



Positive power

The Archer Academy in East Finchley and Woodhouse College in North Finchley launched a festival last month focusing on kindness and the power and positivity of young people to shape and change their world.



Guest speaker: Actor Hugh Quarshie at the Person of the Year Awards.

The academy hosted the A-W Exhibition where students were invited to submit work on the themes of youth and community, including speeches, art and poetry.

The week was brought to

The inaugural Power of Youth Festival was a week-long series of collaborative events and random acts of kindness between the secondary school and the sixth form college.

Gold letters from A (Archer Academy) to W (Woodhouse College) were placed in the windows of local businesses and students were invited to walk the trail and explore the local businesses and shops in their community.

a close with the Person of the Year Awards at Woodhouse, where *Holby City* actor Hugh Quarshie gave the keynote speech and helped to recognise the positive differences made by young people and staff.



Positive power: Students receive awards from Archer Academy headteacher Lucy Harrison at the Person of the Year event.

Young players want to win

Under-13 football team Sintra AFA are aiming for the big time with the help of new sponsorship from East Finchley-based UOE Store and Post Office. The U13 team was only created at the beginning of this season, but players are already proving their ability and are currently second in Division Two of the Harrow Youth Football League.

Sintra's owner and head coach Fabio Carmo said the new sponsorship meant better facilities for the team at their training base at Glebelands, off Summers Lane in North Finchley. He said: "Previously our 11-a-side teams had to practise on a five-a-side pitch; now they can use a full sized pitch."

UOE's managing director Elliot Jacobs said: "I chose this particular project because I know the team's coach from his previous work and am keen to support it. UOE's sponsorship will hopefully help the team on its way to Division One."



New kit: Sintra AFA under 13 football team on the pitch.

New trees for life

Pupils at Tudor Primary School in Queen's Avenue, Finchley, N3, have helped to plant around £30,000 of trees on the school grounds, which borders the busy North Circular Road.

The school was chosen for the planting project by charity Trees For Cities, which uses trees to help combat the effects of air pollution.

Chess success

A semi-finals challenge awaits six young pupils from Coldfall Primary School in Muswell Hill after they finished in second place out of 18 schools at the National Primary Schools Chess Championship. Players Max Bird, Stanley Badacsonyi, Elizabeth Kuryan, Maya Corral, Alex Hector and George Bustin will compete in the semi-finals later this year. Stanley, aged 10, said: "I am so pleased with how the team performed. We all tried our best and then we triumphed. I love my silver medal."



Chess masters: Coldfall Primary's Max Bird, Stanley Badacsonyi, Elizabeth Kuryan, Maya Corral, Alex Hector and George Bustin.



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