



YOUNG ARCHER



All aboard: Coldfall Primary children on their maritime adventure week in Essex.

Ahoy, shipmates!

Year 6 children at Coldfall Primary School weighed anchor for a one-week adventure on a light ship called Trinity moored on marshland at Tollesbury in Essex.

Eve Macauley, aged 10, said: "We did loads of exciting activities such as taking turns at driving powerboats, capsizing from a kayak into a freezing lake, singing a One Direction song standing on top of a teetering see-saw 40 feet up and eating a lot of delicious cake and frothy hot chocolate!" Coldfall Primary School recently had an OFSTED inspection for the first time since 2007 and was awarded an 'Outstanding' ranking in every category.

Jade steps up for England

Congratulations to 16-year-old Jade Doran who won gold and silver medals at the UK Open Tae Kwon-Do Championships in Guildford in early November.

Jade, who lives off East End Road and trains at Finchley Lido Leisure Centre also won two golds at the Welsh Open this year and an impressive bronze medal from the European Championships in Estonia.

Jade is building a strong name for herself and has earned a highly coveted place on the England National Squad. You can follow in Jade's footsteps and learn how to defend yourself by visiting United Kingdom Tae Kwon-Do Dojangs at www.taekwondo-uktd.co.uk or contacting them on 07949 612706.



High-kicker: Jade Doran demonstrates a technique on her brother Daniel.

Young readers get write on

Young readers at Holy Trinity Primary School were lucky enough to have a visit from children's author Archie Kimpton in early November. He came in for the day to talk to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Archie visited each class for fun, interactive writing workshops, as well as telling the children all about being a writer and his book *JumbleCat!*

Elke from year 4 says: "He read a bit of the book with us. It was so fun! We had to make a jumbled up animal of our own. We made up an animal called Mango Head. It had a duck body, a giraffe neck, a pig tail, an elephant head and human legs.

"Then we had to make our own baddies. Mine was called Horror Die. He makes the blue sky turn into a horrible thunder storm that rages around the villages but he is on his cloud cackling!"



Animal jumble: Archie Kimpton in the classroom at Holy Trinity

Everybody gets creative

Students at the Archer Academy got inspiration from the professionals when art and design experts helped them get hands-on with some new techniques at a Big Draw afternoon.

Fifty children from local primary schools also came along as the academy students learned skills like furniture design, cartoon portraiture and stop-frame animation.

Artist James Melloy led a disc painting workshop where pupils were given a handmade brush, made up of household brushes nailed together, to create paintings exploring abstract art and emotion.

The younger visitors helped to create an art installation at the school's Beaumont Close building with artist David Waller using toy cars. Photographs of its creation were taken at different stages and turned into a stop-frame animation.



Painter man: James Melloy leads a workshop

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