



YOUNG ARCHER



Prints charming: Artist Judith Devons helps students create a tree motif.

Hands-on art

By Darren Pearson

Students at The Archer Academy did more than put pencil to paper when visiting artists led a wide range of workshops as part of Big Draw Week. Techniques they learned included screen printing, computer game design, concrete casting, architecture, ceramic decals, comic book design, embossed foil drawings, rangoli and sgraffito art.

The school has also worked with Martin Primary School on a piece as part of the Destination East Finchley project, exploring themes around migration, inspired by the migrating artist Yayoi Kusama.

Light work

Online voting support from parents and members of the community helped TheArcherAcademy in Eagans Place, N2, to win £12,000 in funding from the Marks & Spencer Energy Fund. The school will use the money to launch an LED lighting project.

Christmas Jingle

By Diana Cormack

Jingle bells, Christmas smells filling up the house.
Christmas cheer, you won't hear a grumble or a grouse.
Carols sung, stockings hung, soon be Christmas Day.
If you listen hard enough you might hear Santa's sleigh.
Gifts to share, everywhere, what's in that big box?
Daddy's got such a lot – sixteen pairs of socks!

My days behind the counter at the hospice shop

By Otto Saxon-Stone

After completing my A-levels at Fortismere School and subsequently deferring my place at university in order to take a gap year, I found myself volunteering at North London Hospice's shop on the High Road in East Finchley.



Page turner: Coldfall teacher Melvina Roach reads to nursery children.

Are you sitting comfortably?

Story time is usually a highlight of the day for any primary school pupil. Now children everywhere can enjoy someone reading their favourite books, thanks to teachers at Coldfall Primary School in Muswell Hill.

Staff have recorded themselves reading picture books like *The Gruffalo*, *Slinky Malinky*, *Superworm* and *Bright Stanley*, and posted the short films on the school's website and YouTube (search Coldfall Primary School) for anyone to enjoy.

Thea Blain, aged seven, said: "The stories were really funny. I loved watching the teachers, especially Mr Morrissey reading *The Pobble Who Had No Toes*."

I was part of the more youthful demographic of volunteers but was embraced into a team bound together by their dedication to raise money for such a good cause. My fellow volunteers were a complete range of characters; from the energetic, workaholic manager Barbara, to the tea-offering, careful types like Leila and Dorothy.

How it works

People of all races, genders, religions and backgrounds come in to donate and the shop itself has a number of methods for raising money. If a piece of clothing or book is not fit for resale, it is packaged and recycled. For every kilogramme of recycled goods the shop will receive a small donation from the recycling company.

However, this is minuscule relative to the selling of carefully selected books and steamed clothes that are sold at the front of the shop. Large flows of donations allow us to change the stock continuously so that the shop remains refreshed and customers can always find something new.

You're welcome

If you're passing the shop, feel free to pop in and have a look as you may find something that you love. If you have unwanted bits and pieces that could be put to better use, do donate them to us and sign up to our gift aid system!

Finally if you want to make use of your free time helping a great cause, making friends and becoming embedded in the community then please volunteer as the shop is in need of volunteers!

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Christmas Services

Sunday 17th December

Get in the mood for Christmas!!

6.30 pm Christmas Carol Service

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Sunday 24th December

Christmas Eve

3.00 pm Children's Christmas Service
with Carols

11.30 pm Sung Midnight Mass

with Blessing of the Crib

followed by wine and mince pies

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

10.00 am Sung Mass of the Day

followed by refreshments

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Fr Christopher Hardy 020 8883 9315

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www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk

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Headscratcher

By Oliver Skanberg-Tippen

Transform the top word into the bottom word, altering just one letter and forming a new word on each rung of the ladder. Solution on page 11.

