



# YOUNG ARCHER

## Football transcends all faiths

By Shannon Green, Year 6, Holy Trinity School  
On 14 November, my class and I visited Arsenal Football Stadium in Highbury with a Jewish school called Akiva, to join other London primary schools.

When we got there we gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Muslim faith to Akiva. We talked about prayer, food and the story of the Qura'n. Then Akiva told us a little about the Jewish faith. They said they eat apple dipped in honey to celebrate a sweet new year and during Yom Kippur they fast for a day.

Then we played football in the sports hall. We were split into groups, each with a trainee trainer to practise skills with us. Then we played football. After that we ate lunch.

Next it was time for the tour! First, we went to the marble hall where we saw a statue of Herbert Chapman, one of Arsenal's best managers. We were told that he came up with

the idea of putting the D around the goalkeeper's box.

Then we went into the stadium and sat in the directors' box! Some of the chairs had names on them, five of them had the inscription K.Edelman. We were told that people wanted their ashes buried in the pitch! So when Arsenal moved stadiums they would build a memorial and those who wanted their ashes buried there would have them buried under the memorial.

Then on to the changing rooms! We saw Thierry Henry's, and Ashley Cole's shirt. Then sadly it was time to say goodbye to Arsenal and goodbye to our new friends at Akiva school as it was time to catch the coach back to school.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

### Holy Trinity

The Big Foot Theatre Company is setting up a drama club for children at the school.

Out-of-hours activities are to be extended with a view to involving the wider community, for which government funding is available to successful bidders.

As part of Anti-bullying Week activities, there was a mufti day with the children wearing something blue, which is the colour adopted by the Anti-bullying Alliance.

Year 2 performed well when they sang in the Barnet Infant Music Festival.

The annual carol service at Holy Trinity Church was a pleasure for all concerned. The school choir also delighted elderly residents at Homefield with their carol singing.

A crowded Christmas Fair raised over £3,400.

### Martin Schools

Martin Junior School has planted a horse chestnut sapling presented to them by the Finchley Society. Hopefully, they will be able to watch it grow as they grow.

Year 3 had an enjoyable educational visit to the Science Museum.

Year 4 learned some more about Victorian design and the impact of the Great Exhibition of 1851 on their day at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The swimming squad were a credit to the school when they took part in Barnet's Swimming Gala at Copthall Pool

Martin Schools' Christmas Bazaar was a huge success and all the hard work by the organisers resulted in a record £5,000 being raised. The money is to go towards the junior library and for reception age playground equipment for an outdoor classroom.

202 hair salon on the High Road is holding a raffle to be drawn in January to raise money for the school.

Infant children took part in the tree planting along with the juniors, helping to fill in the hole dug by school caretaker John Mitchell.

The infants thoroughly enjoyed a performance of the Town and Country Mouse by the Open Wide Theatre Company.

Penguin Class performed beautifully in the Barnet Infant Schools' Music Festival.

Six-year-old Rees Moss-Matthews in Year 2 won an illuminated globe because his balloon went furthest in the PTA's balloon race. It was picked up in Le Havre.

## East Finchley Baptist Church

Just off the High Road in Creighton Avenue N2

Sundays at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm

For more information  
please contact the Church Office  
Tel: 8883 1544 (Minister: Simon Dyke)

Visitors always welcome



Bishop Douglass pupils entertain the residents of Nazareth House. Photo by Toni Morgan

## Bishop Douglass school celebrates

By Toni Morgan

Pupils at Bishop Douglass school worked extra hard at the end of last term to hold their annual Christmas party for the elderly residents of nearby Nazareth House.

Year 10 pupils this year extended their party invitation to residents of Paul Byrne House and neighbours in Benedict Way and Hamilton Road.

The very successful evening began with a traditional Christmas dinner, followed by carol singing, for which they were joined by a group of year 7

pupils and enthusiastic participation by the guests.

To everyone's delight, two of the guests (one of whom had been a dancer) provided additional entertainment.

The pupils of year 10 hosted the evening, ensuring that each guest was looked after and also helped serve the meals.

During the year they held

fund raising events, assisted by year 7 pupils, to provide the food, wine and presents. A game of bingo and a visit from Santa Claus, who gave out presents to each resident, rounded off a most enjoyable evening.

## Bishop Douglass school achieves success

Bishop Douglass school in Hamilton Road had a good reason for celebrating last month when school inspectors gave a glowing report and took them out of special measures.

Headteacher Angela Murphy, who came to the school following Ofsted's criticism of the quality of teaching and pupils' behaviour, commented on the good news saying that it had been a team effort - combining excellent teaching and a great improvement in students' attitudes in and outside the school.

Councillor John Marshall, cabinet member for education, added his congratulations. It is hoped that local parents will recognise the improvement and be encouraged to send their children to the school.

## Fun with numbers

Are you a Sudoku fan? Those little number puzzles have suddenly become as popular as crosswords, but if you were spelling out numbers, how far would you have to go before you used the letter A?

The answer going the rounds is supposed to be one thousand, but the question was set by an American. If you're talking English English (sic), you can take 899 from that.\*

And did you know this? 111,111,111x 111,111,111=12,345,678,987,654,321.

\*One hundred and one.

## Fairies, elves and Father Christmas

By Helen Drake

Martin School children transformed themselves into fairies and elves for the day to act as Santa's helpers at their Christmas Bazaar, held on Saturday 3 December.

Their duties included opening the bazaar and welcoming the first guests, then escorting children into the magical, ice-cave grotto to meet Father Christmas. "Each one of Santa's helpers took their job very seriously," commented Azra Nath, chair of the Parent Teacher Association.

Azra also heaped praise on pupils from Year 6 who ran a nail bar (which apparently had more male customers than female!) and supervised the "calendar colouring" and "decorate a Christmas card" tables that were set up to entertain young children.

"The support we received from the whole school and the

local community, especially the local businesses, was tremendous. We would like to thank everyone," said Azra.

Holy Trinity School held its Christmas Fayre on 3 December too and attracted a huge crowd of parents and children.

Popular attractions were the food bar offering home-cooked dishes from across the globe and the mug-making stall that let visitors put their favourite photographs on to the side of special mugs.

Children, parents and staff worked hard to make the event a success. All funds raised from the day will be ploughed into new school facilities.

## All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley Church of England

Sunday masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m.

Prayer requests are gladly accepted.

The Parish has a flourishing social life.

Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy,  
on 020 8883 9315.

All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an enthusiastic choir of both adults and children.

Experienced singers are always welcome.

Contact Geoffrey Hanson on 020 8444 9214.

<http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk>