



# YOUNG ARCHER



Role models: Holy Trinity's young sports ambassadors

## Inspiration of many kinds at Holy Trinity School

Holy Trinity primary school started October with a visit from former Finchley pupil and acclaimed children's book illustrator Matt Forsythe. He ran a workshop with pupils in Years 1 and 2 around his new book *The Bad Mood and the Stick*, illustrated by Matt and written by 'Lemony Snicket'.

Matt described the children as "intelligent, curious and polite" and left them with the message that "if a half-wit artist like me can find his way in the world, they can achieve anything".

Inspiration of a different kind is being provided by four Year 5 students. The pupils are taking part in the Bronze Ambassador programme run by The Barnet Partnership for School Sport. The scheme develops young leaders by helping them to become ambassadors for PE, sport and healthy lifestyles in schools.

Following a training session at Allianz Park, the quartet are now leading playground games

with the younger pupils. Lisa Huegdon, senior teacher and PE co-ordinator at Holy Trinity, said: "It's wonderful to see these young leaders promoting our healthy school ethos. They are great role models for the younger children and are very proud of their responsibilities. I have seen their confidence grow already."

The academic year has already started with sporting success for the school which has been given the Gold School Games Award for the second year running. The award recognises the school's commitment to developing sports competition across the school and in the community.

## Tudor School's winning ways

Tudor Primary School is celebrating a winning streak after it received gold, silver and bronze awards for the work of its teachers and students last year.

The school in Queen's Road, N3, developed a healthy travel plan that was awarded a gold medal by Barnet Council. Student ambassadors encouraged their classmates to cycle and scoot more, and even did a stint making healthy fruit smoothies with pedal power.

Safety was a priority with student safety officers handing out parking tickets to badly-parked parents alongside the community police. In fact, the whole community came

together to talk about how safety on local streets could be improved, culminating with a decision from Barnet Council to install a new crossing on Squires Lane.

For its Sainsbury's School Games silver award, Tudor proved it had one of the most active sports offerings of any primary school in the borough, with over three quarters of its pupils engaged in extra-curricular sports clubs. Teacher Nathan Grandison commented: "When

so many of our kids speak English as a second language, our sports clubs can really help with integrating, socialising and building their confidence."

Finally, the school won a bronze award from ecoschools.org.uk (part of Keep Britain Tidy) for its environmental work. The students ran an 'upcycling competition' and produced a campaign to promote recycling in school, weighing rubbish to make students think about how much was being thrown away.

## How we got closer to our community

By Saul Freeman and Victor Bright, Year 7

At the Archer Academy we are enjoying 'thematic learning' where we study a theme and, whilst doing that, develop our skills in more regular school subjects, like maths, English and history.

We have been learning about the local area under our "Community" theme. It has made us more aware of current affairs and problems such as traffic, crime and litter, making us think about how these can be managed or improved to make people's lives in the community a little better.

For example, we had a discussion about the long abandoned Cherry Tree Wood pavilion. We had some fantastic ideas such as turning it into a cafe, an arcade, a gym and even a pub, though we're not confident that Barnet Council will actually want to use the plans we made!

Some important guests came in to tell us about the work they do. These included Rabbi Rebecca Birk, from Finchley Progressive Synagogue, local councillor Arjun Mittra, who provided some intriguing facts and figures, and Diana Cormack, of *The Archer* editorial team.

We conducted a survey set by the school where we went out onto the streets of N2 to ask questions of passers-by. The results were mixed but a clear majority of N2 residents thought that traffic and pollution were problems.

Our aim for this task was to learn about the local area but in doing that and conducting the surveys we found ourselves closer to the community than ever before. That was probably what the teachers had in mind from the start!



Street talk: Academy students interview an East Finchley resident.

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