



YOUNG ARCHER

A Picture of Success

by Diana Cormack



The picture that won Erik the fine art prize

Erik Chuan Ray Hu of Creighton Avenue has won a major prize in the London in Bloom Children's Painting Competition. Nine-year-old Erik, who is a Year 5 pupil at Holy Trinity School, submitted his work along with that of his classmates under the guidance of their teacher Andrea Hoath.

The competition is organised to promote an awareness of the contribution that trees, shrubs, plants and flowers make towards the enhancement of the environment, especially within school grounds. This year's theme was Plants You Can Eat. Erik's skilful picture of mushrooms led the field ahead of twelve runners up and 14 other winners.

In fact he won The Henry Dyson Fine Art Prize, where the artist is selected by and a special prize donated by Mr Henry Dyson of Henry Dyson Fine Art Ltd. and Fellow of Grey College, Durham University.

For his wonderful effort Erik received a certificate and a framed reproduction of his painting, along with an artist's manual.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Holy Trinity

The teachers were overjoyed at the SATs results achieved by both the Year 2 and Year 6 pupils.

A very successful Science Week involved pupils and their parents who joined in for a special Family Science evening.

The HTSA stall at East Finchley Community Festival raised £550. Other money raising ventures included non-uniform days, coffee afternoons, sponsored walks, a quiz and a Summer Barbecue, at which each child was given a coin commemorating the Golden Jubilee.

Year 6 went to the Isle of Wight on a school journey (see Young Archer) and other class outings have included the Science Museum, Brighton and the Jenny Wren narrow boat at Camden Lock.

The school took part in the annual Barnet Schools Dance Festival at the Hippodrome in Golders Green.

At an end of term open-air evening concert and picnic both children and staff performed for the parents.

Martin Schools

The junior school staff were delighted with this year's SATs results, especially for mathematics, and were very proud of the children who had worked so hard.

The new horizontal climbing wall in the playground has caused great excitement. The two air-raid shelters, which have been opened up to provide extra space, shelter and shade, are being decorated.

The Summer Fun Day was a huge success and a magnificent total of £2,125 was raised.

There was a fantastic response when children were asked to design a panel using the school colours. The sixteen most outstanding designs were made into panels to put on the pillars along the school fence. East Finchley Library agreed to hold an exhibition of all the impressive entries.

After Year 3's brilliant samba dancing down the High Road in the Festival parade, Year 4 were the next to dance in a Bollywood dance at the Barnet Schools Dance Festival, greatly impressing the audience by their performance and colourful costumes.

The junior choir delighted audiences at Barnet's annual multicultural exhibition.

Visits this term included Kew Gardens, the Natural History Museum, the English National Orchestra, the Globe Theatre and Whipsnade.

In school The London Mozart players performed a special concert for the children.

Year 6 put on a final show of music and comedy sketches with a topical flavour entitled "Fifty Glorious Years," celebrating not only their years at Martin Schools, but also the years of the Queen's reign. After the show the staff organised a disco to say farewell to the children.

Bohemian Rhapsody

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Eleven-year-old Tomas McCollum of Eagan's Close has been singing with the Finchley Children's Music Group for over a year. During that time he has taken part in a number of operas and shows, usually as part of the chorus. But after auditioning with fifteen other boys, Tomas was one of the two chosen to sing solo in the Royal Opera House production of La Boheme.

He was thrilled to win his first solo singing role, which he described as the spoiled brat son of very rich people. Here is what Tomas feels about the experience:

"It is extremely exciting to walk on; I never dreamed it would be this good. I have two very nice stage parents called Eileen and John, so to me they were the stars of the show. While I was there I was chosen to share a solo with another boy. My character in this show was one of the naughtiest in the production!

It was one of the best experiences of my life, one that I will never forget."

Five days of Fun

Year 6 of Holy Trinity School went on a school journey to the Isle of Wight. Eleven-year-old Janyn Williams wrote the following report.

It all started off with a ferry ride. We arrived at the hotel and were all impressed by its four star rating. We went to unpack and get used to our rooms.

Later we were called down to go for a walk along Sandown. We ate dinner at six o'clock, then we went to a place called LA Bowling. We all had a great time.

On Monday we went to Blackgang Chine. It was a type of theme park. There was a massive water slide. We had to go through a flume in a rubber dinghy and I got absolutely soaked. On the other side of the theme park were mazes, arcades and a shop where we could spend a bit of dosh. Later a guy called Giles showed us how to fossil hunt. I thought it was a tiny bit boring. After dinner we went for another walk along the beach.

On Tuesday we went for a long walk through a wood. Then we went swimming, followed by a trip to Alum Bay where we watched a glassmaker make

a vase. That evening some of us played cricket on the beach and some paddled in the water. When the cricket died we were quite hot so everyone joined hands and we dived into the water with our clothes on. Ahhh, a disaster! We weren't allowed into the hotel because we were wet, and had to strip at the doorstep and run in.

On Wednesday we went to Araton church and did brass rubbing. I had a great time. That afternoon we went surfing and body boarding because the wind was strong. I had an incredible time.

On Thursday we went to Robin Hill. I played golf, went on a massive slide, rode on a toboggan run and went on a ride called the Colossus, which rotated 90 degrees. In the evening was the disco. It was great.

School Children Rap up Street Crime

A group of pupils from Bishop Douglass RC High School demonstrated the full range of their musical talents on 19 July in the form of a rap to promote awareness of how best to avoid being the victim of mobile phone crime.

Pupils also visited communities and schools within the borough to test people's perceptions through a specially designed street crime survey.

The song is a fitting conclusion to a project carried out in collaboration with Barnet borough police and contains the key messages that the MPS has been voicing in the recent Safer Streets publicity campaign, where mobile phone crime was one of the main issues.

The main messages are to note your personal 15-digit IMEI number, to make full use of your pin code or security lock and to only use your phone in surroundings that you deem to be safe.

On message

In total, 550 people aged 11 upwards were surveyed; 293 male and 257 female. The

results showed 52 males and 102 females had been victims of street crime, however only 22 of the males and 57 of the females actually reported the incident to police.

Nearly three quarters of those surveyed owned mobile phones and many had reservations about using their phone in public.

Detective Chief Inspector Geoff Ervine of Barnet police said, "Barnet, like most other London boroughs, has in recent years experienced an increase in street crime involving a high percentage of youth victims and suspects. The opportunity of working with young people from Bishop Douglass School has proved to be very beneficial in allowing police to have a greater understanding of street crime and youth culture."

Best in Barnet Again

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For the second year running the young athletes at Holy Trinity School have been crowned champions of the Borough. They have achieved this distinction despite being a small school and had a runaway victory at the annual event held for junior schools at Barnet's Cophall Stadium.

They came fourth in the field events but were clear winners on the track. The girls won the relay trophy for the third successive year and the school won the small schools' trophy along with the overall championship trophy.