



YOUNG ARCHER

Cambridge was really "brilliant"

By Sebastian, John and Albis, Archer Academy



Grand day out: The Archer Academy students at Cambridge

Recently we were lucky enough to visit Jesus College in Cambridge University as part of our participation in the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme. This programme, run by educational charity The Brilliant Club, includes a trip to two universities and six tutorials from a Phd tutor. We will also be writing a university-style essay about a Phd topic.

Brilliant Club is really useful for young people who want to go to university to start learning about different subjects and studying early. Learning GCSE skills like critical thinking and analysis in our tutorials is really helpful. We are learning about literary theory, which is the meaning behind the ideas and methods a writer uses in their work.

At Cambridge University, we had our first tutorial where we examined literary criticism of JK Rowling's Harry Potter novels. Then back at school we explored fairy tales and looked at them through the lens of feminist theory and historical context.

It is also a really good way to find out about what university is like in general. We learned a lot about the range of subjects you could study, how lectures are run and all the fun activities students can do in clubs and societies. We even learned about university halls, although we're not too sure we will enjoy cooking and cleaning for ourselves!

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

- **Baby & U baby massage.** Contact Ruth at babymassagewithruth@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/babyandubabymassage
- **Musical Tots:** Wednesdays 11am at the Old White Lion and Fridays 11am at The Five Bells N2. Katemusicaltots.com on facebook.
- **Stepping Stones** music and play for 0-3 Tues 10am, EF Baptist Church. Liz 07836 284538.
- **Teddy Bears' Music,** singing for 0-3s in Holy Trinity Church, N2; Thurs 9.45am & 10.45am. Camilla 07900 988149.

Anyone recognise our four-pawed friend?

By Kate and Peter Dubber

Since April, we've had a new friend at our home in Elmhurst Crescent, probably from the gardens around Cromwell Close. Do you recognise him?

This lovely black cat, who we named Jasper, comes to see us for the good food and company almost every day and also stays a lot overnight.

We can see he is well cared for; he is quite a young and healthy cat, very affectionate and independent. He recently had a cut under his ear which we cleaned up and he stayed that night but then we think he had medical attention the next day.

He is most welcome and we love his company but we are hoping to go on holiday. We hope a reader can reassure us that he has a lovely

home somewhere else, and a lovely other name. If anyone knows "Jasper" please email us on vikingtonetwo@gmx.co.uk.



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with Carols

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Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day

8.00 am Mass of the Dawn
10.00 am Sung Mass of the Day
followed by refreshments

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Every tiger matters

By Yasmin Escayg-Lee

Normally home to tennis players and gym users, the David Lloyd Club in North Finchley was the venue for an uplifting event to raise awareness and cash to save the world's tigers.

A number of wildlife charities came together to spread the word about this critically endangered species, whose numbers have dropped to an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 left in the wild.

Organisers Emma and Martin Leuw, of Tiger Awareness, made sure it was an enjoyable evening with a fancy dress theme, a three-course meal and live entertainment.

Guest speakers John Rendall, who hand-raised a lion cub called Christian after buying him in the pet section at Harrods

in 1969, told of the threat from poachers, who sell tiger body parts to the medicine trade in the east. John also warned that, as tiger numbers dwindle, poachers are turning their attention to lions and other large cats.

Phil Davis, also from Tiger Awareness, said the charity's mission statement was to work with local communities and to support forest staff to keep tigers wild and conserve their habitat. This event raised more than £5,000 to fund that work. Find out more at www.tigerawareness.co.uk.



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