



## YOUNG ARCHER



Celebrations: The Archer Academy upper school dancers won first prize...

### Students sweep the board in creative and performing arts

Teams of students from the Archer Academy in East Finchley came home with all the top prizes from two major dance and drama competitions. Two teams from the upper and lower school won first place in both their categories in the Barnet Dance Competition for the second year running. The judges noted that "the mixed gender casts stood out against the mainly all girl dance groups".

The teams will now go on to represent Barnet in the London Youth Games at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in east London. At the same time, The Archer Players were among 18 schools who took part in the prestigious Welwyn Garden City Youth Drama Festival, again with two teams representing the upper and lower school. Both teams took first place and will now go on to national competitions in the summer.

The drama teams both

focused on feminism, issues of equality and the significance of one's own actions. The adjudicators said the junior players performed "a spectacular piece of theatre" and the senior players "held their audience in a silent state". Headteacher Lucy Harrison said: "I am so very proud of all the staff and students involved in the drama and dance competitions. I can't wait to see what the teams do next in the London and national finals."



... and so did the school's lower school drama group.

### Comic on stage for cerebral palsy

Comedian James Acaster will perform a one-off show on this month in aid of the Bobath Centre's early intervention scheme that provides free clinical assessments and therapy for babies at risk of cerebral palsy.

The Bobath Centre in East End Road, N2, provides specialist physio, occupational and speech and language therapy to reduce the effects of the condition.

James is a TV regular on *Have I Got News for You*, *Mock the Week* and *8 Out of 10 Cats*, and has toured extensively with his solo show. He will be appearing at the Jackson's Lane, Archway Road, N6, on Wednesday 25 April at 8pm. Tickets priced £20 are available from: [www.jacksonslane.org.uk/whats-on/james-acaster](http://www.jacksonslane.org.uk/whats-on/james-acaster) or by contacting the box office on 020 8341 4421.



James Acaster

### Find your way into film

The Phoenix Cinema is launching a new project called Making Images: Art into Industry designed to introduce young people aged 16 to 19 to all aspects of the film industry.

The students will have an opportunity to make and exhibit their own films, meaning the project is particularly suitable for students of Film, Media, Art and Photography. They will learn about production, distribution, exhibition, and audience development.

It will run for nine months starting on 24 April. The course is fully funded and there will be no cost for the students taking part.

The course will include sessions with experienced tutors, access to a professional filmmaker, workshops with film industry professionals, expert advice from the Phoenix and an exclusive opportunity to curate a screening at the Phoenix.

If you'd like to get involved email [education@phoenixcinema.co.uk](mailto:education@phoenixcinema.co.uk) or call 020 3074 1967.



Silver medallists: The Coldfall Primary table tennis team finished second in the regional finals.

### Young players among England's best

After a very successful year of training and competition, the table tennis team from Coldfall Primary School in Muswell Hill have finished in the top eight in England for players under 11. The team members were Sam Gabriel, Noah Hacking, Josh Tiley-Hill, all from year five, and Ishay Haim, from year six.

They fought their way through the London finals in January and the South of England regional finals in Bristol in February to earn their place well inside England's top ten. Ishay Haim said: "Although we didn't finish first and were disappointed, we had a lot of fun and tried our best."

Evelyn Davies, head-

teacher of Coldfall Primary School, said: "It wasn't long ago that we invested in three outdoor tables and four indoor ones and the response has been phenomenal, engaging so many pupils who had never previously picked up a bat. We are super proud of the team for their phenomenal achievement."



Special effects: The Popcorn group youngsters sing while on a green screen 'magic carpet'.

### Screen magic for young performers

A new Saturday morning film and theatre workshop is proving popular with its young members who get a chance to practise their performance skills for stage and video.

POPCORN is aimed at children aged five to 11 and runs at the Archer Academy in Eagans Close for two and a half hours on Saturday mornings during term time.

The young performers sing songs from musicals, read poems, play games, dance and film themselves with exciting special effects like a green screen.

Eden Edlin, aged six, said: "When my mummy told me about POPCORN Film and Theatre Workshop, I thought

it sounded like it would be so much fun and I was very excited. We are going to make a film of us all performing which will be shown at the Phoenix Cinema during the summer. I cannot wait to see myself on the big screen."

POPCORN Film and Theatre Workshop is running a 12-week Film Stars Workshop starting on Saturday 21 April. Find more information at [www.popcorn-workshop.co.uk](http://www.popcorn-workshop.co.uk) or contact group leader Debs on 07932 686139.

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Durham Road, East Finchley  
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**Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m.**

(11.00 a.m. on Wednesdays)

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