



YOUNG ARCHER



Dhillon Goward, left, and Joe Lawrence at the Eiffel Tower.

We made it!

By Joe Lawrence

On the May bank holiday weekend I set off to cycle from London to Paris with my dad, my friend Dhillon Goward, who's 13 like me, and his dad Ben. The goal was to cycle the 200 miles to Paris in four days.

As we started it seemed daunting, the prospect of cycling more than 50 miles every day for four days. But with the thought of £400 sponsorship for Cancer Research behind me I persevered and made it, red-faced and panting.

The funniest memory was after a long, hard day of cycling through the rolling countryside of France we arrived at a humble little village and found our hotel behind some high gates. We weren't expecting much but when we got inside we found an amazing hotel with its own games room!

The worst experience was the last day, when we all had

aching muscles, we were saddle sore and it was chucking down with rain. It seemed like the longest task at the time but eventually the Eiffel Tower peaked over the lip of a hill and that was the biggest motivator of all. That was the goal, the end.

When I got to Paris and stood in front of the tower the sense of accomplishment was unlike any other I've ever felt. And the relief I felt was the most satisfying.

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Coldfall kids get hands on cup

By Josie Dobrin

Coldfall Primary School are absolutely thrilled to have won this year's Met Police Haringey Football Cup for Year 6 pupils for the first time since 2005. The team played four games before the final, which was played on Wednesday 22 May against Rhodes Avenue School.

Team captain Archie West said: "The match was one of the closest games ever. We showed brilliant spirit to come back from 1-0 down when Kaylum scored one of the best goals I've seen in a long time. With the score at full time being 2-2 we gave it one last push in extra time to score the goal that we needed to make the score 3-2 to

Coldfall. When the final whistle went the whole team went nuts. We finally had our hands on the trophy."

Stelios Ekkeshis, head of sport at Coldfall Primary School, said: "It was such a wonderful evening of football! Everyone was buzzing and it is a lovely end to the season for the squad in their final year at

Coldfall to become Haringey champions. The team displayed an amazing spirit and team work. I'm so proud of them all."

As a result of his performance during the Cup Final, Year 5 pupil Kido Taylor-Hart has been selected to represent the Haringey football squad at London Youth Games in Crystal Palace on 4 July.



Cup-Winners: Players from the Coldfall Primary School football team celebrate their victory.

Barnet FC: A season of new beginnings

By Daniel Weir

At the end of April Barnet FC dropped out of the Football League after a seemingly endless fight against relegation over its past eight seasons. A return to the Conference isn't the only big change that Barnet fans are going to have to adapt to as the club has played its final game at the Underhill stadium.

The fans feel "somewhat disappointed to leave our spiritual home at Underhill after such a long time", according to Derek Rocholl, chair of the Barnet FC Supporters Trust.

Settling in

The club now has a new home at its training ground in Canons Park, in the London Borough of Harrow. It chose to move there after being thwarted in its attempts to secure the Barnet Cophall site, now the new home of Premiership rugby club Saracens RFC. It aims to stay at the Hive for 10 years, with the target of moving back to the borough of Barnet, into a stadium with a capacity of 10,000 plus.

The Hive, which takes its name from the Black and Amber shirt of 'the Bees', has a capacity of just above 5,000, with around 3,500 of those seated. The club has told fans it's also easily accessible, as

it's on the Jubilee line, has a car park with 350 spaces and is six miles away from Underhill by road.

Bees are buzzing

Despite their relegation Barnet did end their 106-year association with Underhill on a positive note, as they won an action-packed affair 1-0, with veteran goalkeeper Graham Stack heroically saving a last gasp penalty after Jake Hyde had given the Bees the lead, in front of a rare capacity crowd of 6,000.

The club can also look forward to next season on the pitch as it has been confirmed that Edgar Davids, the former Dutch international and a UEFA Champions League winner, will stay as head coach. The fact that Davids is staying is said to be a "vote of confidence in the groundwork being put into the club so that it can compete," Mr Rocholl said.

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