



YOUNG ARCHER

Groak and guligumpus

Children's author Safia Shah dropped in to Holy Trinity Primary School to show pupils how to 'bring words back to life'.

Safia told classes about the rise and fall of words and how some have disappeared from the English language altogether. There were exciting words to learn like 'groak' and 'snogly gear'.

Then the youngsters had a go themselves at creating some poetry with words you may never have heard of.

Here's one of them from Sam Ford in Year 4:



New words: Safia Shah at Holy Trinity Primary.



Oh, guligumpus
Oh, guligumpus
Why are you a ninny hammer?

Oh, guligumpus
Oh, guligumpus
Why do you groak?

Oh, guligumpus
Oh, guligumpus
You look like a magie-minifeet.



Rob Scott of GLH with members of the book club launching the larger library at the Archer Academy.

Library's new leaf

Friday 11 July saw the launch of the expanded library at the Archer Academy made possible by a donation from local car hire and transport company GLH. Robert Scott, the company's managing director, is pictured here with students from the school's book club, in front of the plaque commemorating the event.

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Come on in: Martin Primary children walk into a Spanish school room.

A Spanish spectacular we'll never forget

Early this summer, 12 children from Martin Primary School got the chance to experience life with their counterparts in Spain as part of the Comenius Project, bringing together schools across Europe. Here they remember the highlights of their trip.

We arrived in Barcelona very tired after getting up early that morning and we still had a three-hour car journey ahead of us. Our final destination was Campo, a tiny but beautiful village in the mountains of northern Spain.

Although we were looking forward to the trip, some of us were very nervous about spending a whole week without our families. However, it turned out to be an exhilarating experience in a new environment where we discovered many things about Spanish traditions and cultures.

White water rafting

Over the three days that we

were in Campo we visited the local school, CIEP Cerbin, took beautiful walks with breathtaking views of the Pyrenees Mountains, went white water rafting and were taken on visits to nearby villages.

We will always remember the visits to the local school, where we were able to sit in on Spanish school life. We were all surprised that the school only had 75 pupils, but many of the playground games were similar to ours. We talked with the Spanish children in English,

but throughout the week our Spanish definitely improved.

Although we thoroughly enjoyed the school experience, most of us agree that our favourite activity was the white water rafting.

We highly recommend making visits to schools abroad. It takes some courage to fly across seas to a different country without your parents but how often do you get a completely free opportunity to visit another country and stay in style?

Shine on, harvest moon

Thank you to Donald Lyven for this stunning photo of a honey-coloured moon rising high over Long Lane Pasture in June.



Farmers say that a honey moon, also known as a strawberry moon, heralds a fruitful summer and a plentiful harvest.

Donald tells us: "As the sun rises highest in June, the moon correspondingly keeps low. With a thicker atmosphere

for its light to pass through, coupled with airborne pollutants, the moon takes on an amber hue.

"June's full moon also coincided, within a few hours, with its closest approach to earth during its orbit, or perigee, making the moon seem bigger than usual."

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- ⊙ **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
- ⊙ **Muswell Hill Toy Library** story time, singalong and other events. 8444 0244/ 8489 8774, www.muswellhilltoylibrary.com
- ⊙ **Musical Tots:** Wednesdays 11am at the Old White Lion and Fridays 11am at The Five Bells N2. [katemusicaltots](https://www.facebook.com/katemusicaltots) on facebook.
- ⊙ **Parent & Toddler Group,** Green Man Centre, Sajni 8359 3460/Julia 8444 2276
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