



Small talk

Things to do and buy with the kids on The Hill

What a scoot

Everyone knows the Mini Micro scooter, the pink or blue three-wheelers that turn dawdling toddlers into speedy pavement demons. But when children reach about five, they grow out of them – so Londoners Anna Gibson and Philippa Gogarty have devised the next step, the Maxi Micro, a bigger and more grown up version for children aged six to 11. Available in purple, it's out just in time for Christmas and available online at www.micro-scooters.co.uk.

Ballet shoes

The North Kensington-based London Children's Ballet has released five of its sell-out shows on DVD for those who missed them in the West End. These make ideal Christmas presents to introduce children of all ages to ballet and are sure to inspire those who dream of appearing on stage themselves. Profits from the DVD sales go to support LCB, which is run as a charity.

www.londonchildrensballet.com

Run Santa run

Hundreds of Santas are set to descend on Kensington Gardens on 29 November for Santas on the Run, a 3km lap to raise money for children's hospices. The race begins at 9.30am at the Albert Memorial and runners are invited to sign up in advance at

www.santasonthesun.org.uk and start raising sponsorship. Entry is £15 for adults, £7.50 for children under 13 or £35 for a family of four. Runners all receive a Santa suit and a goodie bag, plus a medal on finishing.

