



Football Fever!

By Helen Drake

The rest of the nation may have been in the grip of Euro 2004, but for local youngsters the real action took place at the annual East Finchley Festival 5-a-side football tournament, held for the first time in conjunction with the Martin Schools Summer Fun Day 5-a-side tournament, on Saturday 19 June.

Chelsea wins!

Members of the teams, with their enthusiastic supporters, started arriving on the pitch at 10.30am to warm up, with the first kick off at 11.00am. In the 4-7 year olds age group, all the teams were from Martin Infant School and all were named after a well-known English club. After some impressive football Chelsea (Euan, Hannah, Miles, Jamie, Olonna and Ben from Year 2) emerged the jubilant winners.

Tricksters triumph

Two teams from Holy Trinity School along with five teams from Martin Junior School competed in the 7-11-year-olds age group. Each team played three games with the best four teams going through to the semi-finals. The final between

the Holy Trinity *Tricksters* and Martin Junior School's *Real Madrid* was a tense but exciting match with the *Tricksters* (Tom, Edward, Oliver, Hudson, Freddie and Billy) winning by one goal to nil.

High standard

Both of the winning teams were welcomed up on to the main stage of the Summer Fun Day to celebrate their moment of glory and to receive their trophies from local councillor Alison Moore. David Noden, who organised the tournament and helped to referee alongside three other Martin Schools' dads, James Johnson, David Burgh and Andy Abrahams, said, "All the players seemed to really enjoy themselves and the standard of football was very good".



The annual East Finchley Festival 5-a-side football tournament gets under way. Photo by Mike Harris.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity

World Lupus Day

The final amount raised by the nursery from their sponsored fancy dress event (see last month's *ARCHER*) was an astonishing £514

Preparation for secondary school

Year 6 visited Avenue House for a Junior Citizen Project. Members of the police, fire and ambulance forces were there to lead them in groups through a variety of scenarios. These included peer pressure, mobile phone theft, dealing with strangers, fire and travel safety issues.

New library

Parents have been helping to prepare books and equipment for the newly built building. Parent and school

governor Chris Hampson again agreed to cycle in the London to Brighton Bike Ride on Sunday 20 June, with the sponsorship money he raised going towards the cost of the library.

Arts week

At the end of the month children will be able to take part in batik work, African drumming, Indian "Bollywood Style" dancing, country dancing, banner making along with a Jungle Walk for the youngest. There will also be a workshop for parents and carers.

Cricket

The school team took part in the Barnet Primary Schools Tournament, where they came second in their section.

Martin Schools

Forties fashion

Children in Year 6 were able to gain a better idea about life during the Second World War when they came into class dressed in school clothes from the 1940s.

Gymnastics club

Fourteen children from the club were selected to represent the school at an event staged at Brent Cross on 20 June.

Basketball

The Sports for All Award that the junior school won has helped to provide an after-school multi-sports club. One of the many benefits has been the relationship with the basketball

coaches, who come in once a week and who have helped children from Years 5 and 6 to develop their basketball skills, for which they have all gained medals.

Yellow Day

Children were encouraged to wear something yellow and to make a donation of 50p/£1 to the North London Hospice, who had asked everyone to go yellow on 9 June. They were given a yellow badge in return.

Halal meat

Caterhouse, which supplies the school meals, now has a policy of using only halal meat in their menus.

YOUNG ARCHER Educational Visits

We used to call them school trips but children today seem to learn a lot more on them than I did! Perhaps this is because they are encouraged to be so actively involved in what is going on at the places they visit, and because links are made with what they are studying in school.

Here are two reports on very different visits by children of different ages. The first is about when Year 5 in Martin Junior School went to the Hari Krishna Temple in Watford to learn about Hinduism as part of nine- and ten-year-olds' religious education work.

The Temple

By Saffa Karim

When we got to the temple we ate our snacks first. After that a lady from the temple talked to us about the day. She said we would be having a ride on the bulls. She first told us about the plant called Tulsi, a special plant and the English name for it is "Holy Basil."

Then we went on the bullock cart rides. The bulls were trained very well. When we got to the end of the road they took us to a place where they keep all the cows and bulls. They explained to us about why they don't eat meat. I saw three cows, one named Radhika, she was a girl. The boys' names were Bhima and Gopal. They had a ring round their nose. I called Radhika and Bhima and they followed me.

When we got to the temple we had to take our shoes off. Indriyesh, our guide, talked to us about lots of things. We were shown how to do meditation. A lady came and dressed us in saris. I had a green and pink sari. We even got to wear a bindi. Mr Jackson won a packet of bindis for doing the best meditation. We went to see the shrine and Indriyesh told us it was Sita's birthday. She was dressed in a flower dress. Indriyesh told us stories about Rama and Sita.

Then we went downstairs to eat. They had rice with paneer (that is cheese), tomato sauce and peas. I didn't like it. There was an Asian bread called puri, it was delicious. There were home made chocolate chip cookies. Now they were delicious!

Then we went to the shop. I got two candles for my sister, Indian face paint and a packet of bindis. Then we went outside and had some face paint.

Now it was time for us to go home so we took our saris off and put our coats and bags on. Then we went downstairs to get our shoes. We said bye to Indriyesh. I enjoyed my trip very much and I would like to go back again one day.

The second is about when Year 2 in Holy Trinity School went to the Science Museum where they took part in some fascinating experiments, which the seven year olds really enjoyed.

The great big trip.

By Emma Sharp

On Friday Year 2 and I went to the Science Museum. We went

on the tube.

We went to the Pattern Pod. We went in this box where you can dance and this kind of TV shows you a pattern of how you're dancing. We went to a Bubble Show. There was a man who made fire bubbles and every child in Year 2 got to go in a bubble. It felt funny inside. WOW!

Then it was lunchtime. I had three sandwiches and orange juice and some sweets.

In the end we went to the Launch Pad and there were many beads and a bucket. We put the beads in the bucket, you pull and push the rope and the bucket will move up and down. Johnny gave Miss Hamilton an electric shock. We went home in a train.

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