



YOUNG ARCHER



Candy and Floss kept things sweet at the Martin Primary School fun day. Photo by Frances Buckingham.

Not much sun, but lots of fun

By Frances Buckingham

Martin Primary School decided to hold its annual Summer Fun Day indoors, thanks to a waterlogged field and an uncertain weather forecast. This did not stop hundreds of pupils, parents and local residents enjoying some delicious food and a great variety of stalls in the packed school halls.

Luckily the weather did hold on the day and children were able to enjoy lots of activities in the school playgrounds, including two bouncy castles and the always-popular 'beat the goalie'. Some great music kept everyone inside entertained with the Year 6 band and the school choir packing out the main hall and two great sets from soul band Mixed Company. The event, organised by the PCTA and sponsored by Martyn

Gerrard, GLH and Budgens, raised over £5,000 for the school. The school received generous donations from many local businesses for its mBay auction. Acting headteacher John Pickering said: "What a great day. The whole school pulled together to ensure the event was great success. The weather may have been against us but everyone enjoyed the day and raised valuable funds to support the school."



Sporting youngsters at Tudor Primary School get their hands on Barnet's Olympic torch. Photo by John Jackson

Olympic Torch reaches Tudor School

The Barnet Olympic Torch visited Tudor Primary School on 27 June, handed over to pupils from Queen Elizabeth's School in High Barnet. Staff and pupils from nearby Manorside School visited Tudor to join in the celebrations. The torch then travelled on to Bishop Douglass School.

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Riddles

1. A bus driver was heading down a street. He went right past a Stop sign without stopping. He went left where there was no left turn. He went the wrong way down a one-way street and passed a police car, yet still, he didn't break any traffic laws. Why not?

2. How many times can you subtract 5 from 25?

3. Four men were on a kayaking trip when their boat unexpectedly overturned, plunging them into the water. They scrambled onto the river bank and not a single man was wet. How was this possible?

4. You are driving with no headlights on in a town where everything is black. The houses are black, the walls are black, the pavement is black and there are no street lamps on. Suddenly, a black cat is in the middle of the road in front of your car, walking away from you, but you still don't hit him. How is this possible?

5. When young, I'm frowned upon; when middle-aged, I make you happy; when old, I'm at my greatest value. What am I?

Answers below

Riddle answers:
1. He was walking.
2. Once.
3. They were all married men.
4. It's daylight.
5. Sleep.



Three Fortismere teachers get into the spirit of the Fortitude festival.

First Fortitude festival

By Nate Risser

With a new name and new ideas, Fortismere School's summer fair turned into the Fortitude festival on Saturday 7 July and was a resounding success, despite intermittent rain.

The science faculty staged experiments including the making of 'dry ice cream' from liquid nitrogen, whilst design and technology held a mini grand prix with high-speed radio-controlled cars designed by students.

Library staff read stories for younger children, while the religious studies department had a meditation tent complete with massages. Food was provided by Nandos and the language departments supplied international delicacies.

Fortitude was also a platform for the wider community, with representatives from local campaign group the Pinkham Way Alliance talking to fair-goers.

The stage was devoted to musical acts from teachers and

students. There was a constant crowd watching bands such as The Keepsakes, whose folk sound was admired along with the finale of the day, an ABBA sing-along.

Joe Maude, one of the organisers, said the aim of Fortitude was "to have a celebration involving parents, teachers, and pupils." Headteacher Helen Anthony later expressed her enthusiasm for the event, saying that it was "Fortismere at its best and it brought together the community effectively."

Michael Beskin, a student selling own-grown plants, said his service was "returning roots," and he seemed to mirror the sense of celebration and giving back to the community, on which Fortitude was based.

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