



YOUNG ARCHER

A new way to see the world

By Oscar Graham

At the start of this academic year, I joined year seven at the Archer Academy in East Finchley. There, I discovered a subject I'd never come across before: Thematic Learning, which is a synthesis of all subjects.

It is thought that young people see the world in interesting and different ways, and make connections that an adult brain may not so easily make; essentially, thinking outside the box. Thematic learning aims to cultivate fresh and original thinking, making links between subjects.

Improving East Finchley

Our topic for this term was East Finchley and how we could make it a better place. We began by discussing amongst ourselves our own personal experiences and how they affected what we would like to see changed.

This included things such as cycling accidents, too many flats being built, air pollution, police presence and the library. We looked at facilities and amenities found in East Finchley and how the provision impacted the community. We also looked into crime levels and how they compared to other areas of London.

Surveys and interviews

We then wanted to obtain local residents' opinions on these important local matters so each of us designed a ten-question survey which we distributed to family

and friends of all ages who reside in N2. Additionally we went out on the streets of East Finchley, talking to the public to find their opinions and investigating in particular the derelict pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood.

Following this trip we began to think about how we could use our data in a helpful, productive and useful manner. We came up with some very exciting plans for the pavilion and each wrote and delivered a speech to our classmates stating what we would change if we were councillors of East Finchley.

One thing is clear: the future relies on thinking outside the box.



Power pose: by Johana, one of the winning entries in the Dreams of Tomorrow competition

Dynamic young art

Multi-talented young people showcased their creativity with a poetry, photography and art competition culminating in an awards ceremony at Finchley Youth Centre in the High Road.

The Dreams of Tomorrow competition, which coincided with 70 years of the Centre, was organised by Barnet Council's Early Help 0-19 Service. All the entries were displayed at the Centre as part of this year's East Finchley Open Artists' Winter Artists Fair.

Actor and writer Carolyn Pickles, photographer Tark Butler, artist Peter Hale and Archer photographer Mike Coles were the local judges who described the entries as "impressive work, powerful and dynamic".

School computer appeal

A local primary school is appealing for help to buy laptop computers for its pupils learning technology and computer science. Tudor Primary School in Queen's Road, N3, says it is struggling with a shrinking budget, like many schools, but desperately wants to deliver the computing curriculum.

Computing coordinator Arti Jaitly says they are hoping to buy eight versatile Chromebooks costing £180 each to replace the laptops they have at present. The first 20 schools to raise £250 before 18 January will have their fundraising matched

pound for pound by the schools crowdfunding platform Rocket Fund by Nesta. Anyone can donate at <https://spsr.me/vx1>.

Headscratcher

Word ladder

By Oliver Skanberg-Tippen
Find a way to change 'Bowl' to 'Gnat' in five steps, changing just one letter and making a new word each time. See page 9 for the solution.

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Animal magic at school fair

Hundreds of visitors helped Holy Trinity School pupils and staff raise more than £2,500 at their Christmas Fair last month. Star guests were the petting animals from Freightliners Farm plus the Finchley Fire Station crew and their fire engine.

Organisers thanked the businesses who donated raffle prizes: Haven, Monika Lizak Personal Stylist, MLife, Ask Italian, The Phoenix Cinema, Hollywood Bowl, La Rugoletta, Italian Hug Thai at The Windsor, A. Scott & Son Fishmonger, Pilates Nation, Jennie Mann, Tony's Continental, Campbell and Syme, Chorak, Imperial

Café, Poseidon, Galaxy drug-store, Amici Deli; and also Domino's for providing pizzas.

You can follow the school's activities and news on its Facebook page HolyTrinity-SchoolN2 and also choose to support it financially by using www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and selecting it as your charity on Amazon.



Hugs Bunny: Fergus and Bridget at the Holy Trinity Fair.

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