

KIDS' CORNER

Jenny Forbes fills us in on some regal school news and beastly buys for children



ROYAL SONG FOR THE DUCHESS

The Duchess of Cornwall recently succeeded Princess Alexandra as the 14th patron of The Royal School Hampstead and her celebratory visit was the occasion for a performance of a newly commissioned school song, written especially for the event by the school's Director of Music, Mrs Kate Casper. The day was also marked by the presentation of a Royal School silver charm, as a memento of her visit to one of London's oldest girls' schools.

The Royal School Hampstead, 65 Rosslyn Hill NW3
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RAD STEPS INTO NORTH LONDON

NorthWest spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening at *Step into Dance LIVE!*, admiring the pick of dancers from north London schools. This year the Royal Academy of Dance has taken *Step into Dance* into 28 secondary schools, providing free weekly dance classes to over 400 students.

The event itself was the culmination of a pilot dance programme which has been sponsored by the Jack Petchey Foundation. Jack Taylor School from Camden was one of 12 secondary schools represented on the night.

If you or your school are interested in getting involved please contact Charlotte Slayford at cslayford@rad.org.uk

CREATURE COMFORTS

These delightful animal bean bags are colourful, fun and sure to be a big hit with the kids. Available in a variety of animals and materials, these comfortable pals would make a great alternative to playroom chairs or a versatile and amusing seating option in the modern family's household. Easily washable and with safety standards as a priority, Beastly Bags are not only practical but also extremely attractive additions for both the big and small kids in your family.

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SNUG AS A BUG

Exclusive to Bb London and guaranteed to keep your baby toasty warm, these super-soft cashmere blankets (£129) are perfect for baby travel. A lovely new baby present or christening gift, the 100% cashmere wraps offer a touch of classic chic, with their chunky stripes in antique cream and baby blue or soft rose.

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THE EYES HAVE IT

David Clulow opticians are launching a new kids range suitable for children from infancy to early adulthood. Designer frames from Prada, D&G and Ray-Ban as well as a fun and stylish own-brand collection will be available, including styles that can be purchased with an NHS voucher. The range is ideal for parents looking for expert advice on looking after young eyes, as well as offering a wide range of choice for those searching for 'back to school' glasses.

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