



Long way round: Martin Primary School children on their circuit of East Finchley Allotments. Photo John Lawrence

School pupils stage a mass walk-out

All 677 youngsters at Martin Primary School enjoyed some time out of the classroom last month when they embarked on a sponsored walk of the neighbouring allotments to raise money for Finchley Foodbank.

Each class set out in turn to walk the 1km of paths around the East Finchley Allotments site, spotting wildlife along the way, and learning about the fruit and vegetables growing on the plots.

This was the second time

the school had walked out en masse. Last year, the classes did the same in aid of Ukraine.

Headteacher Ziz Chaters said: "Parents and families always give us so much support and this year we're delighted that they've helped us raise almost £2,700 for the food bank, which needs all the money it can get."

The event lasted all morning on Tuesday 8 November, with each class taking around 15 minutes to complete a circuit. There was plenty of time for debate about the virtues of vegetables along the way. "I like cabbage," said one six-year-old boy. "I don't," said his friend, pulling a face.

School fair

Holy Trinity Primary School in Eagans Close, N2, is hosting its Winter Fair on Saturday 10 December from 12pm to 3pm, with Santa's grotto, a bouncy castle, face painting, a photo booth, tombola, arts & crafts, cakes and hot food. Everyone is welcome.



Fresh air: Holy Trinity pupils enjoy some outdoor learning



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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton of N2United

Finchley Foodbank supports hundreds of people every week and demand has increased dramatically. A crucial element is the volunteering team. Roles range from receiving deliveries and sorting food donations to restocking shelves and staffing Tuesday and Saturday sessions. If this could be you, email finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com.

Proms at St Jude's in Hampstead Garden Suburb needs enthusiastic and capable volunteers to join committees working year round to put on the festival. Whether it's education, fund-raising, music planning, social media, catering or logistics, they'll try to match you with the kind of task you would be happy to undertake, whatever time commitment you can offer. Find out more at

www.promsatstjudes.org.uk/volunteering.

Driving Aid to Ukraine is a new non-profit organisation based in N2 and started by local resident Michael Byrne, who delivers lorries of humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian conflict zones via border transfer points. They require all kinds of volunteers. Please get in touch with Michael at 07791 912389 or drivingaidtoulkraine.org

Could you spare an hour or so a week to make a real difference to an older isolated person? **Age UK Barnet** is looking for befrienders to offer friendly chats, support and companionship. The charity also needs walking buddies to help older people to get out and about. Just a couple of hours a week of your time could make a big difference to an older person in East Finchley. As a thank you, volunteers receive a free day pass from The Muswell Hill Gym where you can spend a day using all the facilities. Please contact volunteer manager Lisa on 020 8432 1422 or email lisa.robbs@ageukbarnet.org.uk

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Inspiration: Barnet Mayor Councillor Alison Moore and guest speaker Charlie Walker

Tales of ambition and perseverance

The Archer Academy in East Finchley celebrated the successes and achievements of its students at the school's annual prizegiving ceremony on Thursday 20th October.

Several hundred guests, including Mayor of Barnet Councillor Alison Moore, attended to acknowledge 150 young people who had exceeded expectations in a variety of ways: academically, pastorally, and in their contributions to wider school life.

Guest speaker was explorer and writer Charlie Walker, who talked about his adventures to remote parts of the world and told stories of ambition, determination and perseverance.

Wrap up for some outdoor learning

Holy Trinity Primary School in Eagans Close, N2, gave parents a taste of its popular Early Years Forest School at the end of last month, with Ilga Mezatuca leading pupils in a spot of outdoor learning. Families exploring nursery and reception options for their children can join tours of Holy Trinity until Wednesday 11 January. For more details visit www.holytrinityschool.org/Admissions/School-Tours