



# Views of The Dome

Children from both our local primary schools have visited The Millennium Dome. Read what some junior pupils at Holy Trinity and Martin Schools have written about it.

When we arrived we were all really excited. We split into groups with a leader. I was with Miss Kinahan. Our group went to the Rest Zone and inside all was quiet. The room made sounds that were really slow and always changed every 15 seconds with a change in the coloured lighting.

We had lunch with Year 6 and 4 in a big balloon with lots of other schools. The balloon was called the Skyscape. After that our group went in the Money Zone that had all £50 notes for walls. After the Money Zone we went into the arena to watch the Millennium Show. There were lots of other schools and visitors to the Dome. There were acrobats that were very good. In between the show was fireworks and fire.

We went into The Black Adder Show. That was really funny. It had Mr Bean in it. At the end of the show it turned out to be a great laugh! We went on a ride that was really slow. It told us about planets and our life system. We came out of the ride and went into more interesting places like the island that was like a beach, then after a while we went into the arcade and that wasn't really good. When we finished the day we had our tea then we went into the coach and went home.

By Oliver Walsh, aged 10, Holy Trinity

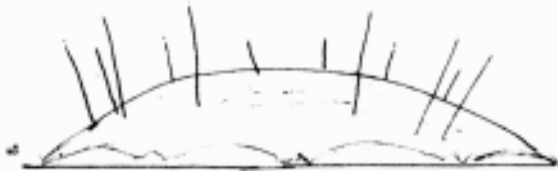


Illustration by Maria Sofko

We took the coach and it was an hours drive. When we finally got there we went in a school hut where you eat and keep your stuff in lockers. After eating we went into the Millennium Dome. The first thing was to get into groups, then we went to look round.

We went to the Skyscape to see Black Adder. It was quite funny. After we went in our first zone, the Rest Zone. It was really relaxing. You just lay down and you can see the walls and ceiling changing colour.

The second zone was a zone where you speak into a white cone. There is a tube connected to it and on the other side of it is another cone which another person speaks in.

The third zone was called the Home Planet. There are some seats and you sit in them and it slowly goes round telling you about our planet. After we went quickly through the Money Zone. It had lots of money. After that we went to Never Island. It had lots of arcade games. Then we went back to the school hut, grabbed our stuff and ate dinner. We got in the coach and drove back to the school.

By Thomas Gregory, aged 9, Holy Trinity

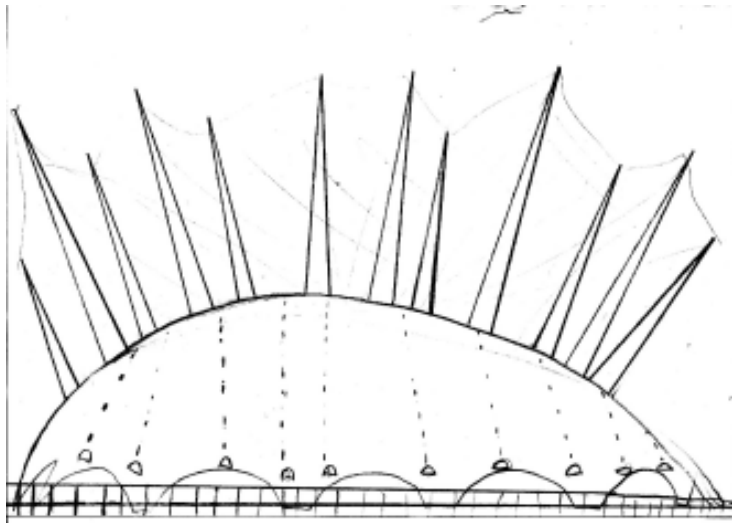


Illustration by Peter Giannaros

Year 4, 5 and 6 split up into several groups. My group leader was Mrs Macory. The first time we went off we didn't do anything but walk and talk. Then all of our class came together and we went to the Love Zone.

The Love Zone was a heart-shaped tunnel with heart-shaped notice boards hanging from the wall. We were all given coins at the beginning for games at the end of the tunnel. I didn't have enough time to go on the good games but did go on one machine. It had a hammer tied to the machine and the point of the game was to hit buttons hard to gain points. I enjoyed playing this a little bit.

Next we split up again and my group finally went somewhere - it was the Rest Room. There was a nice sound and the walls changed colours. This room made

me feel relaxed and I enjoyed the experience.

Then we got together with the rest of the class and went to see a film called "Black Adder". The film was great! It was about Black Adder betting four friends a lot of money that he had made a time machine and he could get anything they wanted from history.

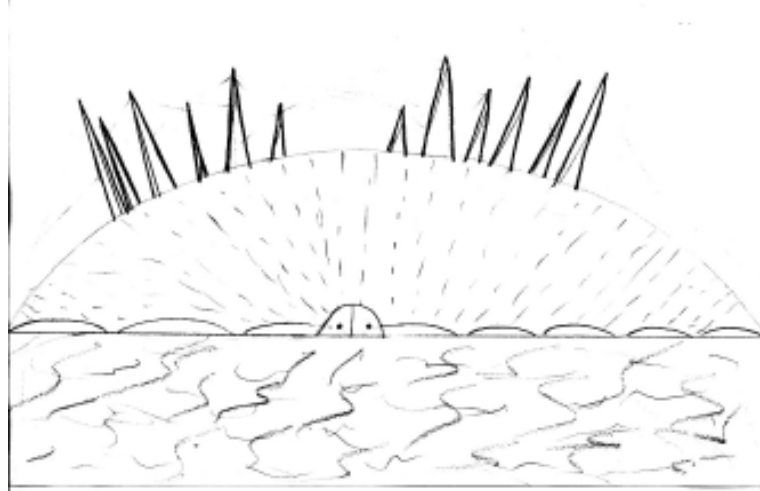
We then went to the Millennium Show. It was really long with no talking in it but it had some amazing acrobats and gymnasts.

The final thing we did was the Home Planet. It was a ride with two aliens, a baby and a mother, telling us about the secrets on the earth - about volcanoes, glaciers and people. It was very interesting.

On the whole it was an interesting day, although I wish we had been able to visit more zones. James Burgess, aged 10, Holy Trinity



**The choir from Martin Junior School were invited to be in the audience for the final of the Voices of Promise, following their success in the regional concert.**



## A Night at the Millennium Dome

Illustration by Emily Harle

When we went to our part of the theatre we went to see the concert. We were amazed to see such a wonderful place and we even had such a good view for watching the concert and such a big hall with people in it.

I thought that the choirs that sang were very good and had courage to sing in front of lots of people. Also, in the interval we got free drinks. I thought that was a very good idea. After some more choirs sang and then we saw some celebrities. After all the choirs had sung they all lined up and that was lovely to see. I enjoyed the night and I will always remember it from this day on.

By Natalie McCluskie, aged 10

Illustration by Rose Stoker

## Millennium Dome Concert

I had a fabulous time at the Millennium Dome! The school choir had got tickets to go to see a concert called Voices of Promise. The concert was sponsored by Marks and Spencers.

Most of the songs sounded the same. My favourite song was "Party for the New World". During the concert I was sitting on the left end of the Skyscape place and Northern Line were sitting next to me. We had an interval and Marks and Spencer offered free drinks and we decided to take a few and got back at the right time. Then Daphne and Celeste said things about the concert and Northern Line performed for us before the last five songs and then we left.

People said how beautiful the Dome looked at night. People say it's not worth it but if you go there you'll love it!

By Abena Asare, aged 11

## The Dome

It was late when our choir reached the Dome. It was wonderful to see it all in lights, shining. When I came there it was purple. I entered the Dome and the members of my family thought it was grand! There were lots of interesting things to see and lots of fun for children. Then I saw my teachers and friends. It was time to go to the Skyscape.

When I came I saw hundreds and hundreds of people sitting and standing. The performance was displayed on a large TV. It was practical because our places were in the stalls and most of us couldn't see everything that was going on on the stage.

Lots of different choirs from different parts of the UK were coming up and singing. But most of all I liked the South African children singing. You could see the joy on their teacher's face. He was very happy to have come from a country so far away to the famous place of England. By Maria Sofko, aged 10, (who is Russian and for whom English is a second language).

## The Millennium Dome at Night

The Millennium Dome at night is awe inspiring because of the purple lights around the poles and the little circle of purple light whizzing round, so when it hits the roof people outside see quite an amazing spectacle. The dome itself is absolutely gi-normous and I think that the pictures do not do it justice.

By Jack Edwards, aged 11



Sister Philippe at St Mary's

## Church News

By Len Willcocks

**Sister Philippe, a teaching nun of the La Sagesse order based in Church Lane, East Finchley, is to leave St Mary's RC Church where she has been doing parish work for the last nine years. She is moving to a convent in Romsey, Hampshire.**

Sister Philippe is a Biblical Theologian and is known for her interesting and informative talks on the Bible.

She will be greatly missed and all that know her wish her well in her new home.

### United Service, Good Friday 2000

Churches Together in Finchley is an ecumenical group of Christian churches who come together to work for Christian unity.

Over 150 worshippers from 17 churches and representing seven different denominations set off along Ballards Lane, Finchley, to take part in a united Good Friday service in the Ballards Lane Methodist Church.