

Swim for clean water

William Chapman and Petar Djordjic, two boys from Year 6 of Holy Trinity School, undertook a sponsored 10km swim for WaterAid. They had been learning about the problems of water provision in the poorer countries of the world at school so decided to raise money for this charity, which uses practical solutions to provide clean water, safe sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people.



Will and Petar after their sponsored swim at Barnet Copthall.

Recycling bins disappear

By Nick Young

Residents may have noticed the recent disappearance of the public recycling banks which had been located on the High Road next to the Martin School. These have been removed "following a number of concerns from the local primary school", according to a spokesman from Barnet Council.

Problems relating to vandalism and flytipping have been a factor in the removal of a "small number" of recycling collection points across the London Borough of Barnet in recent years. "Residents are also now increasingly using their kerbside recycling collection service and the flats recycling service," according to the spokesman.

People who wish to continue using the recycling banks may rest assured that there are still two recycling bank sites in East Finchley. One is on the forecourt of East Finchley Station, and the other is located at the corner of East End Road and Elmhurst Crescent. The council has stated that it has no further plans to reduce the number of recycling bank sites.

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

❖ Coffee & Kids, Fri 9.15-11.15, Green **❖ Newstead Parent & Toddler**

Dads' Club: Get-togethers for dads looking after young children in East Finchley. Adam 07957 441435.

tact Ruby Yang or Patrizia Canwell at eastfinchleynct@googlemail.com

Ctr. Sajni 8359 3460.

* Parent & Toddler Group, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276 **Stepping Stones**, interactive play

session for under 3s. Karen 07957 278860.

As they are both keen swimmers they decided to do a sponsored swim and were supported by their school friends, families and fellow squad members at Barnet Copthall Swimming

The boys raised a fantastic £166 and would like to say a big thank you to all the children of Year 6 of Holy Trinity School who sponsored them. You can learn more about WaterAid's work from their website www.WaterAid.org.

Help for Heroes

Children at Holy Trinity Primary school have raised £196.30 for the Help for Heroes charity, including £18 donated by Luke, Leya and Danny Koumourou, who sold some of their toys.

Walking stars

On 6 October, Matthew O and Krishna from Year 5 at Holy Trinity Primary **School attended Transport** for London's Sustainable Travel Accredited and Recognised (STAR) award ceremony for 'Walk to School' with Mrs Christou. **Holy Trinity won a bronze** award.

'We travelled by tube to Liverpool Street to Bishopsgate," writes Matthew. "We learnt about how good it was to walk to school, use a bike to school and use a scooter to go to school. As you're doing those things you can actually be saving the

"More schools are doing all of those things and please it would be good if you were to do it too. If you go to school by car please park and stride. You can also use public transport (if you need to use it). So please think of other ways to get to school.'



In Remembrance

By Holly, Tilly, Rosie, Matilda, Anat and Nicole On 11.11.11, the whole of Martin Primary School gathered to listen to an assembly about Remembrance Day, held by our deputy head Mr Pickering. We also had a guest, Councillor Rogers, who recited a poem called In Flanders Fields written by a Canadian doctor in the war.

To pay our respects to the soldiers who are currently fighting or have fought in wars all over the world we gathered in the playground and placed beautiful wreaths of poppies, which we had made, and then held two minutes of respectful silence.

In Martin School we wear our poppies to respect the dead and wounded, not just because they look pretty or fashionable. "Ibelieve this ceremony is hugely important as everyone, young and old, can respect the dead with pride," said Holly, Year 6.

Sam and Mark's Big Friday Wind Up

Two boys from Holy Trinity School featured in a popular TV show with one of their dads getting foamed. Sam and George from Year 5 were on Sam and Mark's Big Friday Wind Up on CBBC, a fun quiz programme for children. Sam and his dad Simon took part in a game called Dad on a Wheel, which was a complete surprise to Sam on the day.

Sam and George said: "It is like a fortune game with Sam's dad strapped to a wheel, and he got foamed from head to toe. We really enjoyed watching how a TV programme is filmed and it was a really fun day out." The rest of Sam's family and George appeared at the end of the show answering a round of questions.

Walk in the Woods

The Bobath Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy is celebrating the success of its first-ever sponsored Walk in the Woods, held on Sunday 25 September. More than 30 local supporters, friends and family turned out to complete the three-mile walk, which began in East Finchley by Cherry Tree Wood and headed through Highgate Wood, Queen's Wood and Shepherd's Cot near Crouch End.

"It was a really lovely day," says Kevin Gillespie, Fundraising manager. "The weather was beautiful and it was great to see free tea and coffee for all our people supporting their local charity. We're already planning another walk next year, which we hope will be even more popular. We'd like to pay special thanks to volunteers from the East Finchley Community

Trust for acting as marshals on the day, and Sally at the Cherry Tree Wood café, who provided walkers."

The charity has raised almost £1,000 in sponsorship and donations from the event. To be added to their mailing list and receive the latest news about local and national events, email fundraising@bobath.org.uk.

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