



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity

Reception children had a real treat when one of the parents brought in some exhibits to show them from her place of work, the Natural History Museum. The beneficial effects of this were evident at their subsequent class assembly.

Children from Years 3 and 5 performed well when they took part in a dance event at Bishop Douglass Secondary School.

Year 5 joined several thousand other children singing in the Royal Albert Hall at the annual Proms for Praise concert.

The Year 6 football team narrowly missed out on reaching the quarter finals of the Barnet Borough Schools Football Tournament.

The school's Easter performance by mainly Years 3 and 4 took place with an audience of family and friends at Holy Trinity Church.

The school is raising money for the charity Water Aid which helps people in developing countries who have difficulty accessing water supplies.

An amazing £6,000 was raised at the Auction and Quiz Night organised by the Holy Trinity School Association.

The end of term was celebrated with the whole school joining in an Easter Egg hunt.

Martin Schools

Barnet's music adviser was very impressed by Martin junior school's orchestra, who delighted their audience with a wide variety of pieces ranging from Dvorak's New World Symphony to Everybody Got to Learn Sometime.

Wearing their new football kit, girls from Years 5 and 6 played well and showed great team spirit in the Barnet Schools Football Tournament. The boys also played well, without conceding a single goal, but sadly their goal scoring didn't quite make the grade.

Years 4 and 6 visited Tate Britain and Tate Modern to further their art studies. As well as being made to think about modern art, they have also delved deeper into the stories and artistic inspiration of the Pre-Raphaelites.

Some of Year 5 enjoyed working with secondary children at the new Bishop Douglass dance studio, prior to performing their own dance at the school.

Year 6 pupil Susannah Fleiss has continued her mathematical success story by achieving a bronze medal for doing so very well in the nationwide Primary Maths Challenge.

The hard work put in by all concerned ensured that Martin infant school's singing concert was a huge success.

Along with the French club which was founded in 1991, the children can all learn Spanish as part of the infant school curriculum. (See right)

There was an Easter Egg Hunt in the school grounds to mark the end of the spring term. This was also celebrated by an afternoon of activities and an Easter Disco organised by the PTA.

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>

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

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Tel: 8883 1544 (Minister: Simon Dyke)

Visitors always welcome

YOUNG ARCHER

May be, may be not

By Diana Cormack

The first day of May used to be party time! People rejoiced because winter had really ended and the sun was warming up the earth. Houses were decorated with blossoms and greenery and children danced round the flower-decked maypole to celebrate the new life growing around them.

May Day brought parties and processions and it was also the day on which country-wide fairs began. These would continue for a week or more. In the streets would be entertainers, pedlars and street criers selling their wares alongside huge fires roasting pigs and oxen. One of the biggest fairs was held in the district of London which is still known as Mayfair.

But despite these celebrations May could still bring cold weather, so people were advised to keep their winter clothes on. Though a French proverb said, "In April, don't remove a stitch: in May do what you like," the Spanish did not agree. They used to say, "Don't take off your coat until 40th May," which was a warning to keep your warm clothes

on until well into June. Our proverb "Cast ne'er a clout till May be out" means roughly the same thing, as "clout" meant "clothing", which you should not cast off until at least the end of May. William Shakespeare wrote, "Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May", so remember that when your mum tells you to put your coat on!



Bunnies on the bounce

Photo and story by Helen Drake

Wearing rabbit ears and masks they had made themselves, the children at St Mary's Parent and Toddler group in East Finchley finished off their Easter Party, held on 7 April, with a treasure hunt in the garden. Luckily for them the Easter bunny had left plenty of chocolate eggs to find!

Lots of lovely lots

An auction night at Holy Trinity School on Friday 24 March raised more than £6,000 for school funds. The magnificent sum was generated in just a few hours by generous parents who turned out to bid for the dozens of tempting lots on offer.

Most-wanted lot of the evening was a dinner party in your own home to be cooked by the head chef at the school's Restaurant Ecole and served by headteacher Tim Bowden.

Other items on offer included a signed Chelsea football shirt, an Italian hamper from Amici Delicatessen, tickets for local attractions and many beautiful goods kindly donated by East Finchley traders.

The school has thanked everyone who contributed to making the evening such a success and to making such a huge difference to the school's fund-raising efforts.

Martin infants say "Hola" to language learning

By Diana Cormack

Martin Infant School is the only one in Barnet where all the pupils are able to learn Spanish. It is one of a cluster of five schools funded by the Primary Network Project. An Advanced Skills Teacher from Hendon School gives lessons every Thursday, conducted entirely in Spanish.

Basic class work involving such things as counting, nouns and simple nursery rhymes gradually extend the children's ability and vocabulary; in fact one Spanish song featured in a recent Infant Singing Concert. The school also boasts a long established French club, *La Petite Ecole*, which is run at lunchtime by experienced native staff.

An early age is undoubtedly the best time to learn a language, so headteacher Kevin Anscomb told *THE ARCHER* he was delighted to learn that funding has been preserved for these lessons to continue at the school next year.

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