



**INTO THE LIGHT** Nathan from Tibshelf Community School and Adam from The Bolsover School in Robin Hood cave at Creswell Crags .

The inspirational setting of historic Creswell Crags provided the back-drop for "The Meadows" - an ambitious week-long festival of creativity featuring over 800 talented pupils from 24 schools all over Bolsover, Ashfield and Mansfield engaging in a number of different activities including dance, art and creative writing.



**JUMP TO IT** Dancers from Tibshelf Community School practicing prior to their cave performance as part of Shine Week at Creswell Crags in Nottinghamshire.

## CREATIVITY FOR EVERYONE

CHILDREN at a Wirral primary school were showing their creative sides during events to mark national Shine Week.

Pupils at Hayfield school in Upton, which caters for children with moderate learning difficulties, opted for a creative arts week, which combined multi-cultural events with drama and health-based projects.

The children watched a drama production called 'Stupidism',

performed by Birkenhead-based Active Drama, which looks at issues of discrimination, before taking part in interactive workshops.

They were also taking part in a project to create healthy eating lunchboxes, before holding a party in their classrooms.

Other events include an African cooking and tasting session, anti-bullying events, martial arts and Indian dance.

There was a special Superlambanana project and themes surrounding the Ben Johnson landscape project.

Teacher Caroline Pemberton, said: "There is a lot of creative arts but we do that all the time.

"The issue for us is looking for something which will help us to



interact with the children.

"The whole curriculum has to be multi sensory and interactive. You have to be creative to engage them."

**CREATIVE** Hanfield School in Moreton take part in shine week, pictured is Teaching assistant Sarah Tierney with seven-year-old Ella Clarke.



**WALKING TALL** Anna Graham, 15, modelling a recycled outfit on the catwalk.

# It's plastic fantastic

**G**IRLS at a Wirral School on Merseyside have been proving they can cut it on the catwalk as part of the nationwide Shine Week.

Pupils from Upton Hall school organised their own dance, music and fashion show with a difference, designing the clothing using experimental art and recycled materials.

They then strutted their stuff on the catwalk in two shows for a selected audience.

The school have also put together an art exhibition at different locations across the school to showcase the talents of their GCSE and A-level art students, together with an artists in residence project.

And there was an exhibition at Arrowe Park hospital, where 50 framed pieces of artwork by pupils were on display in the maternity and post-natal wards.

Shine Week is a nationwide project which gives young people the chance to showcase their all talents from art and music to theatre and enterprise.

Ann Spears, head of art and director of specialism, training school and communication at Upton Hall, said: "What we have done is to look for opportunities to showcase pupils' talent.

"But it is not just creative arts. We have asked all the staff to highlight pupils across the school who have achieved top levels in different areas."

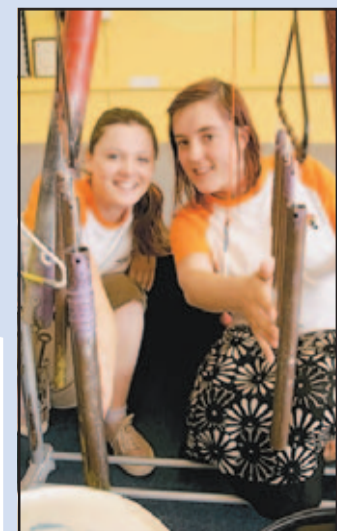
## Putting the funk in junk

**ARTISTIC** youngsters used recycled materials to reflect their feelings about their old and new schools.

The Funky Junk art workshop visited Hardwick Primary School to help pupils explore the £100m regeneration of their Stockton community.

Delivered by Melting Pot Arts, the project focused mainly on the construction of the new £4m Hardwick Green Primary School. The arts session was followed by a drama and songwriting event.

The project, funded by Barratt and Haslam Homes, gave pupils a chance to learn about the environment, as well as the regeneration and construction of their new school. Headteacher Ruth Pickering said: "This project has given us an opportunity to offer our children even more creative activities."



**FUNKY FEMALES** Kim Lewis and Jess Chapman of Melting Pot Arts at Hardwick Primary School, Stockton where they helped organise a 'Funky Junk' session for the children.