



YOUNG ARCHER

One year to go

And they're off! One year to go until the opening of the Archer Academy.

As children and teachers head back to school for the new academic year, the team behind the Archer Academy are stepping up to the challenge of getting their school ready for its September 2013 opening.

Instead of spending the summer relaxing by the pool, the team have been working away behind the scenes. They've met officials from the Department for Education and Barnet Council, worked alongside a specialist team to finalise their premises, put a process in place to recruit a headteacher and written and designed a prospectus.

Information for parents

The next few weeks will be really important for spreading the word about the new school, so the team are keen to meet local Year 6 parents to give them the chance to ask questions and get a sense of what life at the Archer Academy will be like. They plan to hold meetings in primary schools during September and October.

Project coordinator Toby

Blume says: "We've got a huge amount to do before next September but we've got a great team behind us who will do our community proud. The support we're getting from the DfE and Barnet Council is great; their expertise and experience is invaluable and it's also good to know they're with us every step of the way."

"Of course, our potential parents would like to know more about the school and where it's going to be. We'll share that information with you as soon as it is confirmed. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with us by emailing info@thearcheracademy.org.uk, and we'll do our best to answer."

For more information visit www.thearcheracademy.org.uk



Did you know?

Did you know that Kristian Thomas, who won a bronze medal with Team GB's male gymnasts, is pictured on the January page of this year's ARCHER calendar?

The photo of Kristian was taken during a gymnastic display at Tudor Primary School, N3 when he performed a forward roll over seven children and a teacher. The gymnast was part of the Team Super Schools

project, which gave pupils the chance to meet and learn about the life and training of potential Olympic athletes.

The Wolverhampton lad had a lovely way with the children and he obviously has a lovely

way with royalty too; the Duchess of Cambridge sat next to him so he could explain things when Louis Smith and Max Whitlock performed their silver and bronze medal winning routines on the pommel horse.



Sam playing live. Picture by Miguel De Melo.

Get into the groove

A new and exciting percussion project is starting on 18 September in Finchley Youth Theatre, and will run for 10 weeks. The project is run by percussion education specialist Drum Unlimited and provides an opportunity for children aged between 8-12 to learn, compose and perform together as an ensemble. Students will learn correct technique, authentic patterns, composition and teamwork and will get to perform at the end of the course.

"Those who saw the opening ceremony for the Olympics will be aware of how powerful and exciting drums can be. This is the kind of experience and opportunity I am aiming to pass on to local young people. No musical experience is needed, just the enthusiasm to get involved," says organiser Sam White.

Drum Unlimited has been leading community music workshops since 2008, working with a variety of different council-run projects and events. For more information please visit www.drumunlimited.com or call Sam on 07782278622.

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Climbing for a better education

By Diana Cormack

On 19 August Krishna and Hema Pattani are setting off for Africa with their two children, sixteen-year-old Priya and fourteen-year-old Premal. But they are not going on a relaxing family holiday, for a couple of days later they will begin a six-day climb of the 5895m Mount Kilimanjaro.

The idea for this potentially life-changing event came from the children who are aiming to raise funds for two charities in India. They want to support the Gnan Seva Trust in running a small school in the remote Dhang area. At present it is only for Year 8 and 9 girls and boys, but it hopes to expand and have classes from Year 6 through to Year 12. Some funding will also go to the Jaina-Anupam N Parmer Children's Trust which works for children and adults with diverse disabilities.

All the money raised will go to charity because the cost of the venture has been met by the Pattani parents (who run Pristine Dry Cleaning on Viceroy Parade), by private donations and by family and friends. School friends of Priya and Premal at Merchant Taylor's have also helped by organising fundraising activities.

Year's training

They have been in training for the past year, with 6km walks every other day and daily sessions on an inclined treadmill. "We are totally vegetarian," Krishna told *THE ARCHER*. "Diet plays a really important part in our preparations."

Judging by the effort they have already put in for this physically demanding event, the family deserves to do well.

If you would like to help them pop into Pristine or visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving>

Designer stadium winners

Year 5 pupils at St Theresa's RC Primary School in East End Road have beaten more than two hundred other entrants in an Olympic themed competition. The object was to build a model of an Olympic stadium. Every school which entered was teamed up with an architect who visited them.

The youngsters began to build and paint their model after a meeting with their advisor, giving full rein to their imagination.

It obviously worked because they won the Class Award for 2012 in the competition run by Open City, an organisation which promotes architecture in education.

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