



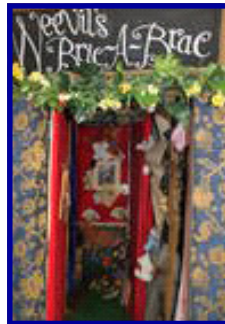
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# WEST C COLLABORATIVE EXTENDED SERVICES NEWSLETTER

## May 2010

### PUNCHDRUNK PROJECT

The Spring term saw the largest cross-collaborative project to date successfully completed. Punchdrunk Theatre ran the installation of *Weevil's Bric-a-Brac Shop* in all 6 schools. The project targeted KS2 children to help inspire their creative writing skills but almost all of the 1,890 pupils in the West C Collaborative were able to access the experience as well. The whole event has received universally positive feedback from pupils, staff and families. Open sessions were held for parents and carers to attend, giving them the opportunity to support their child's learning and join in the fun!



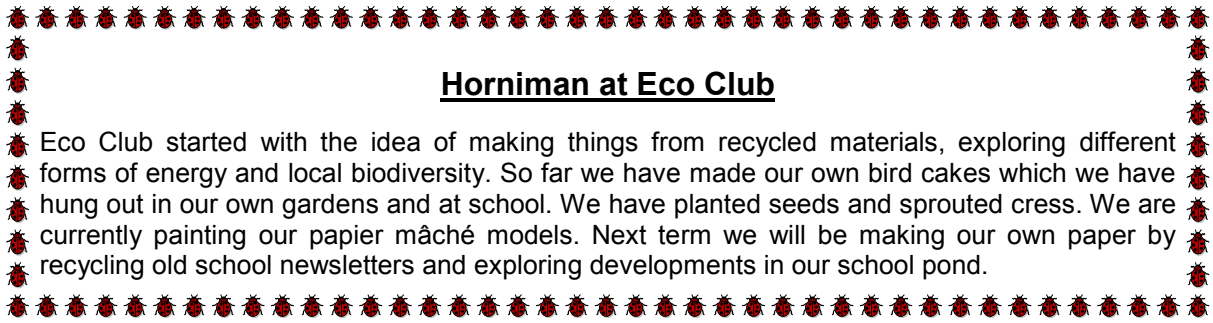
*"My experience in the bric-a-brac shop was spooky, freaky and weird. Mrs Weevil looked like a normal person, but she was actually very strange and she suited the bric-a-brac shop. There were fascinating things such as stuffed animals, plastic toys and underwear. Most people didn't know what a bric-a-brac shop was so it was quite surprising when we walked through a dark cramped door. We entered a tiny, dim room, Mrs Weevil gave us the most mysterious drink ever, it was apparently called 'moon water'. At the end, when we just about to leave, she gave us a little envelope which had a little button in it. The bric-a-brac shop.....suddenly disappeared."*

Y5 pupil—Horniman School

### Sydenham Dance Festival

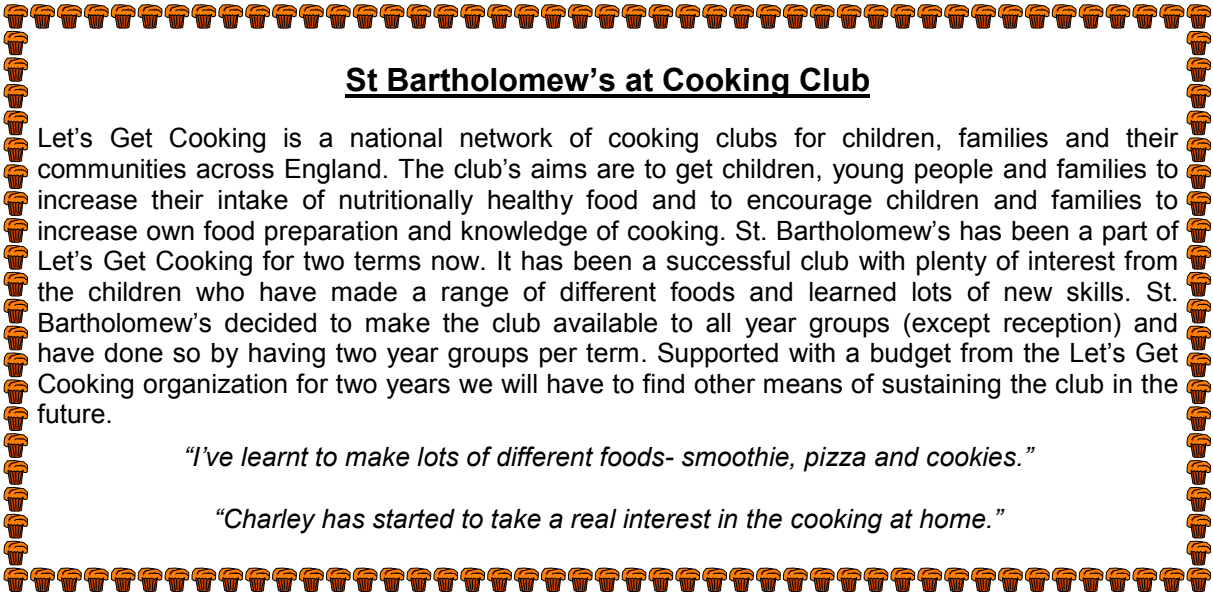
Sydenham dance Festival took place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 3.45 -5.30pm. It was hosted by Sydenham Girls School. All six primaries in our collaborative took part and performed a dance that they had learnt during their after school lessons. There was a huge amount of talent and the performances included yoga, cheerleading and street dance. There were also dance performances by Forest Hill and Sydenham Schools. The event was greatly enjoyed by all.

# CLUB NEWS FROM ACROSS THE COLLABORATIVE



### Horniman at Eco Club

Eco Club started with the idea of making things from recycled materials, exploring different forms of energy and local biodiversity. So far we have made our own bird cakes which we have hung out in our own gardens and at school. We have planted seeds and sprouted cress. We are currently painting our papier mâché models. Next term we will be making our own paper by recycling old school newsletters and exploring developments in our school pond.

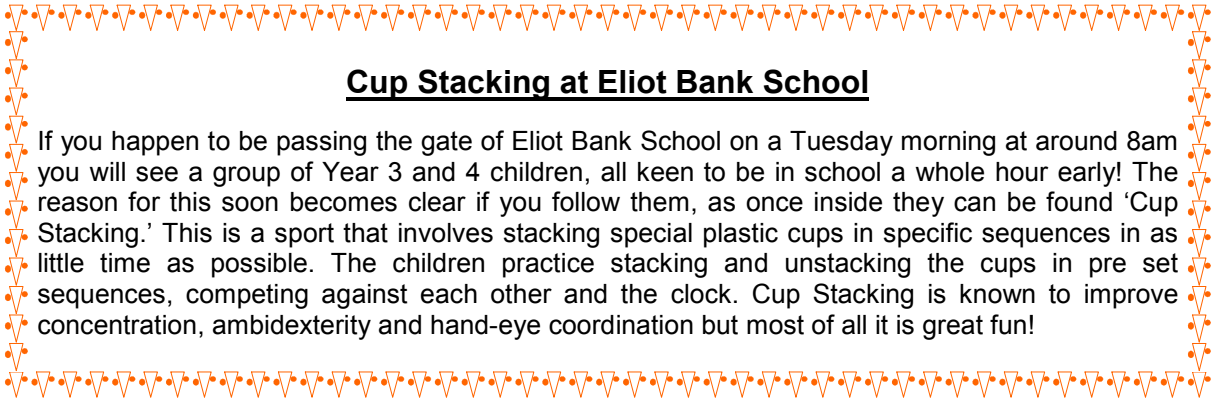


### St Bartholomew's at Cooking Club

Let's Get Cooking is a national network of cooking clubs for children, families and their communities across England. The club's aims are to get children, young people and families to increase their intake of nutritionally healthy food and to encourage children and families to increase own food preparation and knowledge of cooking. St. Bartholomew's has been a part of Let's Get Cooking for two terms now. It has been a successful club with plenty of interest from the children who have made a range of different foods and learned lots of new skills. St. Bartholomew's decided to make the club available to all year groups (except reception) and have done so by having two year groups per term. Supported with a budget from the Let's Get Cooking organization for two years we will have to find other means of sustaining the club in the future.

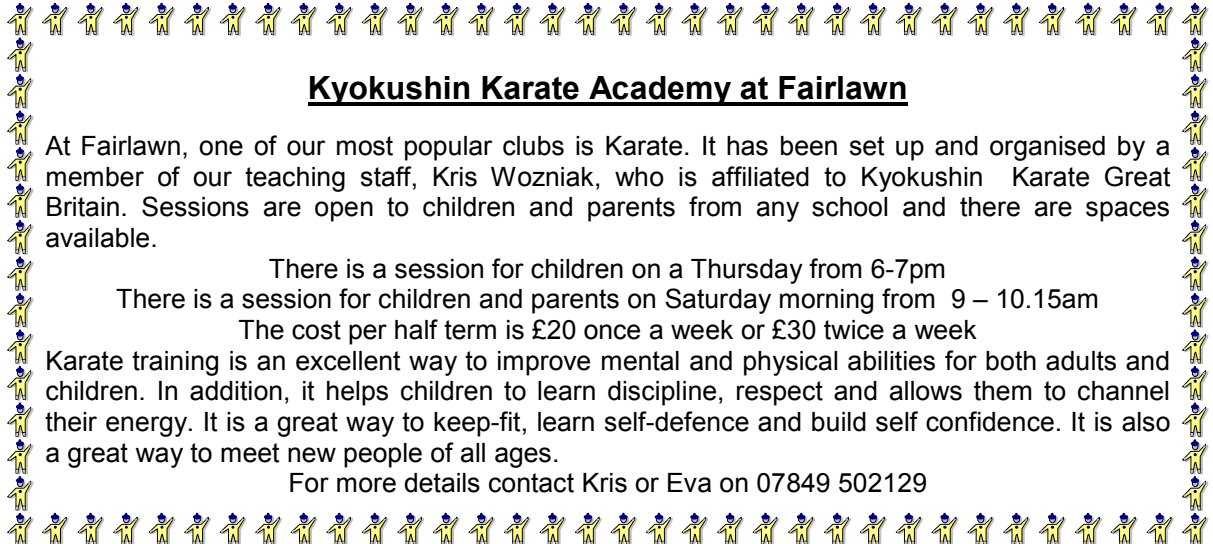
*"I've learnt to make lots of different foods- smoothie, pizza and cookies."*

*"Charley has started to take a real interest in the cooking at home."*



### Cup Stacking at Eliot Bank School

If you happen to be passing the gate of Eliot Bank School on a Tuesday morning at around 8am you will see a group of Year 3 and 4 children, all keen to be in school a whole hour early! The reason for this soon becomes clear if you follow them, as once inside they can be found 'Cup Stacking.' This is a sport that involves stacking special plastic cups in specific sequences in as little time as possible. The children practice stacking and unstacking the cups in pre set sequences, competing against each other and the clock. Cup Stacking is known to improve concentration, ambidexterity and hand-eye coordination but most of all it is great fun!



### Kyokushin Karate Academy at Fairlawn

At Fairlawn, one of our most popular clubs is Karate. It has been set up and organised by a member of our teaching staff, Kris Wozniak, who is affiliated to Kyokushin Karate Great Britain. Sessions are open to children and parents from any school and there are spaces available.

There is a session for children on a Thursday from 6-7pm  
There is a session for children and parents on Saturday morning from 9 – 10.15am  
The cost per half term is £20 once a week or £30 twice a week

Karate training is an excellent way to improve mental and physical abilities for both adults and children. In addition, it helps children to learn discipline, respect and allows them to channel their energy. It is a great way to keep-fit, learn self-defence and build self confidence. It is also a great way to meet new people of all ages.

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