



YOUNG ARCHER



Big and bigger draw

Big Draw Week was certainly a big event at the Archer Academy as the school invited professional artists and designers from organisations such as Microsoft, the Saatchi Gallery and the Design Museum to come and take over their art and design & technology lessons.

Students took part in workshops on logo design, Manga, perspex portraits, design thinking and product disassembly, as well as creating a 5m long abstract painting

installation and using a 3D printer to design and print their own architectural model town. The event was supported by local car hire and courier company GLH.

Call for community reporters

A community reporters scheme run by a Barnet-based charity gives young people aged 16-25 the opportunity to train and report on stories that are important to them and their peers.

Nutmeg offers training that is accredited by the National Institute of Community Reporters. It has just received £6,300 from Barnet Council and additional funding from the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation.

Youngsters are encouraged to distribute their stories on blogs, social media and other digital outlets. Nutmeg says it promotes self-reliance in the young people, and builds cohesive and prosperous com-

munities. Find out more at www.nutmegcommunity.org.

Phoebe McHale, Youth Participation Officer at Nutmeg Community, said: "We're really looking forward to seeing an increased youth voice as a result of this project, which will not only benefit the young participants, but the community as a whole. We're also excited to see the inspiring stories that the participants come up with."

Songs for the refugees

When Year 6 pupil Maya Wiseman decided she wanted to do something to help Syrian refugees, the whole of Martin Primary School got behind her.

The first step was Maya and her friends in the singing club choosing a song called 'I'll Be Your Refuge', which they practised hard.

Then all children across the school got involved by paying at least £1 to sing other tracks called 'Waving to our Friends', 'Hello Everyone' and 'I'm Gonna Be Your Friend' in special assemblies. The total raised was close to £500.

Music teacher Natalie Grant brought in a recording company

(www.myschoolcd.co.uk) and now the children's voices can be heard on a CD which was going on sale at the East Finchley Christmas Festival as we went to press and will also be available through the school office.

Ethnic minority achievement teacher Julie Taylor said: "It's been a fantastic project and we've had lots of support from parents. The children have loved being a part of something that will bring a little help to refugee families."



Sing-along: The Martin Primary pupils and teachers who started the singing project.

Autumn

Thank you to Lila D, aged nine, for sending us this poem.

I condense the days.
I take the varnish off the bottle green leaves,
So that creatures and children can jump for joy.
I pluck the fiery autumn leaves off trees
Until the fir tree stands tall and proud,
Majestically holding on to his evergreen spikes.
I reverse the clock's flimsy hand
And unwrap summer's scarf of warmth.
Spring's leaping baby deer
Turn in to adults galloping away in fear.
But winter's blanket is yet to come,
So for now, my vibrant rainbow of leaves
Whirl to the ground in all their glory.
I am Autumn.

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