



YOUNG ARCHER

Festival foursome get a taste of hard rock fame

Young rock band Nameless are certainly getting noticed after wowing the crowd at the East Finchley Festival and being liked by two of their musical inspirations.

Brothers Mikail, 12, and Zac Ahmed, nine, with brother and sister Isaac, 12, and Annie McMahon, nine, followed up their appearance on *The Archer* Newspaper Community Stage at the festival in Cherry Tree Wood in June by playing two school summer fairs.

The foursome, who met at nursery school, put their rehearsal video of *Smells Like Teen Spirit* on Twitter and it was retweeted by the official account of Nirvana, the band who wrote and recorded it in 1991.

Since then, the video has had more than 50,000 views and more than 2,000 likes, including one from American rockers Foo Fighters, who still tour. Comments on Twitter included: "Rock is not dead but being reborn", "Faith in humanity restored" and "Hope for the future, R'n'R will never die!"

Car Fest coming up

Their school music teacher Gabi Brais managed to get drummer Zac on the Chris Evans Break-



Next stop, Glastonbury: Nameless in Cherry Tree Wood.

fast Show on Virgin Radio to talk about their performance at the Barnet Music Festival, also back in June. He cheekily asked if Nameless could perform at the DJ's Car Fest South in Hampshire later this month and Chris Evans said yes, which means they could be performing in front of their

biggest audience yet. Vocalist Annie said of the East Finchley Festival: "It was the greatest feeling being up on stage doing what you love the most." Guitarist Mikail added: "We're gaining in confidence with all the performances. We're really looking forward to Car Fest. Next stop, Glastonbury!"

What can you make from a fiver?

By Cassidy Collins

In the summer term, Year 5 at Holy Trinity Primary School took part in a national competition run by Young Enterprise UK called The Fiver Challenge. This gave us the opportunity to become young entrepreneurs and learn about the world of business. We were split into small groups and each group was given £5 to create a business.

In the first week of the competition we had to choose a product or service and conduct surveys to ensure our ideas would be successful. Some of our ideas were handmade bookmarks, slime, milkshakes, coloured lemonade, cactus plants, a dance battle, stationery, door signs and a guessing competition.

In week two, we all had to prepare a business plan and perform sales pitches to convince Young Enterprise that they had made the right decision investing in us. We also had to purchase the materials required for our business using only the £5 we received, so we had to find the most cost effective options available.

During week three, those of us selling products had to produce as many items as possible, to ensure we had enough stock to sell at our selling events.

In the final week we added the finishing touches to our products and services and were now ready to launch our businesses. Some of us had the opportunity to display them at the East Finchley Festival on in June. This was very exciting and attracted interest from lots of local people. During the following week, we set up stalls and held a selling event at school,



Young entrepreneurs: Holy Trinity pupils show off some of their business ideas at the East Finchley Festival in June.

which was extremely successful and each group made a profit.

Participating in the Fiver Challenge was a lot of hard work. We had to create a business idea, produce a product or

service, price it fairly, market it and then sell it, but we all rose to the challenge and thoroughly enjoyed it. We made over £500. All profits went to our chosen charities and a future school trip.

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Owzat! Matilda is bowled over by the World Cup Final

The heart-racing, nail-biting, can't-bear-to-watch end of the Cricket World Cup Final on Sunday 14 July was watched by millions around the globe, but for one young East Finchley resident it was unfolding before her eyes at Lords. Matilda Meier, aged nine, was invited to attend the match as a mascot, along with 29 other lucky members of the Highgate Cricket Club Under-10s class.

Matilda's main man

The day started early for the mascots, who were each given the kit from the day to keep and instructed in what to do during the momentous opening ceremony. The young cricketers were assigned a team to accompany onto the pitch and Matilda was delighted when she was put in the England group.

When the moment came it was none other than Adil Rashid who took her hand and they walked on to wild cheering before the national anthems of both countries were played.

Matilda remembers the intense experience: "It was exciting and scary. I was pleased I got Rashid because I'd seen him bowling on TV before and I knew he was good." The pair chatted briefly: "He asked me if I was excited for the match and I said yes then wished him good luck." The mascots then spent the match cheering the players on with gusto.

Recruitment soars

Matilda, who lives on Leslie Road, N2, and attends Holy Trinity Primary School, has been playing cricket for two years with All Stars. Coach and organiser Johan de Silva was awarded Coach of the Year last November for his work leading Highgate CC's All Stars Cricket and Schools Recruitment, taking the number of young



Bats for cricket: World Cup mascot Matilda Meier practises at home.

players at the club from 18 to 226 in recent months.

De Silva is very proud: "It's an honour to be recognised for the work we've done at Highgate by both Middlesex CC and the ECB by being offered the opportunity to provide the anthem kids for the World Cup final."

The unforgettable experience of watching England squeak to victory in the Super Over has certainly made a lasting impression on Matilda as it doubtless has on countless other young players, the Adil Rashids, Jofra Archers and Ben Stokeses of the future. Cricket, it seems, is coming home.

Welcome to Probus!

Convivial Probus Lunch Club with talks for semi- or fully-retired PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS men and women on third Wednesday each month at Stephens House East End Road N3. Next meeting 21 August Professor Mary Evans, LSE, considers the changing roles and aspirations of women in the 1950s, and onwards into the Swinging Sixties and strident Seventies. Details from Eveleen (8455 6431)

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