



YOUNG ARCHER



All in a row: The Archer Academy's lower school dance team prepare to compete.

Double gold for young dancers

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On 20 January dancers from the Archer Academy travelled to East Barnet School to take part in the Barnet Dance Competition. This year we entered two dance groups: a junior group made up of students from the lower school, and a senior group made up of year 10 students from the upper school.

Both groups performed very different pieces, one a powerful and forceful dance about catching a light and the other an emotional dance about connections and relationships. Both faced tough competition from other schools and were ecstatic to win first place in both categories!

Now we're really looking forward to representing Barnet at the London Schools' Dance Competition at the Copper Box Arena at the Olympic Park in March and are continuing to work hard on our routines to give the best possible performances.

Competition time for film makers

Fixation Theatre Company's film makers group for 12 to 18-year-olds are entering another film and animation competition for under 25s this year.

Their mission is to capture what they feel a 'Sense of Hope' means to them. Filming with a green screen has begun and soon the group will be turning their attention to the post editing stages.

If you are aged 12 to 18 and are interested in a free taster session with the group at Finchley Youth Centre in the High Road, N2, email info@fixationtheatre.com or call 07708 608 570. You can find more information at www.fixationtheatre.com.



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Drama, dance and singing classes

Young people aged 11-25 years with learning disabilities and autism are being invited to make new friends and learn new skills at drama, dance and singing classes at Finchley Youth Centre, also known as the Youth Theatre, in the High Road, N2.

The sessions will work towards a performance in front of an audience. To book a free taster session, email elizabeth.sacre@barnet.gov.uk or call 020 8359 5283.



Barnet Mayor Cllr David Longstaff presents Thomas Sneesby with his certificate.

Speak up and speak out

Christ's College Finchley played host in January to the Barnet Regional Final of the Speak Out competition run by the Speakers Trust and supported by the Jack Petchey Foundation. The competition is one of the largest public speaking events in the world with hundreds of young people competing to make it to the final each year.

Nearly 200 supporters, relatives and teachers packed into the school hall to hear the 20 regional finalists give engaging and entertaining speeches on topics as diverse as the civil war in Syria, the importance of the arts, back pain, bullying and arachnophobia. The winner was judged to be Sebentile Mabusza, of Whitefield School.



Nets practice: The North Middlesex CC Girl's Team with their three special guests, left

Top players train the team

Young cricketers in North Middlesex CC Girls teams enjoyed some world class indoor batting and bowling practices when they were joined by Beth Morgan and Maia Bouchier from Middlesex CCC Women's Team and their coach Sanjay Patel.

Middlesex Women are one of the top teams in the country and play in Division One of the Women's County Championship. Beth Morgan won the World Cup and the Ashes when she played for England. Maia Bouchier was Middlesex CCC 2016 Youth Player of the Year.

North Midd Girls have more indoor practices before the outdoor season starts, and would welcome new girls joining them. The practices on 5, 12, 19 and 26 March will be held from 10am to noon at the Wren Academy in North Finchley. For more details contact: nmcc.colts@gmail.com.

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