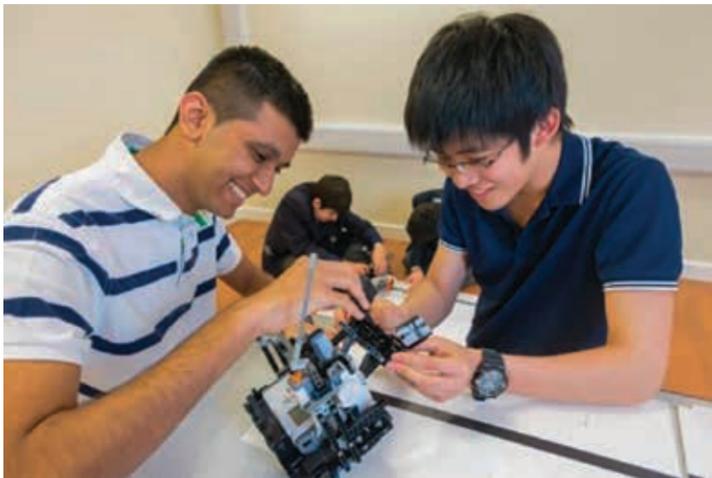




YOUNG ARCHER



Final adjustments; CCF students Nikunj Pindoriya and Riku Murai.

Robotics champions gear up for China

Robotics students from Christ's College Finchley are fine-tuning their machines as they get ready to represent the UK at the World Robotics Championship in China.

After competing in Mexico 2012, Holland 2013 and Brazil 2014, the secondary school is now established as fielding one of the top ten teams in the world.

The CCF robot will compete in the 'Rescue' category of the competition which simulates a victim being in need of rescuing. The robot, fully automated, must navigate itself through a challenging environment to find and save the victim.

The competition encourages young students to realise the importance of robots, especially in an area where they are used to save lives. Students will be travelling to China in July.



Top team: The Coldfall Primary gymnasts.

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

- ⊙ **Dads' Club:** Get-togethers for dads looking after young children in East Finchley. Adam 07957 441435.
- ⊙ **Musical Tots:** Wednesdays 11am at the Old White Lion and Fridays 11am at The Five Bells N2. Katemusicaltots on facebook.
- ⊙ **Parent & Toddler Group,** Green Man Centre, Sajni 83593460/Julia 8444 2276
- ⊙ **Phoenix Cinema activities,** Bringing up babyscreenings, Weds, 11am; Kids Club, Sat, 12pm; Toddler Time, Tues, 11am. Full details from box office on 020 8444 6789.
- ⊙ **Stepping Stones,** music and play for 0-3s. Tues 10am, East Finchley Baptist Church. Liz 07836 284538.
- ⊙ **Teddy Bears' Music,** singing for 0-3s in Holy Trinity Church, N2; Thurs 9.45am & 10.45am. Camilla 07900 988149.

Gym joy

Young gymnasts from Coldfall Primary School did well in the recent Haringey Gymnastics competition.

The year 3 & 4 squad took the silver medal, finishing second overall, and the year 5 & 6 squad finished 5th out of 14 schools. Also in the year 3 & 4 competition, Tilda Marriage-Massey was awarded bronze medal for her performance in the individual girl's medals and Theo Macauley won the gold medal for best individual boy.

Towering performance

By Jessica Ebner-Statt

Ever since the start of the school year, three teams from The Henrietta Barnett School have been working hard to prepare robots for the Vex IQ Robotics Competition.

After frenzied last-minute preparations, they made their way to Highgate School for a regional competition. The task for their robots was to bring blocks across the playing field before stacking them in towers.

Although one of the school's teams crashed out early due to a faulty axle, the other two teams were left competing for a place in the national finals. In the end, by the narrowest of margins, these teams were ranked 1st and 3rd! Not only did one team qualify for the Nationals, they also won the Excellence Award, taking them through to the Internationals in Kentucky, USA.

But now they need your help! To represent Great Britain in America, they need money.



On their way: The robotics team from Henrietta Barnett.

Any donations - big or small - would be greatly appreciated. They are also looking for sponsors, so please contact aduffey@hbschool.org.uk if you think you can help.

Hospice building

The first phase towards building a children's hospice in north London has begun. At the end of January work started on the construction of a state-of-the-art environmental centre on the site of the old Barnet Countryside Centre, Byng Road, EN5. This was a condition of the 125 year lease with the borough and has been facilitated by a generous donation from the Hadley Trust.

Completion is forecast for July 2015, after which the second phase of building the hospice facility should begin. The build will be managed by Paragon Building Consultancy with construction work by Maurice Williams Construction Ltd. Both companies have significantly reduced the costs normally associated with this type of project.

Although the capital required for phase one has been raised, much more is needed for phase two. To raise the remaining funds a public appeal towards the end of the year is being planned. Visit www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk for further details.

Acclaimed author entertains

Anne Fine, author of *Madame Doubtfire* and *Flour Babies*, visited the Archer Academy on 5 February and told year seven and eight pupils about her writing.

Year seven students Michael and Caitlin said: "For an extremely enjoyable hour, the students heard about the basis of writing books and the inspirations behind some of Anne Fine's best novels, as well as a few hilarious memoirs along the way. All presented in a fantastically witty and funny way."

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