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So...

After a slightly heavy night out in Bank, I arose intact but minus one purse. After frantically turning the contents of my bedroom upside down I rushed to work, already late, accepting the fact that my purse was lost forever.

On my Tube journey, I stood feeling sorry for myself, calculating all of the items that would need replacing: bank cards (£0), new monthly oyster card (£140), new passport (£85), new gym locker key (£12). Needless to say, for a 20-something girl who has just moved to London, this was an expensive accident. Friday ruined. But wait! As I hurried into the office, I had a quick check of my Twitter feed (priorities!) and found I had a new notification. Someone I did not know had written to me. "Hi Felicity, did you lose a purse last night?" Hallelujah!! After speaking to the mystery good deed-doer, it became apparent that he had picked up my purse on his walk home from the station. But the kindness doesn't stop there. The Good Samaritan created a Twitter account, searched for my name, and messaged me to let me know my beautiful Thai purse and its contents were safe! What an absolute star. To summarise, this episode has taught me two lessons: 1) Social media is fantastic for stalking your neighbours (maybe need to think about changing my privacy settings) but more importantly 2) There are kind people out there. Kind, generous, lovely people who have totally saved my life. Kind people are saving lives and making people's days all over the world. So I am definitely going to learn from this next time I have the chance, and pass the kindness on.

Felicity Dudley

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Headteacher Tim Bowden and school keeper Stuart Ritson with gymnasts at the London Youth Games. Photo by Vanessa Pender

Youth Games triumph for Holy Trinity

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity headteacher Tim Bowden said he was "brimming with pride" after the London Youth Games in July, and he had good reason to be. As winners of the Barnet Key Steps Gymnastics Competition, Holy Trinity went on to represent the borough at the Crystal Palace games for the second year in succession.

Throughout the year the children have been coached by Mr Bowden with strong support from school keeper Stuart Ritson, assisted by Helen from Jet Gym and with advice from the Barnet Partnership for School Sport. All have shown great drive and dedication which has obviously paid off as the results on the day proved. The school's Years 3 and

4 team were placed 8th out of 30 London Borough teams, with Natalie achieving the second highest score of all 120 competitors. The Years 5 and 6 team were placed 4th out of 29 borough teams. They won the silver medal in the body man-

agement discipline and the gold in the floor discipline.

This is a tremendous achievement for the small one-form entry school in Eagans Close and proves yet again that the Olympic legacy lives on in East Finchley.



Lying down on the job. The Fit Perfect runners.

Perfect young runners

The young team from Fit Perfect children's fitness club ran the Race for Life 5k run in early July and raised hundreds of pounds for Cancer Research.

All young members in the club, aged 10-13, ran the course, finishing in 34 to 36mins. Afterwards, they tucked into a huge family picnic.

Make a donation

There's still time to add to their fundraising total by making a donation at www.just-giving.com/team-fit-perfect/

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