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Giving it some welly: Alicia, aged six, helping her mum on Vale Farm Allotments in East Finchley wearing her mum's Hunter boots.

The Fashion & Design Club is aiming to publish a number of small books for fashion students with photos of items by Gucci, Givenchy, Armani, Chanel, Stella McCartney, Tom Ford and many others.

The club hopes photos of actual customers will make the books more interesting, along with any feedback they can give on where their fashion items were bought or given, how often they are used and good and bad points.

Shyer readers are welcome to submit a photo without their face in the picture, or just the garment or accessories themselves.

Photos can be sent as JPG attachments by email to luxfashionphotos@gmail.com. Readers must confirm that they own the rights to any supplied pictures and are willing for them to be published online or in print.

Spine-chilling tales told after school

School librarian Mrs Wolfe and her guest reader Hilary Townley sent chills down the spines of young pupils at the Archer Academy with spooky storytelling next to a classroom campfire. Here the youngsters tell us all about it:

Adam, Year 7

A little while ago our wonderful librarian Mrs Wolfe invited me to an event after school with a lady named Hilary Townley reading scary stories. The room was laid out with beanbags and there was popcorn which added to the 'sitting round the campfire' scene. A big virtual fireplace was playing on the whiteboard.

Hilary read the beginning of *13 Hours* by Narinder Dhani. I enjoyed the book so much I took it out and read it all!

Emily, Year 8

Hilary was an amazing story-teller. The blazing fire on the screen illuminated Hilary's face ominously.

Jake, Year 8

Some of the stories included were by Edgar Allan Poe, Anthony Horowitz and other notorious authors. Surprisingly, Roald Dahl was amongst them. We had popcorn, sweets and biscuits. Overall, it was great fun and definitely worth staying behind.

Niamh, Year 8

Even with the not-so-scary stories Hilary makes it so you look behind you to see what is there.

Sumaya, Year 8



Hilary's horror stories send ghosts wafting through the air, demons behind the table and zombies under the chairs.

Nawal, Year 9

Hilary reads with emotion and she makes you feel like you are listening to the real characters. I really hope she comes again.



Lydia Francis with her partner at The artsdepot.

Lydia loves the Lindy Hop

By Sophia Platts-Palmer

Readers may remember we reported 10 years ago on the first taste of stardom for Lydia Francis, then an 11-year-old pupil at Martin Primary School, when she starred in the student film *Emily and the Cuckoo Clock*, which was screened at the Phoenix Cinema.

A decade later, Lydia is now a professional dancer and teacher. Her favourite style of dance is the Lindy Hop, an energetic form of swing dance with African-American origins.

Currently, she teaches a swing fitness class called Swing Train in Chelsea and Lindy Hop classes at the North Finchley Arts Depot with fellow East Finchley native Cengiz Akbulut.

"It's so wonderful to have the opportunity to share this energetic and vibrant dance with my local community. We want to spread the Lindy Hop love as far as we can, and get Finchley dancing," said Lydia.

From ballet to swing

She also belongs to a dance troupe called The Skyliners, which is run by Swing Patrol, a dance company who host regular events and classes across London. In the spring, they will be competing at a large dance competition in Montpellier in southern France and are currently training very hard.

Lydia started her dance career at the age of five when she attended local ballet lessons at

the East Finchley Library. After demonstrating an aptitude for dancing, she progressed to the New London Performing Arts Centre in Muswell Hill.

She beat 50 other girls to land the leading role in *Emily...* and recalls being very excited to be interviewed by *The Archer* at the time.

Recently she took part in a charity production of *Grease* at artsdepot in North Finchley and has just survived five weeks of intensive training at a renowned dance camp in Sweden.

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

- ⊙ EF NCT meet Tuesdays 2.30pm at The Clissold Arms. Contact eastfinchley-nct@haringeynct.org or Facebook @eastfinchley.nct
- ⊙ Musical Tots: Mon 11am The Clissold Arms, Weds 11am at the Old White Lion and Fridays 11am at The Five Bells N2. [Katemusicaltots](https://www.facebook.com/katemusicaltots) on facebook.
- ⊙ Stepping Stones/Teddy Bears' Music: music and fun for 0-3s, East Finchley Baptist Church Tues and Thurs 10am. Liz 07836 284538.
- ⊙ Stay and Play Thurs 9.30-11.15 Green Man Centre, Gary 8359 3640

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