



YOUNG ARCHER



Team triumph: The victorious Holy Trinity pupils at the Allianz Stadium.

Runaway success... but only just!

Children from Holy Trinity School in East Finchley ran away the winners after a nail-biting finish at the Barnet Athletics Championships in June.

Forty boys and girls from years 3 to 6 competed in a range of track and field events at Allianz Park, Hendon, against 16 other local schools.

First up were the field competitions, including long jump, high jump and javelin, where the year 6 girls stole the show with golds in all their events. The girls also returned with the relay trophy, and none dropped the baton.

Once all the points were counted up, the Holy Trinity pupils won the overall trophy by the narrowest of margins, finishing just one point ahead of their nearest rivals.

The school's joint PE leader Anna Lacle said: "The competition was tough this year. We are so proud of all our athletes. They showed great skill and determination."



Street stall: Ethan Hurst and friends get ready to sell lemonade and cookies.



Band of four: Clickbait backstage at the East Finchley Festival.

Festival openers set out on road to musical big time

By Gabriel de Leuw

A new band called Clickbait kicked off the music on the main stage at this year's East Finchley Festival in June and, for a band that sounds so good, it's hard to believe its members are 15 years old and have only been playing together for two years.

Hugo on bass guitar, Holly on keyboards, and lead vocalist and guitarist Nathalie all live in N2 and drummer Alex lives in Barnet. Whilst they all go to different secondary schools now, three of the group were at Tetherdown Primary School and started jamming with each other years ago.

Straight after their festival performance when they performed superb versions of the Isley Brothers' *Summer Breeze* and Roy Ayers' *In the Sunshine* amongst many others, we had the pleasure of catching up with Nathalie to find out more about the band. **The Archer: Is music your main love?**

Nathalie: Yes, I first had a guitar in my hand when I was two and I haven't put it down since! I started getting

lessons at primary school and nowadays I practise around two and a half hours every day. Music is my passion!

What's your musical inspiration?

I love Stevie Wonder. He writes amazing songs and I admire the original and wonderful way in which he has explored music.

Does Clickbait write its own material?

Yes, we have many original songs. Our latest one is called *Haze* and we think it's our best yet!

Is East Finchley Festival the highlight of your year?

It was really cool. There was a really chilled vibe around the park and we had a great crowd supporting us on a really sunny day. It was so nice of the crowd to come out and watch us before the England v Panama match began.

What sets Clickbait apart from other bands?

We like to experiment with music, whether it is an original or a cover. We really like putting our own twist on others' music and each member of the band has their own style, which really helps us gel together.

Clickbait have also played East Barnet Festival and in the autumn they have a gig at a live music venue in Leytonstone called Luna Lounge, playing lots of their own new material. Watch this space for details.

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Thirsty work

Well done to 10-year-old Ethan Hurst who set up and ran a lemonade and cookie stall for two days outside his home in Summerlee Avenue, N2, earlier in the summer.

He raised £133 for Oakleigh School in Friern Barnet, a school for special educational needs where his younger brother goes, to help with their fundraising campaign to build a hydrotherapy pool. Headteacher Ruth Harding said: "Wow, a big thank you to Ethan for a very impressive amount raised."

Ethan made the lemonade and manned the stall for a weekend, selling to friends, neighbours and passers-by. On the second day, some young neighbours helped him out and stepped in with a popcorn maker when his cookies sold out.

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