, the Tudor Orchestra is north London's best-kept secret. Made up of amateurs and professionals, the orchestra is incredibly welcoming and willing to give anyone with an interest in classical music or just a simple passion for playing music the chance to join.

With a strong foundation of 38 committed members from a broad range of ages and backgrounds, the orchestra is a true community venture. The members' passion for their craft shines through, producing enthralling performances that demonstrate a communal appreciation of music. They prove that enthusiasm truly triumphs.

The orchestra has been conducted by Owen Leech for the past seven years, and each concert boasts a different professional soloist. Polish pianist Maciej Raginia will take up this prestigious role for the

next concert, having gained a reputation from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Royal College of Music, as well as winning awards in his native country and the UK.

The concert takes place in the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church on 7 July and will include Beethoven's 5th Piano Concerto ('The Emperor'), Schubert's 8th Symphony ('The Unfinished') and Scottish themed *The Land of the Mountain and the Flood* by Hamish MacCunn.

Check out the orchestra on their website www.tudor-orchestra.org.uk.



Moving and memorable: the young cast of Journey's End.

Journey's End

Review by Ed Chappel

Huge congratulations are in order to all of the pupils and staff involved in Christ's College Finchley's sensitive and moving production of R.C Sherriff's First World War play *Journey's End*.

Head of drama Alison Hinds said after her first school production: "I think it's amazing that a group of year 9 students, many of whom have never performed before, were able to perform with such confidence and integrity." A special mention must go to the cast who helped to create such a memorable and moving reminder of the horrors of war. Isaac Rudden delivered a brilliantly tortured portrayal of Captain Stanhope, a heavy-drinking officer who knows that he is sending innocent young men to an almost certain death. There were fantastic, composed performances

from the relentlessly cheerful 2nd Lieutenant Trotter (James Wise), the emotionally shattered and trench-shy 2nd Lieutenant Hibbert (James Klingher), the sinister but highly convincing Colonel (Shohn Ranasinghe), the strong and level-headed Osborne (Julius Andresier), the fresh-faced but tragically naïve recruit Lieutenant Raleigh (Stefan Denieffe), and the kind and tireless cook Mason (Jonathan Amui).

There were also outstanding performances from Sergeant Major (Camara Jack), Soldier (Haider Mukhles), Hardy (Ricardo Rodrigues) and the German prisoner

of war (Daniel Burgoyne). The pupils and staff can be proud of delivering a performance which reduced many in the audience to tears and was a tribute to the former pupils of CCF who sacrificed their lives in the last century and to the soldiers fighting in wars today.

Judo champ

On Sunday 6 May, Luke Koumourou, who is in year 5 at Holy Trinity School, represented the London Borough of Barnet at the Open Championship Judo Competition 2012 in Northampton. He was competing against 36 other children in his category and came 4th. Well done, Luke!

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Come and join the Full Circle drama and music group.

Summer holiday fun

Full Circle Children's Theatre is running a one-week workshop at the Finchley Youth Theatre this summer. If you love to put on a show, go along and join the fun.

Children will learn several big-show dance numbers, as well as act out scenes from musicals and write their own comedy sketches. They will also have the opportunity to perform to friends and family on the last day of the course.

Full Circle founder Anne-Marie Conway says: "We welcome children of all abilities and the emphasis is firmly on having fun. If you love to get involved, make new friends and perform, then this is the course for you"

The workshop will run from Monday 23 to Friday 27 July, 10am-3pm, and is suitable for children aged 7-15 years. The cost for the full week is £70.

Full Circle is a friendly, well-established local theatre company, run by three qualified teachers and well known for its high quality musical productions. For further details about the summer workshop, or weekly Saturday sessions, please call Anne-Marie on 07958 409863.

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