

Star helps pupils' tribute

Children from Oakland Primary School, Hanwell, have taken part in a musical collaboration with parent and star of successful band, The Magic Numbers, Michele Stodart (pictured above with a pupil playing a xylophone). Together, they have created a CD in memory of a year six student, Shanade Sharma, who died last year.

All 517 students at the school took part in the project with some singing and some playing instruments.

The project has already got off to a flying start with the school featuring on a Radio 2 session with Dermot O'Leary.

The recording is called The Oaklands Sessions and went on sale on in

July. It is available as a digital download from iTunes or the CD can be ordered from www.theoaklandssessions.com

Proceeds from the sale will go to the Dog's Trust, Shanade's favourite charity, and also to a fund to buy new play equipment for the school.



Healthy curiosity

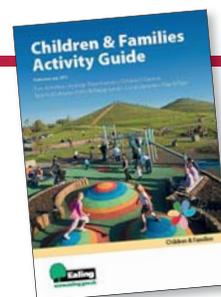
Students from four Acton primary schools were given the opportunity to quiz experts on healthy living.

The special 'health question time' was held at Berrymede Junior School, where its year five pupils were joined by those from St Vincent's, West Twyford and West Acton primaries.

Childhood obesity in our borough is on the rise, with 36.7% of 10-11 year-olds either overweight or obese. The most recent survey of our primary school pupils found that 12% ate a take-away more than three times a week and 17% said they had been bullied because of their size.

Councillor Jasbir Anand, cabinet member for children and families, said: "There is a lot of confusion about the best way to eat and live healthily. Events like this help by giving children the space and time to ask questions and be given the most accurate information directly by professionals."

1 Keep your children active all year round by getting your hands on a guide specially prepared to set out all the activities on offer to help you plan weekend routines and something different for the school holidays. You can request a copy by emailing children@ealing.gov.uk or view it online at www.ealing.gov.uk/children



2 Students from Villiers High School in Southall have been taking part in first aid training. The 11-14 year-olds were taught how to manage bleeding, choking, resuscitation and more. The students were then to pass on their new knowledge to other pupils and the community through a series of assemblies and a stall at the school fair.

3 Ealing's young athletes achieved their best results for a decade at the London Youth Games. The team, brought together by the council's Active Ealing service, secured 10th overall position this year. They also managed a top 10 position in 17 sports, including weightlifting, cricket (boys' and girls' groups), disability football (girls), angling, kayak sprint, girls tag rugby, netball, cross country (boys) mixed fencing, judo (boys), cycling (BMX), swimming, tennis (girls), table tennis (boys), boccia and trampolines.

4 Dads spent the day bonding as part of a special Fathers' Day event held at West Middlesex Golf Club. Fathers of pupils at Dormers Wells Primary, along with uncles and grandfathers too, joined in the specially arranged golf day to get to know each other and increase the community spirit at the school.

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