



YOUNG ARCHER



On the march: Holy Trinity pupils walk themselves fitter

Children stomp out of school

Infant children at Holy Trinity Primary School took part in a huge school stomp on Friday 2 October to raise money for some of the world's poorest children. Each child bought in £1 and went for a healthy walk around the local area. "I liked it because everyone was together," said one of the young walkers. "I liked helping children in need," said another.



Vanessa Mafuta-Mbuyambo says hello to a six-legged visitor.

Wildlife in your hand

By Josie Dobrin

Some of the pupils at Coldfall Primary School are learning about Africa as their topic this term, so the teachers arranged for an Animal Man to come to the school and introduce them to some of the continent's wildlife, up close and personal.

These included a meerkat, an African Bullfrog, a black spider, a fruit bat, a python, a scorpion, a parrot and a gekko.

Neri Gordon, in Hummingbird class, said: "I held a gekko and he was really dry and scaly. I also touched the snake who was a bit cold and slimy. I loved all the animals."

Eleni Mavliappas, Head of Year Two, said: "We wanted to bring the theme of Africa alive for the children. They were so excited to see the animals and to have an opportunity to touch them and watch them being fed. It was a brilliant morning."

Small change makes a big difference

A young girl has rallied help from pupils and teachers to raise cash for UNICEF's Syrian refugee appeal. She was inspired to help after her return from a family holiday in France was delayed by migrants breaking onto a train at the Eurotunnel.

With the support of the headteacher and Year 6 head at Brookland Junior School, Georgina Gordon asked everyone to cover a giant picture of a star with their small change. The coins under 50p amounted to £437.

Georgina said: "Everyone brought loads of coins in and it was a great success. I've learnt what you can do with so little. Every little bit adds up to a great amount. £1 can help to give a family clean water for two weeks so every penny counts."



Fundraiser: Georgina Gordon

In the front line

By Frances Buckingham

Martin Primary School now has one of East Finchley's few defibrillators. Children at the school have been taught basic first aid so that they know when the defibrillator might need to be used.

Children in Years 5 and 6 were taught how to call for help clearly and to check airways and breathing. They were also instructed how to put someone in the recovery position while they wait for the ambulance to arrive.

Arjun Garratt in Year 5 spoke about what he learnt: "The training was exciting and fun. I learnt a lot including DRSAB (D- Danger, R-Response, S-Shout for help, A-Airways, B-Breathing)."

Several of the staff have been trained to use the device. It is very simple and safe: the machine gives spoken instructions and will not deliver a shock unless one is needed.



First aid: Martin Primary pupils with the defibrillator

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