



## YOUNG ARCHER



Personal message: Author Sita Brahmachari at the Archer Academy

### Author launches novel with students who inspired her

By Zaynah Khan and Ioanna Giakoumopoulou, Year 10  
The school's assembly hall was a-buzz as Sita Brahmachari launched her latest book *Tender Earth*, part of the "Artichoke Hearts" trilogy, describing it as the "close of an arc" for her. The author thanked the people who were a key influence on the series, including students from The Archer Academy themselves.

The novel follows the story of the protagonist, Laila, and her journey of "finding her own voice and discovering what she truly believes in". Sita Brahmachari hopes that the tale "could help young people have a sense of power and agency over their lives and community".

Sita Brahmachari first came to give a talk at our school two years ago when she mentioned writing stories about real life people and reflecting their communities. Student Nina Mansourian took the initiative and boldly asked "What about writing a story about us?" From there on, our school's relationship with the author has blossomed and she has "become a part of our school", as expressed by our head teacher Ms Harrison.



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### Seventeen wins in a season

Talented young footballers from Coldfall Primary School in Muswell Hill played their way to first place in the Haringey Primary Premier League. They were crowned champions after a hard-fought season in which they won 17 out of 18 games. The team included



Winners: Coldfall Primary's football team

eight players from Year 6: Archie Toucher, Albin Silk, Frankie Badacsonyi, Theo Macaulay, Elliot Burcher, Aaron Franks, Raphael Weston and Kasey Palmer; and two boys from Year 5: Sam Goldstone and Flynn Gillett.

PE teacher Mitchell Brownning said: "It has been an absolute pleasure to coach these boys and watch them develop as a team this year. To say I am proud of them would be an understatement. I hope the Year 6 players continue to grow and develop in secondary school."

### With a little help from my friends

By Sacha Blain  
I'm in Year 7 at the Archer Academy. In 2014, my dad was diagnosed with a brain tumour, and as it is my bar mitzvah year, I have made it my goal to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity.

Ever since I decided to raise money, my school has been there to help. I recently organised an own-clothes day at school and managed to raise over £450. In total I now have raised £1,400 and I am aiming for £2,000.

The Brain Tumour Charity does lots of work to try and find a cure for the 130 known types of brain tumour, but they also give advice to help families who need support. If you would like to donate, please go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sachablain13](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sachablain13).

### A return to fairyland

Former local resident Shirley Boatwright has published a follow-up to her first book about *The Fairies of Cherry Tree Wood* (*The Archer*, December 2016). Set in Cherry Tree Wood and Highgate Wood, Shirley describes *The Merry Band to the Rescue* as "a tale of courage, valour and daring".

In it the Fairy Queen of East Finchley Woods has been captured by Septimus, the King of the Spiders, who is holding her prisoner in Highgate Wood until she agrees to marry him. Will Elvina and her gang of insects be able to rescue Queen Clementine and will they be able to stop King Septimus bullying the animals in the wood?

These two books in Shirley's The Woodland Series are available on Amazon.



### A numerical tribute to George Michael

Singer songwriter George Michael was born on 25 June 1963 in Church Lane, N2, and died at the age of 53 on 25 December 2016 in Oxfordshire. Aziz Inan, a professor at the school of electrical engineering at the University of Portland, Oregon, US, with a fascination for number patterns, sent us this numerical tribute to one of his musical heroes:

1. The day number of Michael's birth and the day number of his death are each equal to 25.
2. Michael died at age 53 where 53 is the 16<sup>th</sup> prime number. Interestingly, the square of 16 equals 256, Michael's birth date, 25 June (25/6).
3. If numbers one to 26 are assigned to the letters of the English alphabet as A being 1, B being 2, C being 3, etc., the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of George equals 57 where the prime factors of 57, namely 3 and 19, differ by 16.

4. Moreover, if 25/12/2016 (the day he died) is split as 2512 and 2016, the sum of these two numbers equals 16 times 283 where 283 is the 61<sup>st</sup> prime number where the reverse of 61 is also 16. Additionally, the difference of 2512 and 2016 equals 16 times the sum of 25 and 6, the day and month numbers of Michael's birth.

5. George's 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday was interesting because as indicated before, 53 is the 16<sup>th</sup> prime number where 16 square gives his birth date, 25/6.  
6. 25 June 2017 marked Michael's 54<sup>th</sup> birthday where twice 54 yields 108 (George Michael).  
7. Michael's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday next year will also be special since the prime factors of 55, namely 5 and 11, add up to 16 and again, 16 square yields 25/6.

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