

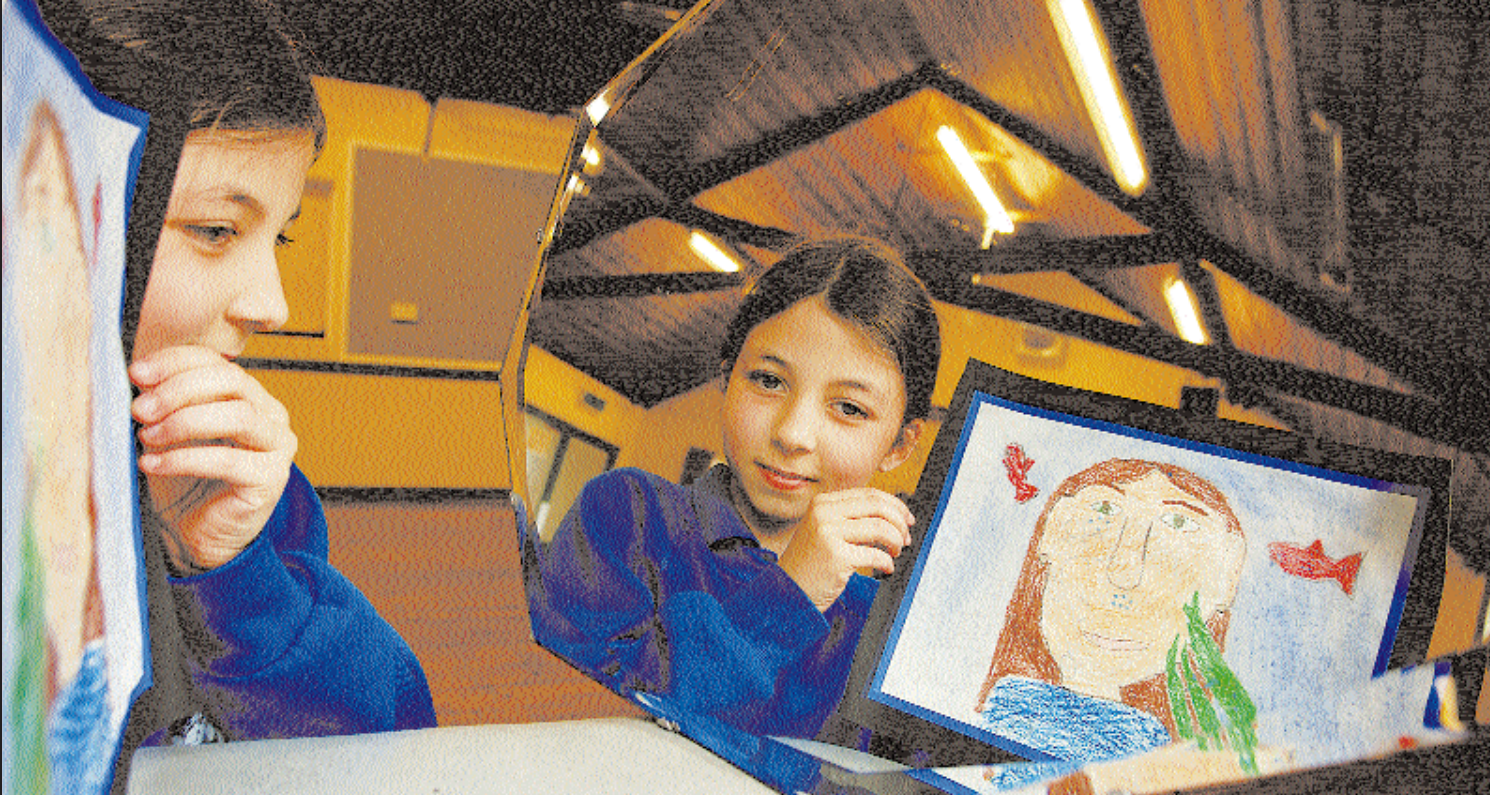
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Saturday:
Open until 6pm: Moss Chemists, 92 Colman Road. Moss Pharmacy, Willow Wood Surgery, Aslake Close, Sprowston.
Open until 7pm: Moss Chemists (inside Waitrose); Church Lane, Eaton.
Open until 8pm: Tesco's Pharmacy, Blue Boar Lane, Sprowston.
Open until 10pm: Sainsbury Pharmacy, Pound Lane.

Sunday:
Open 9am until 1pm: Moss Chemists 92 Colman Road.
Open 10am until 4pm: Sainsbury Pharmacy, Pound Lane. Moss Chemists (inside Waitrose), Church Lane, Eaton. Tesco Pharmacy, Blue Boar Lane, Sprowston.
Open 6pm until 7pm: Hurn Chemists, 143 Unthank Road; Manor Pharmacy, 323 Aylsham Road; T Hunt, Heartsease Pharmacy, 205 Plumstead Road.

News in brief

Mirror image: A pupil from Rockland St Mary Primary School taking part in the science and art project. PHOTO: ANGELA SHARPE



Children's poems and art inspired by science

Science and the arts are being brought together under an innovative project to fire children's imaginations. SAW, which stands for Science, Art and Writing, is the brainchild of Norwich-based plant biologist Anne Osbourn, and aims to use scientific images to inspire children's poetry and artwork. Pupils at Rockland St Mary Primary School and Framingham Earl High School have been putting the concept to the test with the help of visiting artists and poets. The children were shown photographic images such as the

earth from space, an ammonite or salt crystals under a microscope, to inspire creativity. In response, the youngsters have created exciting artwork and imaginative poetry. "Visual images are a wonderful starting point for adventures," said Dr Osbourn, senior plant biologist at Norwich Research Park's Sainsbury Laboratory. "Striking photographs from science are crying out to be explored through words and art. "This unison of science, art and creative writing represents a powerful way of bringing science into everyday life."

Dr Osbourn was so thrilled with the pupils' work that she set up her own printing company, SAW Press, to publish the collection. Now the stunning results will be available for all to see when her book See Saw is launched next week. Ken Holbeck, head teacher at Rockland, said he felt privileged that the school was part of the project. "This work fires the creative process and makes connections between science and arts in the children's minds. I think Anne Osbourn is quite inspirational," he said. The SAW project was made

possible only when Dr Osbourn was given a fellowship by National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts and chose to take a year out to fulfil her writing ambitions at the University of East Anglia's School of Literature. She is now planning more projects with other schools and hopes the SAW initiative will inspire teachers nationally to forge more links between science and the arts. **→ Do you have an education story? Call reporter Hugh Bowring at the Evening News on (01603) 772447 or e-mail hugh.bowring@archant.co.uk**

Genuine collectors

Bosses at St John Ambulance have moved to reassure families that genuine collectors were operating in the Great Yarmouth area. A misunderstanding meant the charity issued a statement which the Evening News printed yesterday stating a bogus collector was posing as a collector for the organisation. But there were five genuine collectors working in the seaside town which the charity has now withdrawn after the mix-up. The team of collectors are pulling out on Sunday and will then commence work in the Norwich area. Mike Poulton, county finance officer for St John Ambulance, said: "All members of the team have photo-identity cards displayed on their jackets. "On each card there is also a personal identity number that may be used to verify the authenticity of the collector."

Sell-off rumour denied

Rumours that a playground in Caister is to be sold because it is attracting anti-social behaviour have been denied by borough council officers. The children's playground on Covent Garden was marked to be sold following a review of all the play areas in the Great Yarmouth borough. Emma Dixon, environmental strategy officer for Yarmouth Borough Council, said there had been some confusion about the location of the site to be sold. She said: "The site going up for sale is the children's playground actually on Covent Garden — not the teenage facilities on the large playing field at Diana Way. "Word has been going around that it is the skatepark that is being sold due to anti-social behaviour. This is simply not true. "The land was identified for sale several years back. The sale has nothing to do with anti-social behaviour."

Gaby on city stage

Former Big Breakfast presenter Gaby Roslin will be coming to Norwich to appear in a stage adaptation of the hit movie When Harry Met Sally. The TV presenter, who made her West End debut as Mama Morton in Chicago in 2002, will be appearing alongside former Coronation Street actor Jonathan Wrather in the production at Norwich's Theatre Royal. The comedy can be seen at the Theatre Street venue from Monday, June 20 until Saturday, June 25.

Ready to steam in

Norfolk's steam railways have attracted a dedicated group of train enthusiasts from the West Country. The Bristol group of the Great Western Society was due to visit the county this weekend to see the railways of Nene Valley, North Norfolk and Wells and Walsingham.

Catch an info bus

Members of the public have been reminded that they can access information from the Broadland Information Bus every week. The bus will be in the car park of the Fakenham Road branch of Budgens in Drayton every Friday between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Staff will be able to issue bus, rail, and leisure passes from the bus.

Caravan sex attack man has jail sentence halved

SNAPSHOT

A rapist who indecently assaulted a teenage girl in a Great Yarmouth caravan site has had his jail sentence halved for that offence. His barrister said the offence was not in the "worst" category of indecent assaults.

A convicted rapist who indecently assaulted a girl in Great Yarmouth has had his jail term slashed. Paul Gibbons, 40, from Derby, was doing a charity cycle ride around the country when he met his 19-year-old victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons. He was jailed for six years at

Norwich Crown Court after being found guilty of indecently assaulting the terrified teenager in a holiday park caravan last June. Following the guilty verdict in February, the court heard Gibbons, who had denied the charge, had already served a seven-year jail term for raping a woman in 1991. On that occasion, he forced his victim into a car and raped her in a country lane after threatening her. His Yarmouth attack happened after he had met the teenager in a pub in Gillingham, Kent, while doing a cycle ride round the country to raise money for a charity. She had studied music and dancing at college, and Gibbons lured her to Norfolk after saying

he could help with a career and also get her into a recording studio. He gained her confidence and she gave him her phone number. When she went to meet him in the caravan, Gibbons got astride her as she lay watching TV and despite her protests, indecently assaulted her. London's Criminal Appeal Court has now halved his jail term, which the sentencing judge had said was longer than the normal term that would apply to such an offence. His barrister, Mathew Dance, had argued that this was not an appropriate case to impose both a longer than normal sentence as well as an extended licence period. He submitted that the case was not in the "worst" category of

indecent assaults. While reducing the sentence, Mr Justice Walker, sitting with Mr Justice Hughes, increased the extended licence term from three to four years. This means that if he steps out of line once in the four years after he completes his custodial term, he can be recalled to prison. Mr Justice Walker noted Gibbons' culpability was high as the cyclist had deceived his victim by claiming he could offer her work to tempt her to join him in Yarmouth. Gibbons had 12 previous convictions for 33 offences, including being jailed for the 1991 rape. **Simon Parkin** simon.parkin@archant.co.uk