



YOUNG ARCHER



Cinderella by Megan Hoare, aged 9, Cherry Tree Road

Cinderella - as Clear as Glass

By Diana Cormack

The story of Cinderella is probably the best known one in the world. It is popular on every continent and there are lots of different versions. People told each other stories because they shared familiar fears. The stories gave hope and encouragement and they were a way of learning and explaining things. They were also enjoyable, with everything coming right in the end.

These folk tales got changed over the years as they were told from generation to generation and from country to country, but the main theme or idea always remained the same.

Oh no it isn't

It is believed that Cinderella started in China as long ago as the ninth century! She was the household drudge who did all the work, with a stepmother who treated her badly. She was left behind at festival time, there was a search in which a golden shoe fitted her and so Cinderella married the king.

In many versions of the story Cinderella is helped by her dead mother and she goes to a party disguised in beautiful clothes. Afterwards, back in her normal servant clothes, a ring or a slipper is used to prove her identity.

Furry story

As a child, I was puzzled as to why Cinderella would wear a glass slipper, which would be cold, hard and breakable. I decided that it must have been made of diamonds. Years later I discovered the real reason. Apparently, the story came to this country from a book of French folk tales. The glass slipper is a misinterpretation

of pantoufle en vair, which means a fur or sable slipper, not en verre which sounds the same but means made of glass. Sable was only worn by kings and princes, so the Fairy Godmother gave Cinderella royal slippers to wear. She must have known that it would lead to a happy ending!

Clever Clogs Corner
Recent reports say that children are not being read bedtime stories by adults. Can you name the characters from the following clues?

1. Who said, "Oh Grandma, what big ears you have!"?
2. Who sold a cow for a handful of beans?
3. Who married Prince Charming?
4. Who pricked her finger on a spindle?
5. Who spun straw into gold for the miller's daughter?
6. Who lived in a house made of gingerbread?
7. Who ate someone else's porridge?
8. Who hatched out in the wrong nest?
9. Who made everything he touched turn to gold?
10. Who lost his shadow?

1. Little Red Riding Hood, 2. Jack (they grew into a beanstalk), 3. Cinderella, 4. Sleeping Beauty, 5. Rumpelstiltskin, 6. The witch in Hansel and Gretel, 7. Goldilocks, 8. The Ugly Duckling, 9. King Midas, 10. Peter Pan

Answers



Brownies making their promise. Photo by David Tupman

Packing Them In!

By Diana Cormack

Every Monday evening the parish hall of Saint Mary's RC Church, 279 High Road is a hive of activity. It is the meeting place for the 4th East Finchley Brownie Pack, where girls from 7-10 years of age can learn new and useful skills together.

They are divided into teams with names like sprite, elf and pixie for which they wear the relevant badge. Other badges can be added to these, including badges won for achievement in a variety of skills. The girls have fun in team games, singing and parties such as on Promise Night, when the youngest make their promise to God and the Queen, so becoming a Brownie Guide.

Pictured are Layla White of Cecilia Close, Blossom McDonald of Hamilton Way, Josie Haynes of Hertford Road, Chi Chi Ohuonu of Prospect Ring and Anastasia Seliverstova of the High Road, East Finchley making their promise.

Badge lady

Officiating was District Commissioner Ruth Tunkel, who presented the girls with their badges - a promise badge, their six emblem, the 4th East Finchley badge and a World Badge signifying the world family of guides.

Guiding is thriving in 128 countries, with over 10 million members worldwide. Ruth is delighted with the popularity of

the non-denominational pack, which has a long waiting list and was revived by enthusiastic adults. She put out a plea for anyone who might be willing to run a Guide Pack for girls of 10-14 years. Training and support will be given. If you are interested please write to: - Mrs Muriel Shaw, 1 Bramber Road, Finchley, London N12 9ND or telephone 020 8446 2680.

SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity School

A very successful Geography Week was enjoyed by both children and parents. Each class chose a different country to work on, followed by a Geography Trail in which pupils went from class to class answering questions about the chosen countries and learning about them at the same time. Parents were invited in to take part in a relevant quiz and to see the children's work. There was also a social with a range of International Food to sample. The week raised over £200 for geography resources.

The Holy Trinity School Association raised £500 at their Halloween Disco and £190 at a jumble sale.

The school took part in Operation Christmas Child in which pupils bring in small presents to fill up shoeboxes. Due to their efforts, a magnificent total of 106 boxes was sent to youngsters in Bosnia. The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 9 December.

Martin School

Junior school children are having a wonderful experience this term! The school booked dancers from Akademi, who specialise in Indian dance, to come in for eight sessions. In mixed gender groups the children learned traditional hand movements and steps. They are now developing their own dances, incorporating what they have learned.

Year 4 recently had a great morning out. They went to see "Tom's Midnight Garden" at the new Unicorn Theatre in Islington. It was an excellent production and helped develop their understanding of the popular children's classic which they are reading.

The Infant School is in proud possession of its Window 2000. Created in stained glass by a local artist, it colourfully features the school's bird emblem.

Despite the adverse weather conditions the PTA's bonfire celebrations were a success. The firework display was exceptionally good and made a real spectacle to cheer up a grim autumn evening.

The PTA's Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday 2 December in the Junior School hall. There will be bargains galore along with beautiful craftwork, which makes ideal Christmas presents. Entertainment for children includes meeting Santa Claus. You can hear the outstanding school choir and enjoy some delicious refreshments.

Xmas Games for Animals:

What do cows like to play at parties? *Moosical chairs!*

What do mice like to play at parties? *Hide and squeak!*

What do kangaroos like to play? *Hopscotch!*

What do frogs like to play?

Croquet!

What game do horses like to play? *Stable tennis!*

What card game do crocodiles play? *Snap!*

word play

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Suits you, Sir

Why do we put suits in a garment bag and put garments in a suitcase?

Jamb tomorrow

Why is it, when a door is open it's ajar, but when a jar is open, it's not a door?

Cannibals

If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?

Look again

Why do scientists call it research when looking for something new?