



YOUNG ARCHER



Generation game: Grandparents are welcomed to the Archer Academy

All ages together

Archer Academy staff and students welcomed more than 100 of the students' grandparents into school in May for their first ever Grandparents' Day.

After being greeted by enthusiastic student hosts and treated to a range of dance, drama and musical performances, the guests were given tours around the premises off Eagans Close. They then had time to ask questions and chat to students and staff while relaxing over afternoon tea.

As one of the guests put it: "It was wonderful to be able to

see the Archer Academy and its students in the way we did. The facilities are impressive as are the many messages displayed round the building for students to read and digest as they go about their daily lives. It must all contribute to the students' charm, respect and courtesy for others, and of course their ease with adults, which was demonstrated by every child we came across.



Wood work: Martin School pupils in their natural classroom

Pupils put their backs into outdoor learning

By Rachel Ellis

Classroom learning is being taken into the great outdoors as part of a new 'Forest School' initiative at Martin Primary School.

From this month, children in years two and six will undertake some of their learning in the 650 square metres of woodland attached to the school.

This pilot project will allow pupils to follow and explore the national curriculum surrounded by nature as part of a Forest School learning programme. It is designed to encourage children to care about the environment, provide safe opportunities to explore and take risks, improve physical and social skills, and increase resilience, self-confidence and independence.

Martin Primary is the only school in Barnet with its own woodland area. Coldfall Wood, an ancient wood, is just a few minutes' walk from the school and some of the Forest School learning will take place there.

In recent years, the school

has worked hard to integrate use of the school field and woodland into pupils' everyday learning with a number of initiatives including developing a fruit orchard, a pond and a small wildlife area.

The pilot scheme has received over £2,000 funding from the Martin Home School Association for equipment and protective clothing for the children.

Sambas and voltas on the road to Rio

Bishop Douglass School had a taste of the carnival with a Road to Rio tea party in May. Sixth form students teamed up with Age UK Barnet to host the event which included a samba lesson, a Brazilian buffet and a special game of bingo.



In the rhythm: Bishop Douglass pupils danced with their visitors

Students paired up with the older visitors to learn voltas, bota fogas and whisks before putting them all into action in a group dance. They also enjoyed a conga before tucking into empanadas and Brazilian meatballs called quibe.

The event was part of Get Set for Community Action, a new UK-wide programme created by the British Olympic Foundation and British Paralympic Association, made possible thanks to the Big Lottery Fund. Get Set for Community Action supports young people to plan and run projects which help to make their communities healthier and more active places to live.

The Bishop Douglass students are among thousands of 14-19 year olds from schools and youth groups across the UK working in teams to plan and deliver events like this in the run-up to the Olympics in Rio 2016.

Age UK Barnet holds tea dances every month at the Ann Owens Centre in Oak Lane, N2. Everyone is welcome. For more details visit our website www.ageukbarnet.org.uk or call 020 8432 1415.



Entertain and educate: Robert Winston with Holy Trinity's infants

Big thinker's science fun

Professor, medical doctor, scientist, television presenter and politician Robert Winston visited Holy Trinity Primary School at the end of April. Year four pupils William and Eddie report:

When Professor Lord Robert Winston visited Holy Trinity our science ambassadors greeted him and showed him to the hall where he gave an amazing assembly to the infants.

They were able to tell him their science thoughts and ask science questions. Most of the infants asked questions about the body and biology since that is Professor Winston's specialist subject. The children were then shown an experiment on the force of gravity and entry velocity.

Next Professor Winston went into the junior classes to do question and answer time.

It was fascinating! The older children asked questions about differences in their family, like being left handed when nobody else in their family was. Professor Winston did an experiment on getting an egg into a bottle and we were all amazed!

We also asked questions about mostly black holes, worm holes, aliens and calories. Then Professor Winston had to leave because he was very busy. After an unforgettable visit we were all star struck! "It was a unique and special experience, like nothing I've experienced before," said Jahmai, aged seven.

Cricketers in the pink

Mascot Pinky joined in the celebrations, pictured, when young players from the North Middlesex Cricket Club picked up the trophy for winning the Lady Taverners Under-11 one-day competition.

In fact three teams finished on the same number of league points but North Middlesex were declared overall winners for the number of runs scored. If your daughter would like to join the team, based off Park Road in Crouch End, email the club on nmcc.colts@gmail.com



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