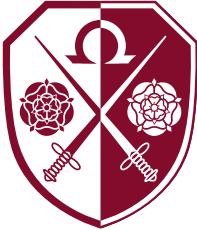




**EAST
BARNET
SCHOOL**  *"I want to learn"*

END OF YEAR MAGAZINE

2015 - 2016



A LARGE INSPIRATIONAL FAMILY!



Whenever I read our End of Year Magazine, I am always amazed by the huge number and variety of activities which have taken place beyond normal lessons. I genuinely cannot think that any other school in the country can have such a busy schedule of events! I therefore want to begin my article by expressing sincere thanks to our fabulous members of staff who give endlessly of their time, beyond the call of duty, to ensure that our students have such wonderful educational experiences.

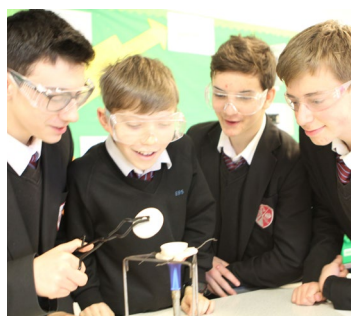
I want to share some comments made by visitors to our school with the EBS community because they really should make us all proud: "You are truly an inspiring education family committed to prepare future leaders who are fully equipped with inclusive values" tweeted Alex Ntung, one of our recent inspirational speakers, whose life story has been captured in an excellent book titled *Not My Worst Day*. "The children of this school are the most engaging and creative that I have come across; and I visit a lot of schools" said an eminent businessman to his audience of students and guests. "Your students are special; this is the kind of

school I want my children to come to," said another speaker attending one of our special Year 12 activity days. All these comments were made during the penultimate week of term when our school is full of visitors adding an inspirational touch to the education we offer our students. To capture it all, another guest said to me "I came here to inspire, but I leave inspired. What a fabulous school!"

Even OFSTED had to come up with some special language to describe our ethos! They decided to write a special case study of our school in September to capture the amazing work we do to inspire our most able students. "A strong emphasis is placed on inspiring and motivating this is very successful and is echoed in every aspect of the school."

What gives me the greatest pleasure is seeing our "*I want to learn*" philosophy resonating around the school. It was once an idea; it is now our culture. I could not feel more proud than I do to lead such a fantastic school community; it is like a large inspirational family!

N. Christou
Headteacher

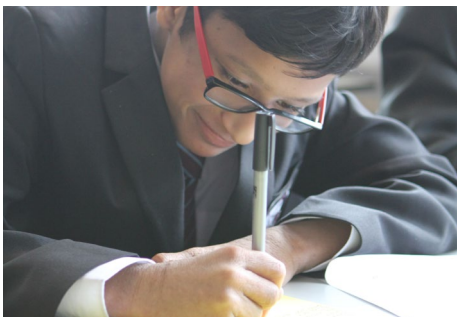


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YEAR 7
FIRST DAY
3RD SEPT '15

EBS ROBOTICS

Another great year for the students of EBS Robotics! The new VEX Robotics challenge continues to increase in difficulty, testing the students' ability to develop good design and programming, as well as showcasing the best in engineering and teamwork.

Congratulations to *Virus Robotics*, who have now retired from the EBS Robotics Club as they are moving on to study at University. *Virus Robotics* proudly reached the quarter finals of the VEX Robotics World Championships in Kentucky, USA. Well done to the senior students Joanna Foley, Joel Merryweather and Luke Merryweather.

The tail end of the season has been even more exciting for the younger EBS Robotics students. Year 7 have experienced a full year of competition and their first UK VEXiQ Robotics finals. They felt the stress of competition and it was a huge learning curve for them, but they are off to a good start. The VEXiQ EBS Robotics team, *Flash Robotics*, consists of Year 7 students: Finn Emmens-Green, Dominic Vald, Rowan Cummins, Daniel Eshkeri and Year 9 student, Peter Durrant.

Particular congratulations to Dominic Vald of *Flash Robotics* for finishing 1st in the world and winning the VEX Robotics Virtual Worlds Competition in the USA. This means, EBS has become the first school in the UK to win a VEX Worlds competition, and to win this in the programming category is a massive achievement for any student, even more so for a Year 7! So well done to Dominic, and the rest of the team, for helping him to achieve this. We will look to enter more programming skills challenges in the 2016/17 season. All eyes are on *Flash Robotics* in the VEX community.

The other senior EBS Robotics team, *Volt Robotics*, consists of James Kidd, Gavin Yoruk-Theobald & Aaron Frankel. The 2016/17 season will be their last at EBS, so we wish them good luck as they aim to secure more design, engineering and CAD awards and attempt to win what will be a sixth Championship in a row, a first for an EBS Robotics team.

Volt Robotics Autodesk Computer Aided Design work and presentations continue to set the standards amongst all schools taking part in the VEX Design competitions. EBS work is seen as the best and even used by Autodesk on their global website! Their work was also recognised earlier in the season at a regional competition when judged by a senior member of the IET (Institute of Engineering and Technology). He commented positively on their VEX Robotics design work and final rendering saying how it was similar to that of his 3rd year degree students. Another wonderful achievement.

This year, we had to overcome additional hurdles and financial sponsorship challenges. As a result, a lot of thought has gone into securing funding for the 2016/17 competition season to build a competitive VEX Robot - teams are already on the case with sponsorship! We had originally secured funding from FANUC last season but unfortunately they were unable to continue. Nevertheless, we have been on the phones hard-pitching our success and have already secured three NEW sponsors before the start of the season and by the end of term we hope to have another BIG sponsor.

The students of EBS Robotics continue to rebuild, reprogram, re-evaluate and refine their robots ready for the start of the 2016/17 season, and there continues to be massive interest in next year's regional and national competitions. There are two new teams in EBS Robotics and we hope to perform even better than before.

It's been a fantastic year again for EBS Robotics and may their success continue throughout 2016/17.

Wish us good luck for the competitions ahead.

Mr Sadler, Technology Faculty - EBS Robotics

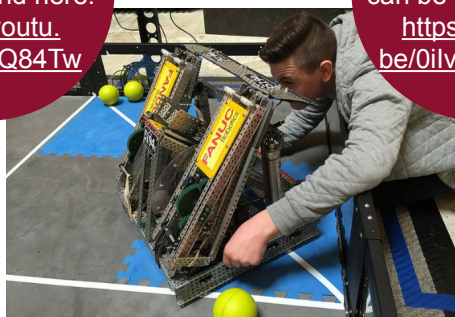
- Follow *Volt Robotics* on their journey: www.youtube.com/voltrobotics or keep updated on their Twitter: [@VoltRobotics](https://twitter.com/VoltRobotics)
- Follow *Flash Robotics* on Twitter [@flashrobotics](https://twitter.com/flashrobotics) & watch their developments and Danegrove Robotics lessons
- Lots more pictures can be seen on the EBS Robotics Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ebrobotics/>



Details
of the new VEX
EDR Challenge
can be found here:
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VEXiQ Challenge
can be found here:
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LARA SPAREY
DESIGNER IN RESIDENCE



Another productive year as 'Designer in Residence' at East Barnet School has come to a close, with plenty of great input and enthusiasm from the wonderful EBS Design Team.

Our current project is to design, make and install some new seating under the canopies in the main

outside area. This project will continue into the next school year, so all new and existing students wanting to get involved in this and other exciting design projects please be sure to join the EBS Design Team. The EBS Design Team meet every Thursday lunchtime in room 219.

Lara Sparey



CAROLINE GREEN
WRITER IN RESIDENCE



I can't really believe I have just completed my fourth year at East Barnet. The time seems to have flown by.

When I first came to the school, my fledgling Creative Writing Club comprised seven or eight loyal members, who turned up week after week. The group was so small that I was able to dedicate my

third book, *Hold Your Breath*, to the students by name.

Most of that group still attend but this year has seen an explosion in numbers. Now, there are 34 potential members of the club. In fact, the weekly sessions were becoming so big that I realised something had to be done. Following advice from Mr White and Mr Seckleman, I decided I had to split the group into two, with each group meeting every other week.

At first this news was met with disappointment by the students, but they quickly got used to the new regime and I'm now often surprised by how well everyone remembers which week is 'theirs'. My time with these funny, talented students remains one of the highlights of my working week.

I have also enjoyed helping Ms Somerville this year with Triple E School, where students have been creating picture books online. The Carnegie Shadowing Club, run by Ms Somerville and Mrs LaTulip has also been enormous fun.

This was the first year that Ms LaTulip and I ran a comic book/graphic novel club in the Library, based around the Stan Lee Excelsior Award. It was wonderful to meet a group of students who wouldn't have been drawn to either the Carnegie club or creative writing. This venture was so successful that we hope to run the club again next year.

As we come to the end of the school year I'd like to thank Mr Christou again for inviting me into EBS (and letting me stay...) and all the staff who make me feel like, as one put it, 'part of the furniture.'

I wish everyone a relaxing summer break and look forward to next year.

Caroline Green



Check out this year's Creative Writing book on the school website: News > Writer in Residence

GORDON WARNECKE
ACTOR IN RESIDENCE



Another school year is almost over and again another enjoyable one for me and I hope the students as well. The Thursday lunchtime drama class has been rolling along and is attended by Year 8 and 9 students on a voluntary basis. Sometimes there are as many as 15 in the class, which is great to see, especially as they are

giving up their lunch times. The class is a lot of fun and as it's all improvisational work the students really come up with some amazing scenarios which has me as well as the 'audience' in fits of laughter.

Straight after the lunchtime drama I teach the Year 7s as part of the EEE curriculum. It is a 4 week cycle and comprises of 2 students from each Year 7 form. Apart from the obvious delight they show when they learn that they will not be given any homework or have any written work to do for the following 50 minutes, their overall enthusiasm and willingness to participate in improvisations, as well as starting each class with a gentle physical and vocal work out, has been approached with great vigour and some fantastic work has come out of it. Many of the students have been involved in some sort of drama before and those who are slightly shy are soon joining in with the rest of their friends. The joy for me has been and always will be, to see young people being allowed to express themselves through drama and, apart from having fun, to also learn about themselves and each other through acting.

The after school drama class on a Monday is just five students, again they attend voluntarily, from Year 8. These students also attend the lunchtime drama class but the after school session is much more focussed on acting technique and we are currently working on three scenes from Oscar Wilde's *The Importance Of Being Earnest* which will be shown as a rehearsed reading with some staging to various members of staff and students in the week before the school breaks up for the summer.

I was extremely pleased to be asked by Ms Carnegie to assist her with the Year 12 students and their 'AS' exams. The students were split into two groups, one group performing *Alice* by Laura Wade and a smaller group performing Mark Ravenhill's *Pool (No Water)*. Like the last time I was asked to help the 'AS' students two years ago, I was amazed at the overall dedication and enthusiasm the students put into the work, which was performed to an independent examiner, not to mention the support they gave each other to ensure they all achieved good grades.

They also performed mono and duologues as part of the exam and I expect, with Ms Carnegie's mentoring, they will all do extremely well.

All in all, another enjoyable and rewarding year in the Drama Department at East Barnet School.

Gordon Warnecke

Have you seen the newest EBS sculpture?



JOHN WILLIAMS
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

John Williams, our Artist in Residence has created another great sculpture for the walkway to the school entrance. This one is called 'Jubilant' and is right by the gate. This is the sixth sculpture that John has constructed, which means there is only one more to go until we have the full set!

The sculptures are all supported by the PTA and they will soon have plaques with their names on. Look out for other plaques around the school to see where the PTA funds have been used.

SPORTS ROUND-UP 2015 - 2016

BADMINTON

Badminton club has been a big hit again this year. With so many players attending, it was easy to select three boys' teams to compete in the Barnet Schools' Badminton Competition. All teams put in a strong performance with two teams finishing 3rd and 4th in their pool and one team finishing joint top of their pool, narrowly missing out on the final, on points difference.

The girls' teams also competed in the Barnet Schools' Competition facing some stiff competition from around the Borough. The team finished 2nd in their group.



KS3 Boys' Badminton Team



KS3 Girls' Badminton Team

At Key stage 4, three teams were entered into the Barnet Schools' Competition. All teams performed well but once again faced some stiff competition from club level players based at JCoSS and Wren Academy. The teams were a credit to the school and finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th in their groups.



KS4 Boys' Badminton Team

BASKETBALL

Basketball continues to grow in popularity, with our courts often packed full of students at break and lunchtimes. Unfortunately, high winds this winter damaged our hoops, halting play. However, the PTA kindly contributed funding to support the purchase of new hoops and to have the courts scrubbed and court-marked ready for September so we can continue to build on the fabulous progress - thank you, PTA!

Our teams played well at Borough level, with most success in the Cup competitions. Year 7 made the quarter-finals and Year 8 and 9 went one better, reaching the semi-finals. Our senior boys' team played amazingly but lost 48-28 in the quarter-final of the Cup to eventual winners and national schools' representatives Christ's College, Finchley. EBS were overall placed 4th in the League Championships in a pool of 12 schools, with their best result a 74-15 win over Ashmole, where Ryan (captain) made 51 points!



Senior Boys' Basketball Team



Girls' Basketball is now starting to take off in the Borough and our own EBS girls' team have had the opportunity to take part in a Borough tournament. The girls did really well, finishing in 3rd place in Year 8, and our Year 9s were runners-up.

CRICKET

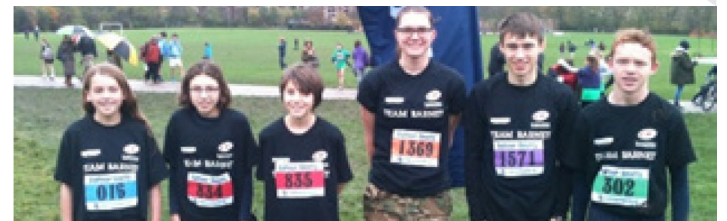
2015/16 cricket has been particularly successful with teams entering Barnet and Middlesex Competitions. The Year 7 & 10 teams have done well, playing a range of Barnet teams. Year 8 had a fantastic season in the Middlesex Plate Competition, reaching the final, losing narrowly to a great Greenford team in a brilliant game - the boys should be proud of their achievements. Year 9 took part in the League Cup Final after finishing top of their league, and also made it to the Middlesex Cup quarter-final, but lost to Mill Hill County. A special mention to Thenuk 8F - EBS top bowler (16 wickets), Alex 9A - best batting average per game (28 runs) and Thomas 8E - EBS top run scorer (118 runs).



CROSS COUNTRY



East Barnet School had the most successful Cross Country team in the Borough this year. With 14 of our 26 athletes qualifying to represent Barnet at the Middlesex Championships hosted by Harrow on the Hill School. Elena Roncarati in Year 7 came 2nd in her age category and Charlotte Johnston came 3rd, showing yet again she is at the top of her game by going on to the English Schools Championships, where she raced against the best runners in the country. As well as having 10 of our students representing Barnet in the London Youth Games, they finished off the season competing in the London mini marathon. What an amazing cross country season! This talented team of friends who all share a common passion for running, prove that, with dedication, hard work and passion anything is possible.



BOYS FOOTBALL

Year 7 Boys



The Year 7 boys' team have had a productive first year at East Barnet School. They have performed consistently well throughout the year and with a bit more luck, they could have, and probably should have, finished the year with some silverware. There is definitely the hunger and desire for success next year and as the team shifts from 9 aside to 11 aside, we predict there are exciting times ahead for this team. A great start, boys!

Year 8 Boys



The Year 8 boys' team fought hard in the league this year and once again reached the Plate final. Having defeated London Academy 4-2 in the semi-final, the team faced newcomers St Mary's and St John's School. The final was fantastic; EBS dominated the first half taking an early 3-0 lead thanks to Luke Maoutsos, Buddy Kiely and Jubril Hassan. The team showed great character, as despite being pegged back to 3-3, they came back strongly to go one better than last year winning 6-3. The second half goals came from Buddy, Luke and a solo strike from Bilal.

Year 9 Boys

The Year 9 boys' team had an excellent season finishing top of the league with a 100% record. As a result they went into the regional finals against Hendon and won 3-1, with 2 goals from Ryan Murphy. They also had a decent cup run in the Middlesex Cup where they were knocked out in the quarter-finals. If that was not enough, four players from the team are now on trial for the county squad. This is definitely a team to look out for next season.

8 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
East Barnet U14	6	6	0	0	20	7	+13	18
Friern Barnet U14	7	4	2	1	18	14	+4	14
Finchley High U14	7	2	4	1	17	10	+7	10
Compton U14	6	3	1	2	14	9	+5	10
Ashmole U14	7	3	1	3	20	20	+0	10
St. Andrew U14	5	0	3	2	8	13	-5	3
Wren Academy U14	5	1	0	4	8	14	-6	3
JCOSS U14	7	0	1	6	7	25	-18	1

Year 10 Boys



The Year 10 boys' team had a successful season finishing as League Plate winners and Barnet Cup runners-up. James at centre-back was a stand-out performer as was Taylor with some crucial penalty saves. Sam also took up a new role as a defender and played superbly, plus a special mention must go to Jed for bringing some excellent creativity into the midfield.

Year 11 Boys



The Year 11 boys' football team has had another hugely successful season in their last year at East Barnet. The boys managed to secure two trophies in the Barnet League and the Barnet Cup competitions, beating St James' School in both finals. Unfortunately, they were knocked out of the Middlesex Cup in the semi-final by a very strong Park View side which featured several academy players. The season ends having secured the double with a win percentage of 92%. Congratulations to Sam who kept 10 clean sheets and Isaiah, Ellis and Alex for finishing top goal scorers with 48 goals between them.

The EBS PE Department hosted a series of Sport Relief miles for our KS3 students as part of their PE lessons in March. Students contributed £1 to the charity, allowing them to wear an alternative to their PE kit. Much fun was had by all, with some students running vast distances, whilst others did it three legged or even pigeon stepped!

We managed to raise:

£451.50

Well done to all who took part!

**SPORT
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GIRLS FOOTBALL

Both the Year 7 and the Year 8/9 girls' team had an encouraging season in a new league format that was created this year for girls' football. Both teams trained together throughout the year and as a result set record numbers for participation.

Year 7 Girls



The Year 7 team were runners-up in the regional tournament with some outstanding performances from Charlotte and goalkeeper Summer. They also finished 3rd in the Barnet League.

Year 8/9 Girls



The Year 8/9 team gave a good account of themselves in the Barnet League and look ready to make the step up into the senior teams next year. They finished 3rd overall. Miss Manzi was very proud of all the girls who have taken part in the teams and is looking forward to next season.

Year 10/11 Girls



The Year 10/11 team had a very successful year, winning every game in the Barnet League, scoring 38 goals and only conceding 1 in 5 games! Unfortunately, they were knocked out in the early stages of the Middlesex Cup but, hopefully, they can take their league form through to next year's Cup competition. The girls were also runners-up in the regional tournament held at Barnet FC where they lost on penalties. All of the girls were fantastic and will go on to represent the senior side next year in a new league format.

INTER-HOUSE

Inter-house is a competition that takes place every Thursday lunchtime. It has been really successful this year with record numbers attending and taking part. The atmosphere has been amazing, wherever the competition is taking place because so many people also turn up to support their house colours. Just as last year, students are given the opportunity to compete in their houses and gain points depending on where they finish. The sports that have been competed in this year are football, trampolining, cricket, dodgeball, basketball and athletics.

The Final Results

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1st	Murray	Murray	Keller	Murray
2nd	Keller	Keller	Murray	Keller
3rd	Tutu	Tutu	Chama	Tutu
4th	Chama	Chama	Tutu	Chama



CONGRATULATIONS TO OVERALL INTER-HOUSE WINNERS - MURRAY!

NETBALL

This year was the second year running that all years were entered into the Barnet League. The competition was extremely tough, and all our teams played with determination and outstanding team work.

Our **Year 7s** began the season with a flying start, winning their first two matches against Ashmole and St Martha's. However, the competition this year was just too tough, and the girls did not qualify for the play-offs. Throughout the year, it has been encouraging to see so many Year 7s at netball practice, so much so we were able to put two teams together!

The **Year 8s** had a difficult task against the competition in the tournament this year, but we are sure both teams will be raring to go next year - keep up the good work and it will start to pay off!

The **Year 9s**, through their outstanding teamwork, had an exceptional year. This team were a pleasure to watch; they knew each other's positions and were to be able to pass the ball with ease into the goal. With this text book play, they made it to the play-offs, but unfortunately missed out on the final by just one goal. In the 3rd and 4th play-offs they again lost by just one goal. We are sure this will be a winning team next year.

The **Year 10s** had some fantastic games, but unfortunately did not qualify this time - better luck next year girls, keep up the good work!

Our first ever senior team, made up of **Year 11s and 12s** were a pleasure to watch, and it was great to see the combined year groups working together. They played so well as a team that they made it through to the play-offs and came 4th in a very close competition.

Well done to everyone who has taken part, bring on the 2016/2017 season.



**Year
7**



**Year
8**



**Year
9**



**Year
10**



**Senior
Team**

ROUNDERS

As the summer term approached and the rounders season kicked off, it was our Year 7 girls' team that proved to be a force to be reckoned with. Led by their captain Elena Roncarati, they developed in confidence, skill and tactical awareness. This team had some fantastically close fought matches against the other schools in the Borough and ended up becoming Barnet Champions! Congratulations to: Elena Roncarati (Captain), Olivia Champou, Sarah Higgins, Freia Cooper, Katie Smith, Milly Catchpole, Lara Levitt, Scarlett Keeshan-Surridge, Sophie Washington, Charlotte Ord-Lonsdale, Zoe Giordano, Tsenat Campbell, Paloma Newbould-Shepherd and Katelyn Banyard.



RUGBY

Year 7 and 8

It has been another very successful season for the Year 7 and 8 teams as East Barnet's presence on the rugby pitch continues to grow. Both teams performed exceptionally well, qualifying from their respective leagues to the knockout phases of the competition. The Year 8 team were very unlucky to lose an extremely tight game against Mill Hill County in the semi-final, losing by a single try in extra time. The Year 7s managed to go one better and reach the final. They played with a lot of commitment and determination, but, unfortunately, on the day, came across a very good Finchley Catholic team and finished runners-up. This is still a fantastic achievement considering many of the boys were picking a rugby ball up for the first time this year. Both year groups went on to play in the Emerging Middlesex Schools Rugby Tournament, where they performed consistently well. The standard of rugby in the Borough continues to rise and both teams are on the verge of great things. Bring on next year!



Year 9 Rugby Team

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS



Year 7 Girls' and Boys' Sports Hall Athletics Team



Year 8 Girls' and Boys' Sports Hall Athletics Team



The Year 7s and 8s took part in the Barnet Sports Hall Athletics Competition held at QE Girls' School back in the Autumn term. Both age groups were very successful and had fantastic results with all four teams finishing in the top three schools in Barnet. The stand out team was the Year 8 girls who won and went on to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games.

Year 9 and 10

Both these teams are now well-established and have had lots of success at EBS, which only adds to the pressure and expectation - they did not disappoint. The Year 9s and 10s eased through their leagues and into the finals. A notable league result was the Year 10 victory over their rivals Finchley Catholic High. They would face each other again in a brutal battle, with both teams fully committed. Unfortunately for us, Finchley Catholic came out on top, but the boys should be very proud of their efforts. The Year 9s, playing against the same school, showed why they were previous Barnet Champions; pace, power, skill are just a few qualities that were displayed, but it was the team ethos that stood out and which is why, again, they are Barnet Champions. Fantastic achievement! The Year 10s finished the season in the best possible way; champions of the Emerging Middlesex Schools Tournament and remaining undefeated throughout. This is even more impressive when you consider it was a mixed Year 10 and 11 tournament and yet our boys were solely from Year 10. Both year groups should be extremely proud of their achievements this year.



Year 10 Rugby Team

SQUASH - YOUTH GAMES



Congratulations to Abbie who won all three of her squash matches in the initial qualifying round at Redbridge to help the Barnet Girls Team finish top of their group! Playing in the quarter-finals against the Borough of Bexley, Abbie won her match again, which helped the team progress to the semi-final which was held at Crystal Palace. The Barnet team played against Kingston in the semi-final and Abbie won her match helping

the team progress to the final. They faced the formidable Sutton team in the final - the girls all played well, but lost - coming home with the Silver medal for Barnet!

Congratulations also goes to Alex Wilkinson who played at number 1 for the Barnet Boys' team. They finished 6th out of 23 Boroughs. Well done to Abbie and Alex!

CYCLOCROSS COMPETITION

Mr Perrin and Mr Fry took a small group of Year 7, 8 and 9 students to the Eastern Region Inter Schools CycloCross Competition, hosted by Castle Manor Academy in Haverhill on the 27th February.

A very challenging, hilly course had been set up, but that did not deter the enthusiasm of the group on their first serious CX competition. We were slightly disadvantaged compared to most, as we were using mountain bikes as opposed to proper CX bikes, but the effort put in by the group only showed the potential they have.

Particular mentions goes to Nick Candy who fought hard against regular CX riders for a strong finish and Eleanor Rachel who powered her huge mountain bike round the course beating all but one in her age group and most of the Year 9/10 entrants; a real talent in the making.

Overall, a good experience was had by all and the Bike Club will be looking for bigger and better things next year.



TABLE TENNIS

EBS took four teams to this annual event, where they pitted their skills against players from London Academy, Mill Hill County and Bishop Douglass. All the boys were chosen because of their regular attendance at Table Tennis club, and superior performances at the school trial. They tried incredibly hard against stiff competition, eventually finishing in 3rd place.



TRAMPOLINING

Hosted by East Barnet School, the Barnet Trampolining Competition took place in March. Miss Coffill even took a day off maternity leave to be a guest judge for the day!

The team comprised 27 students who had been working hard on perfecting their skills at the after school trampolining club. The standard was really high this year and some of the routines performed were incredible, but East Barnet still proved to be a leading school in this event and achieved great results especially in the team competitions.

Well done to all who took part!



Year 7 Boys: 1st (James, Taylor, Tom & Lewis)
James individual 3rd

Year 7 Girls: 2nd (Katelyn, Sarah, Alice & Summer)

Year 8 Girls: 1st (Amelia, Holly, Grace & Amber)
Amelia individual 1st

Year 9 Girls: 2nd (Francesca, Piper, Maggie & Dalia)

Year 9 Boys: Anthony individual 2nd

TENNIS

Our Year 8 boys' team entered the Middlesex Schools Championships again, with Ben and Kyri captaining the team as the senior players. They were accompanied by Michael and Thadeus and played against a host of schools; beating Capital City, and losing to Belmont Preparatory School.

VOLLEYBALL

Five Year 10 boys represented Barnet in the Year 10 London Youth Games Volleyball tournament on the 4th March. Having won the Borough Championships, the boys qualified for the London Finals and faced competition from 24 other London Borough winners. The quality of teams present was incredibly high, as many teams have links to volleyball academies. The boys performed incredibly well throughout the tournament and finished in 13th place overall. This is the highest the Borough of Barnet has finished in the competition in recent years. Well done to Theo, James, Sam, Jake and Harvey who made up the team.



The Year 10 girls' volleyball team also took part in the Barnet Schools' Competition and put in a strong performance to finish 5th overall. Well done to Emma, Agata, Olivia, Zoe, Ciara and Martha for their strong performances.



CLUB LINKS

As a PE Department we are committed to providing sporting opportunities through our PE lessons, inter-house events and extra-curricular club offerings. However, we can only do so much. Below is a list of local clubs we have links with for the sports we offer. This is for our students who may want to take their sport to the next level or try something new. Further information can be found on the Barnet Partnership website: www.barnetpartnershipforschoolsport.co.uk/clubs.

Athletics	Shaftsbury Barnet Harriers (sbharriers.co.uk)
Athletics	Barnet & District Athletic Club (barnetathletics.com)
Badminton	BSCA Badminton Club (bscabadminton.co.uk)
Basketball	Horizon Basketball (svtsgroup.com/horizon-basketball-club)
Cricket	Cockfosters CC (cockfosterscc.freeuk.com)
Cricket	Southgate Compton CC (southgatecompton.com)
Cycling	Lea Valley Youth Cycling Club (lvyc.co.uk)
Dance	Lemon Jelly Arts (lemmonjellyarts.co.uk)
Dance	Lizzie Meeks School of Dance (lizziemeeksschoolofdance.co.uk)
Football	Various (thefa.com/play-football)

ATHLETICS

The Barnet Championship was held on the 5th July 2016 with Year 7 - 9 travelling to Allianz Park in glorious sunshine. It was going to be a difficult task to beat the record breaking medals from last year, but all EBS students competed with smiles and determination.

In the field, both boys and girls came away with some medals: Elena: 3rd Year 7 Javelin, Holly: 2nd Year 8 Long Jump, Amila: 3rd Year 8 High Jump and Lewis: 3rd Year 7 High Jump.

This year in track, the girls did well, with another personal best for Elena in the 1500m coming 1st, taking home a well-deserved gold medal. In the Hurdles, in both Year 8 and 9, the girls narrowly missed 1st place. Congratulations to Holly in Year 8 for 2nd and to Abigail for her 2nd place. Frankie came 3rd in the 800m.

For the boys' track, we took our only medal in the relays with the Year 7 boys coming home in 3rd place, and a fantastic 1st place gold for Jay in the Year 7 Hurdles.

Well done to all our participants this year.

Some of our pupils were invited to represent Barnet in the Middlesex Championship; Holly Taylor came 3rd in the Hurdles, Jamie Greenwood came 2nd in the 3km run, and Elena Roncarati came a fantastic first again beating her personal best. Well done!



Golf	Trent Park GC (trentparkgolfclub.co.uk)
Gymnastics	Potters Bar Gymnastics Club (pbgc.co.uk)
Netball	Minchenden Netball Club (minchendennetballclub.co.uk)
Rugby	Barnet Elizabethans RFC (pitchero.com/clubs/barnetelizabethans)
Rugby	Old Grammarians RFC (oldgrammariansrfc.com)
Softball	Herts Baseball (hertsbaseball.com)
Table Tennis	Barnet Table Tennis Centre (btcc.co.uk)
Tennis	Barnet Lawn Tennis Club (barnetltc.com)
Trampoline	Zenith Trampoline Club (zenithtc.co.uk)
Volleyball	VK Barnet Volleyball (psib.org.uk/vkbarnet-prev/)



SPORTS DAY
8TH JULY '16
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GIFTED AND TALENTED

There has been an exciting range of opportunities to stretch and challenge students and to further their interests, talents and skills. While some of these initiatives were targeted at particular groups, such as the sessions run for the most able students in Year 11, most were offered more widely. Here is a snap shot of some of the activities that took place this year.

J. Gillespie, J. Alford and M. Hassan

LECTURES / TALKS

The Great War

Historian Professor Mark Connelly gave a lecture in the school auditorium in November. The lecture was attended by students from different year groups, parents and members of staff. As Professor of Modern British History at the University of Kent at Canterbury, where he is both a military historian, and the Reuters Lecturer in Media History, he was able to share his expertise on military history and provided his audience with an interesting perspective on the outcome of the First World War. In particular, Professor Connelly posed the question "Could things have turned out differently in the Great War?" His lecture explored a range of scenarios that challenged the inevitability of German defeat. The idea of counterfactual or 'What if?' history was raised by studying a range of situations and imagining what might have happened if a different decision was made or diplomatic policy was followed. Could the Schlieffen Plan have avoided German encirclement? Could the German navy have undermined the Allied blockade in the North Sea? One can only speculate, however, Professor Connelly was able to draw on his wealth of research on this topic to provide some convincing evidence that left his audience pondering on how changing a few key decisions could have led to a very different outcome to the First World War.

**How the Media Works - What it takes to be a Journalist**

Eleanor Mills, the Editorial Director of the Sunday Times, visited the school on Friday 18th March to give an inspiring talk on journalism and the influence of the media to a group of aspiring journalists from Years 10, 11, and 12. She addressed issues such as gender balance in the workforce and went on to discuss how newspaper articles and media reporting on world events can have a major impact on a person's views or even international decisions. Overall, she gave an informative insight into journalism and the steps required to become a journalist. Students enjoyed the talk and were very much inspired by it.



ENGLISH

At the time of writing, all Year 7 classes were getting ready, through their work on the Introduction to Shakespeare unit and learning about *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, for what is sure to be another successful trip to the Globe Theatre on the South Bank.

For the Carnegie Shadowing Scheme, Key Stage 3 students, working with Ms Somerville and Mrs Cobb, read the eight shortlisted texts for the Carnegie Award and chose their favourite novel. Their dramatic presentation to other Barnet students on *The Rest of Us Just Live Here* (by Patrick Ness) wowed the audience!

Meanwhile, all Year 8 students used their EEE lessons to develop their public speaking skills. These sessions took place with two English teachers and with the author Caroline Green, our Writer in Residence. Caroline has also continued to run a very popular weekly writers' group. You can read her blog and *The Best of the Creative Writing Club* on the school's website (eastbarnetschool.com/news/writer-in-residence).

Year 11 students went to the Barnet Odeon to watch a screened performance of the set text *Of Mice and Men* (Steinbeck). Year 12 Literature students followed in the footsteps of Geoffrey Chaucer's famous pilgrims and spent a day in Canterbury to help prepare for their study of the *Wife of Bath* tale next year.

Fantastic evening trips have been organised to the West End to see theatre performances. Highlights included *A Christmas Carol* (at the Noel Coward Theatre) and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* (at the Gielgud).

Visitors to EBS can't help but notice and be impressed by the 'Book Bench' situated near the school entrance. Led by Literacy Co-ordinator Ms Pieri, this was a cross-curricular project working with Art and Technology.

SCIENCE

After winning the Barnet Gifted and Talented Science and Technology Challenge last July, Daniel Hutton and Ruth Small, both in Year 10, proceeded to the Southern Science and Technology Challenge Finals that took place in King's College London in January of this year. Their team faced very tough competition from other teams and narrowly missed the top spot to come second out of 14.

On 8th June a group of 12 Science students from Year 8 and Year 9 attended the Barnet Gifted and Talented Science and Technology Challenge which took place in Middlesex University. Students gained an enjoyable insight into a higher level of Science and Technology. They had to work in mixed school teams of four to complete three tasks. Each task is designed to develop skills that will be needed in the workplace, with marks being awarded for planning, team work and the finished product. The tasks included building a robot, using police software to Create an E-FIT and finally designing, building then racing a simple electric vehicle. Yet again, our students impressed the judges with their fantastic work and East Barnet School won the competition for the third year running. Well done Peter Durrant and Aidan Hibbett (Year 9).

On 29th January a group of the most able Year 11 students in Science attended a GCSE *Science Live* event. During the event the students attended five lectures that were delivered by eminent scientists. They also attended a session on exam skills; the talk was delivered by a GCSE examiner. At the end of the session the students were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek advice on exam and revision techniques.

At the end of the day students received a booklet with details about each scientist, the lectures and some general articles about studying science and working as scientists – as well as a number of pieces from an experienced Chief Examiner on success with Science GCSE.

OTHER EVENTS

- A group of 17 very able Mathematicians from Year 8 sat the UKMT national maths challenge which took place on 24th April. As always our students performed very well and many of them achieved high scores and were awarded either gold, silver or bronze certificates.
- Modern Foreign Languages, Maths and Music Leaders participated in preparing and delivering master classes to the most able Year 5 and Year 6 students from local primary schools.

THE EBS RECORD LABEL

This year the Music Department has released a CD that showcases the musical talent at East Barnet School. This project has been run by Mr Marriott and it has allowed some students the opportunity to use the recording studio for the first time and experience what it's like to be a professional recording artist! The album, called *Songs from the 3rd Floor* has a whole variety of musical pieces and songs, some original and some covers, and the artwork for the cover was designed by students in Year 8. The album was launched on the night of the summer concert and is also on sale at school until the end of term. Mr Marriott really enjoyed working with the students on this project, and the fact that they gave up their time to record after school, really shows their dedication and enthusiasm for music!

Check out the promo video on the EBS Website homepage!



EBS AWARDS EVENING 2015

On Tuesday 10th November we hosted our annual Award Ceremony. Over 50 students, accompanied by their parents were invited to the prestigious event where they were presented on stage with trophies and commendations recognising their outstanding achievement in different subject areas. In addition, three students were recognised for their outstanding academic performance, being presented with a highest achiever trophy in each Key Stage. Recognising other achievements in the school and beyond, a Community, Leadership and a Governors' Trophy were also awarded. The finale was the presentation of the Headteacher's Award presented by Mr Christou. During the evening there were musical performances from two Year 10 students - Lily Rachel and Alfie Dean, which created a wonderful atmosphere for all who attended. Our guest speaker for the evening was Alice Lacey (a former EBS student) who shared her warm memories of EBS, detailed her exciting medical career to date and offered current students advice on setting goals and fulfilling ambitions.



Thank you to all staff, parents and governors who attended the event, making it such a special occasion, and huge congratulations to all the worthy recipients of the awards.

Subject Awards

	Boy Trophy	Girl Trophy	Boy Commendation	Girl Commendation
Maths	Chris Adams	Dina Caruso	Alex Dunton	Kimberley Perkins
English	Tymoteusz Pecherzewski	Elena Christophorou	Daniel Oakley	Lauren Geeves
Science	Kishen Patel	Ayda Poovezhad	Louis Odell	Karishma Patel
MFL	Joel Sicka	Norhan Abdelaziz	Mihailo Jajcanin	Helaina Mousicos
Humanities	Yasona Neocleous	Aqsa Rafique	Stefan Michael	Jasmine Joseph
PE	Charlie Busby	Claire Gibbons	Alex Hadjithemistou	Bethany Hargreaves
Music	Alfie Dean	Lily Rachel	Chris Cleovoulou	Carys Hooper
Art	George Stewart	Chiara Perrone	Victor Healey	Sophia White
Social Sciences	Liam Pratt	Jennie Amadi	George Lewis	Katie Sauka
Computing	Wessam Allami	Emmie Walker	Luke Stewart	Chloe Pardo
Technology	Jamie Greenwood	Kizzy Noon	Mihailo Jajcanin	Porter Locke
Drama	Sam Hodgkinson	Rae Talbott	Ho Jee Man	Jasmine Hall

Wider Achievement Awards

	Trophy Award	Commendation Winner
KS3 Achievement	Agata Gwincinska	N/A
KS4 Achievement	Alice Conisbee/ Fahbohd Monsef	N/A
KS5 Achievement	Christopher Adams	N/A
Governors' Award	Abbie Abbott	N/A
Community Award	Adelaida Kelsey	Andrew Shaw
Leadership Award	Elika Golestaneh	Harrison Crane
Headteacher's Award	Zeynep Dogan	N/A



INVICTUS GAMES 2016



This year I was lucky enough to be selected to represent Team GB at the second Invictus Games to be held in Orlando, Florida.

After the success of the inaugural games held in London in 2014, the Florida games promised to be bigger and better and didn't disappoint. I was fortunate to meet and talk with Michelle Obama, Morgan Freeman, James Blunt, and former

President George Bush Jr, and of course the amazing Prince Harry.

The games are the brainchild of Harry and allow wounded, sick and injured military personnel, both retired and serving, to compete in an Olympic style event against other nations from around the world.

My event is cycling which I took up after my injury as a form of rehabilitation. It has allowed me to develop, and help recover, both my mind and body and I couldn't have done this without the support of Help for Heroes and of course East Barnet School.

The cycling took place on day one, the hottest day of the week. An early start to try and avoid the worst of the heat

and humidity meant a rushed breakfast and warm up in preparation for the sprint Time Trial. As one of the last to go and with the ringing in my ears of the commentator announcing me as defending champion, I was very nervous. The TT went well and I was forced to settle for second behind my team mate who is a TT specialist.

This meant pressure was on for the road race, which is my favoured event. A flat course meant that it was difficult to break up the group and two of my team mates and I worked well to keep the pace high and difficult, quite often hitting speeds of 35mph. As expected it came down to a sprint finish. My team mate went early and I held off my kick until 300 meters at which point I went by and claimed a Gold medal, which I will always treasure.

The experience and support we, as injured servicemen, get from the public is amazing and, as most of these injuries are life changing, we will need your continued support in the future.

Finally, thank you to all the staff and pupils at EBS for giving me such great support all through the games.

A. Perrin, D&T Teacher



YEAR 7 HISTORY CASTLE COMPETITION

Thank you to all the Year 7 students that took part in the castle making competition this year. The History Department were extremely impressed with the standard of castles. The winning castles were: 1st: Ellie De Sousa 7B, 2nd: Adam Gilbert 7D and 3rd: Ollie Turner 7C. Well done to everyone who took part!

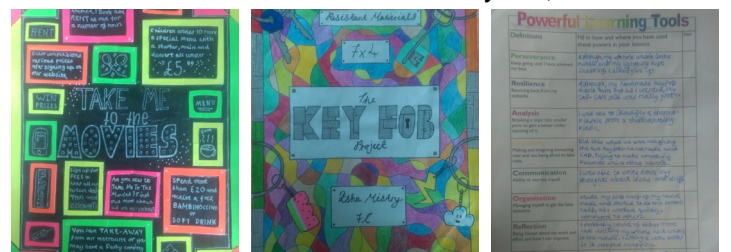


JACK PETCHY DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Esha Mistry in 7C is one the most gifted students I have ever taught. She has produced outstanding and exceptional work consistently since September, with her work often being used as exemplars to show other students trying to achieve the top level. Esha achieved an H3 in her report as every classwork and homework have been completed to a very high standard.

Esha went the extra mile over the Christmas holidays when she asked me voluntarily for more homework. I gave her a special mission which some of my Sixth Formers were working on, to produce illustrations of stories written by Mr Christou. She produced two fantastic technical drawings that were so thoughtful and perfectly appropriate for each story. Both images have now been published in the final book, *Mr Christou's Stories* which will be released soon - watch this space!

A. Polyviou, D&T Teacher



STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT KS3 AND KS4

Student Leadership opportunities at EBS have continued to thrive. This year has seen the introduction of leadership opportunities in Technology, along with the continuation of programmes being run in numerous other subjects. This year has also seen the introduction of the Student Voice, replacing the old Student Body, where Form Captains meet on a termly basis with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss ideas to improve life at EBS.

Mr G. Carrington, Key Stage 3 and 4 Student Leadership Coordinator

PE

The Level 2 Sports Leaders Award has been running for a number of years now at East Barnet and each year we are amazed at the standard our young Leaders are able to achieve. This year has been no different and 17 Year 10 students are just about to complete their award. The students opt into the course and is an additional lesson to their timetable. This takes place weekly before school and is where students are taught the skills and qualities of becoming an effective Leader. Students put this into practice by assisting teachers at sports clubs, organising and running tournaments and leading festivals for primary school children. They have conducted themselves with great maturity and really are a great group of individuals, a true asset to the school. In the summer term the leaders have been busy helping out at Primary School Sports Days and organising the Barnet Schools' Golf and Cricket competitions.

The students on the programme really are a great group and should be really proud of the way they have conducted themselves and matured into fine young leaders this year.



Tom leads a session at a Primary School Sports Festival



The Sports Leaders at the Primary Schools' Golf Competition

MUSIC

The Music Leaders this year have been working on completing their SSAT Leadership qualification. Congratulations to Jasmine Joseph for being the first student to qualify and for producing an impressive portfolio of all her work as a Music Leader over the past two years! This year the Music Leaders performed at the open evening last September, as well as supporting various music clubs like the ukulele club and rock band throughout the year. In addition, students worked with primary school children who were visiting East Barnet in a music workshop session where they shared their instrumental skills with the younger students.



MATHS

This year we have been working with Miss Zaman, gaining a Maths Leadership Award. So far, we have learned different leadership skills such as organisation, problem solving, speaking and listening, and many others. We have used some of the skills during our gifted and talented session. In conjunction with Mrs Hassan and Miss Zaman, we led a workshop with 20 Year 5 students from two local primary schools. We each worked with a group of students and organised an activity in which the students had to work as a team to create the tallest free standing tower. We were able to apply our leadership skills during this session by aiding Miss Zaman in planning the activity for the Year 5 students and by leading our groups. We are grateful for the opportunity and have thoroughly enjoyed being Maths Leaders this year, and look forward to continuing our programme next year.

Isidora, Jack, Milton and Nectaria, Year 10 Maths Leaders

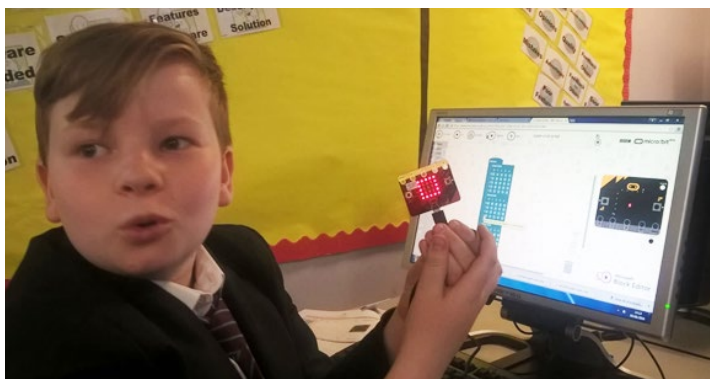
COMPUTING

The Computing Ambassadors (CAs) at EBS have continued their good work this year by running computer clubs in the Autumn term for Key Stage 3 students using Raspberry Pi computers.

CAs are now recognisable outside of computing club, having allocated a badge to at least one student in every computing group. The chosen students have an excellent knowledge of and interest in computing above and beyond that of other students. The CAs have continued to assist the teachers in lessons by helping with computing equipment/ demonstrations and disseminating knowledge in group work. They also report faults in the IT equipment to the group teacher.

The Year 9 CAs have taken on the rebuilding of the Lego Mindstorm robots for use in lessons in the summer term. As a result, they now have the skills to help manage the robots and lead other students in the lessons.

Year 8 and Year 7 CAs are helping with the BBC Microbit computers which have to be given out, collected and stored safely during lessons in the summer term. They took part in a workshop at lunchtime where a selection of CAs showed other leaders and staff how microbits work.



Wilf, a Computer Ambassador, demonstrates running a program using BBC Microbits.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

This year has seen the introduction of the SSAT Leadership programme for D&T, with both KS3 and KS4 students beginning their journey towards DT leadership, building on their leadership skills and qualities. John May in 11H made excellent progress as a KS4 D&T Leader, working weekly with the fantastic 7Y5 group as a classroom role model, helping with demonstrations, instructing students on how to use tools and equipment, and generally enthusing his Year 7 comrades.

KS3 Leadership has seen the fruition of two potential new clubs (sub-fruit of our very own D&T Club). There are plans for a Paper Aeroplane Club and Competition from Ella Moss in 8C and a sculpting workshop with Alex Charalambous in the same class. 8C seems to be a serious D&T leadership hotspot. Look out for details of these activities over the coming term!

SCIENCE

The Science Leaders are currently taking part in the exciting Breath Easy Project, run by Drayson Technologies.

The Science Leaders heading up the project will be part of a larger project investigating air quality in London. Each Leader will be loaned a CleanSpace Tag for four weeks. This device will take readings of carbon monoxide and relay information to a smartphone via Bluetooth. The Leaders will be taking part in a number of sessions focusing on air quality and modes of transport.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

This year our Year 10 and 11 Language Leaders have continued to make an excellent contribution to the Languages Faculty: they have planned and taught language sessions to Year 5 Gifted and Talented students from Livingstone and Cromer Road schools, they have helped Key Stage 3 students prepare for speaking tests and given them strategies in revision so it is effective and useful, and they even helped to set up the rooms and prepared displays for Open Evening, where they answered many questions from parents and children visiting the school. All the Language Leaders will receive an accredited Language Leaders Award on Completion of the course.

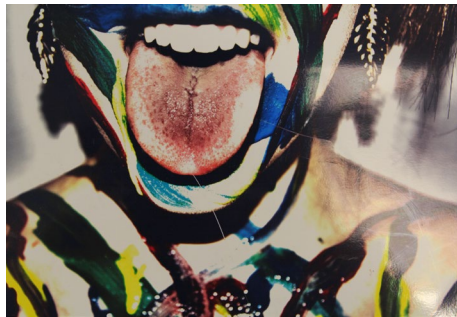
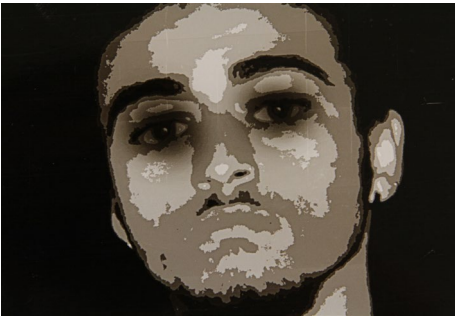


SOCIAL SCIENCES

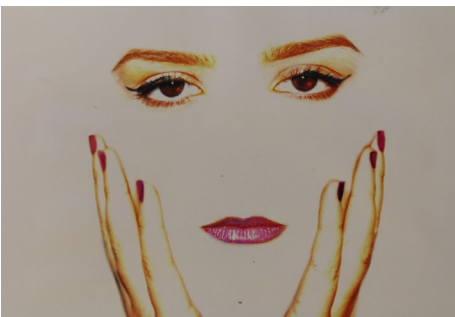
Social Sciences students have been developing their leadership skills in Health and Social Care, where Nicola and Sophie assisted at the Options Evening. Other KS4 students across the faculty were also present and helped answer questions from parents and students regarding subject choices. Maicey Lou Coleman prepared a PowerPoint presentation based on a guest speaker from the London Ambulance Service that was delivered to a Year 11 Health and Social Care group.

All students in the subject area of Social Sciences are active in making the displays for the classrooms, which are informative of the subject. Will Wingrave and Avril Houghton in Year 11 also demonstrated fantastic leadership skills by delivering the KS3 assembly on Social Sciences. (Nicola and Sophie in front of a display they produced.)





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APHY EXHIBITION



SUMMER SOUNDS



On Tuesday 14th June, the school auditorium was filled with 'Summer Sounds' – everything from rock to film music and student compositions to jazz! Led by Mrs Eustace and Mr Marriott, around 50 students took part in this annual summer concert, along with 14 members of staff who sang in the staff choir.

Luke Oubridge and Adam Gilbert opened the show with a lively performance of 'Wipeout', followed by the orchestra who played a rousing 'Dam Busters March'. Jazz Band ended the first half with a lively pair of Duke Ellington swing numbers, and Rock Band closed the show with a Black Sabbath song and a David Bowie tribute. It was wonderful to see so many young players taking part, with solos and small group performances presented by students from all different year groups.

Trophies for outstanding progression on an instrument during the past academic year were presented by Mr Christou to Robert Jones (woodwind), Luke Oubridge (percussion), Isidora Leung (singing), Finn Emmens-Green (piano), Sten Volstad (brass), Alfie Dean (guitar) and Leo Withers (outstanding contribution).

Olun Dewever-Guillemain and Oliver Ballantyne from Year 12 were in charge of sound for the concert, and Thadeus Hayes and Christopher Shipp from Year 7 were in control of the lighting. All of them worked really hard and did a fantastic job. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part, the audience were treated to a high standard of performance and a very entertaining evening!



AUTUMN ACOUSTIC

On Thursday 22nd October, the Music Department put on 'Autumn Acoustic' for the third year running. Organised by Mr Marriott, this event is intended to give our younger and less experienced players the opportunity to perform in a more informal setting than the end of year concert. It was a tremendous success, which included sublime first-time performances from a very talented bunch of Year 7 students! Highlights of the night were Luke Oubridge's thundering solo drum composition, Katie Creaghan's excellent version of 'Valerie' and Amy Perera, Evie Craggs and Isabella Constanti's jaw-dropping version of 'Say Something'. Thanks to all involved, especially the PTA who helped supply refreshments throughout the evening.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Last December saw two fantastic performances of the school Christmas show, which this year was all based on the story of Alice in Wonderland. This large-scale production was co-ordinated, led and choreographed by the hugely talented Miss Buczman, who worked tirelessly along with other Expressive Arts staff to ensure that the show was colourful, entertaining and hugely enjoyable. The theme of the show kicked off even before the show began, as guests were welcomed to a Mad Hatter's Tea Party with everything from themed music, cocktails and 'eat me' cakes!

With scenes devised and directed by Mrs Young and Ms Carnegie-Gomez, the show was magical and included famous scenes such as the Caterpillar scene, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, the Trial and many more. All were complemented by show-stopping numbers chosen and performed by the Music Department. The props were out of this world as Mrs Chandler and Mr Boast really captured the spirit of wonderland. The Art Department produced the backdrops and our Sixth Form students painted them, resulting in an absolutely stunning set!

The talented cast worked really hard to put together a slick and professional performance, acting, singing and dancing their way through the show and there were many fabulous performances from students and staff. The technical team (Olun, Michael, Lukas and Benjamin) gave up their time willingly to support the show and their creativity and organisation under pressure was impressive and professional. The whole event certainly got the Christmas celebrations off to a great start!



THEATRE TRIPS THIS YEAR

This year, there has been a varied mix of theatre experiences for a wide age range of students.

Commencing back in the Autumn term, Year 10 were able to see a most creative and entertaining production of one of their set Literature texts, *A Christmas Carol* at the Noel Coward Theatre. The production was a joy and starred Jim Broadbent who played Scrooge with a "twinkle in his eye".

In the same term, the Barnet Everyman Cinema hosted a special NT Live Screening of *Of Mice and Men*. The whole of Year 11 were able to attend this extra screening on a Friday morning. The production was innovative and engaging and led by Chris O'Dowd as Lennie and the more than handsome James Franco as George.

We were also able to secure very hot tickets for an intimate and breathtaking theatrical experience at the Trafalgar Studios of the *Oresteia*. The KS5 students that joined staff on the evening were mesmerised for the three and half hours "traffic of our stage" and did not want it to end.

In the Spring term, the Year 13s were given the opportunity to spend a day at the National Theatre's Ariel Dorfman Studios for free. We watched a screening of Simon Russell Beale's *King Lear* and, after lunch, they were able to look through archive director's notes, scripts and previous production photographs. A wonderful day on the Southbank.

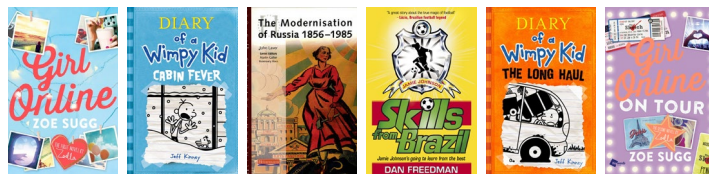
This July, the Year 8 cohort have secured a 'golden ticket' to see the fantastic production of *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* at Drury Lane Theatre. These tickets were snapped up very quickly and the students will report back after their experience.

Watch this space for future news in the new academic year which will include *Macbeth* at the Globe and *King Lear* at the Barbican, to name a few.

LIBRARY NEWS 2015 - 2016

Mrs LaTulip, Mrs Cobb and Mrs Shah organised a busy and eventful year in the Library. All year groups have used the library well and Year 7 are particularly avid readers. Sixth Form students borrow a wide range of non-fiction and fiction books. Borrowing by Year 7 increased by 11% and Year 8 borrowing increased by 32% from the previous year. EBS students borrowed 4199 books between September and May.

The most popular books this year are *Girl Online*, *The Long Haul*, *The Modernisation of Russia*, *Girl Online On Tour*, *Cabin Fever*, *Third Wheel* and *Skills From Brazil*.



The librarians purchased new books based on student and staff requests, book awards and reviews.

Library Blog and Twitter

Parents, staff and students can follow author and library activities online. Students not old enough to follow twitter can see what is happening through the library blog on the school website.

Blog: [Library Blog](#) | Twitter: [@LibraryEBS](#)

AUTHOR VISITS

Author visits take place every year and are invaluable for the students as they are given the opportunity to meet and be inspired by current authors who are writing books they like to read.

DAN FREEDMAN

Dan Freedman who wrote the Jamie Johnson football series of books came to meet Year 7 in November. He talked about his interest in football, and how with hard work and persistence it led to work for the FA and being an author. The students paid close attention and wrote detailed thank you letters, several of which Dan posted on <http://www.danfreedman.co.uk/> He was incredibly popular and library loans of his books shot up as a consequence of his visit!



CANDY GOURLAY

In February Candy Gourlay came to talk to speak about her "Hero's Journey". This covered her life experience of growing up in the Philippines and then moving to the UK, her love of reading and how she became a published author after a long struggle, together with her tips to students about what the perfect story should contain. Students were very inspired and several staff members remarked that she was one of the best authors they had heard.



STUDENT LIBRARIANS

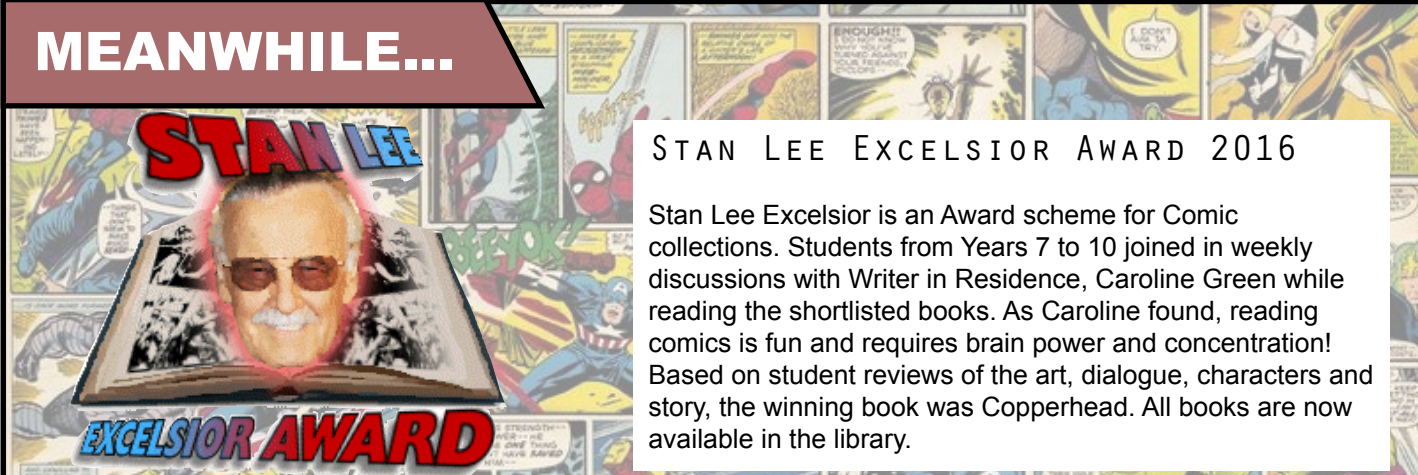
We train students to help us in the library and they contribute enormously to our success. As a thank you, we had a Christmas party and a trip to hear award winning author Tanya Landman speak at North London Collegiate School. Student Librarians Katie-Mia and Helaina wrote "This was an amazing opportunity which enlightened many students and taught us about the effort and motivation instilled in the books we read today."



BOOK AWARDS

Thanks to the PTA who purchased the books, the school has been able to take part in two book award schemes, Stan Lee Excelsior and the Carnegie.

MEANWHILE...



STAN LEE EXCELSIOR AWARD 2016

Stan Lee Excelsior is an Award scheme for Comic collections. Students from Years 7 to 10 joined in weekly discussions with Writer in Residence, Caroline Green while reading the shortlisted books. As Caroline found, reading comics is fun and requires brain power and concentration! Based on student reviews of the art, dialogue, characters and story, the winning book was Copperhead. All books are now available in the library.

CARNEGIE BOOK SHADOWING SCHEME

A group of 11 students took part in the Carnegie Book Shadowing Scheme. They read the 8 shortlisted books and met at lunchtimes with Ms Somerville from the English Department and our Writer in Residence, Caroline Green. They attended a Carnegie Conference in June where they presented on one of the books selected.



LIBRARY LESSONS

Year 7 students followed a programme of activities in the Library including Bookbuzz. Every student received a free book from the school and they posted great reviews on the Bookbuzz site. Students learnt how to use library books, newspapers and the Encyclopaedia Britannica online as well as drawing their own reading autobiographies. All students used the library E-Readers in lessons.



WORLD BOOK DAY



This year we celebrated World Book Day with a Book Swap in the Library and an International Danceathon in the Dance Studio. The Danceathon was led by the talented Miss Buczman, and 25 students and staff set aside their lunchtime to learn international dance styles promoting World Book Day. Sophie W. (Year 7) said: "It was a really good experience. It makes me care about World Book Day more. My favourite dance was the New York Street Dance".

NEW INITIATIVES



The Library hosted a Scholastic Book Fair on Student Coaching Day, raising money for additional library books. It is wonderful to know that EBS students are such keen readers and get such enjoyment from new

books. We had help from parents and students and it was so successful that we have planned another one for 2016. Following this, we had a Scholastic Book Review Competition. We had great entries and four students won a free Scholastic book. Here is an excerpt written by one of the winners Serkan who reviewed Wolf by Tommy Dombavand: "I like how logical the book's chapters are: claws, fur, tail, snout, eyes, spine, and teeth. It has cliff hangers and great surprises and twists at the end of every vigorous chapter."

The library invested in Encyclopaedia Britannica School Online which can be accessed both from school and home. We have promoted its use amongst students and have secured it for a further year thanks to the PTA. Encyclopaedia Britannica School online contains trusted information at an appropriate level for our students.

LITERATURE QUIZ

In May, a team of five students from 7E represented EBS at the Barnet Literature Quiz competition at JCoSS School. They won the school internal quiz competing against five other teams and had an excellent knowledge of books. The team did extremely well in the inter-schools competition, coming 3rd out of the ten schools that entered. We were very proud of them.



PTA NEWS

As the new PTA Chair, I am very happy to be given this opportunity to give an update on PTA activities, what has been achieved and our plans moving forward. I should start by thanking Lise Miles, Mike Gibbons and Vivian Higgins for all their hard work and fundraising over the years.

WHO ARE WE?

Last October's PTA AGM saw three out of the four elected officials stand down and the election of the new PTA Committee:

- Stuart Gates – Chair
- Jackie Partridge – Secretary
- Elena Trankarova – Vice Chair
- Charmain Bora – Treasurer

WHAT HAVE THE PTA ACHIEVED THIS YEAR?

Some £12,000 has been raised again this year through PTA social events and, with dipping into reserves, the PTA will contribute a fantastic £16,000 towards requests made by Mr Christou, his team and parents. Careful consideration is given when approving these proposals at PTA Meetings to ensure funds are used to benefit as many students as possible. This year we have helped to fund:

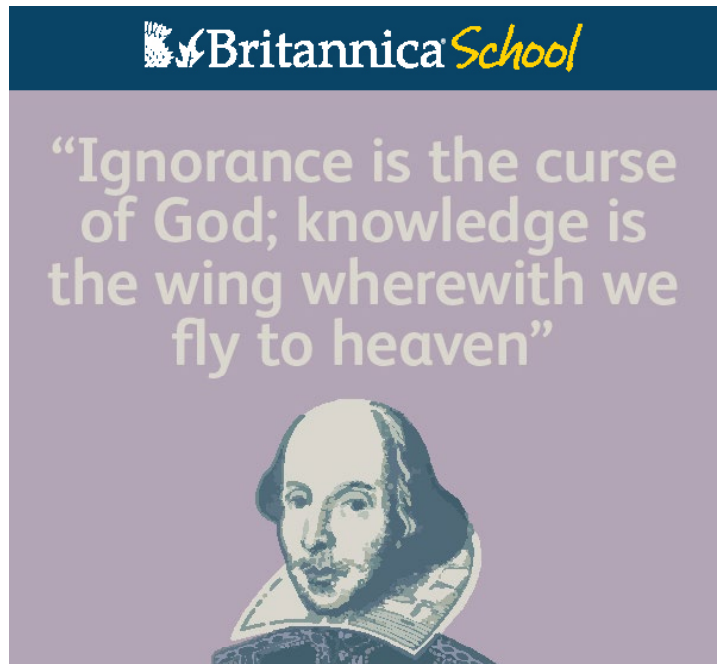
- Photographic Equipment - for students to use for coursework and to take photographs at events.
- New outdoor servery/eating facility to improve service at lunchtimes, in addition to PTA funding for the Extended Sixth Form Coffee Shop given last year.



- Replacement Basketball posts and repainting all the court markings.



- Encyclopaedia Britannica Online – all of our students can access this in school as well as from home. From home: students need to log into Fronter, enter the Library Room and click on the Britannica icon. Password is ebsstudent.



- Carnegie Books 2016 – Students meet with others from Barnet schools to discuss nominated books and put forward a winner for the prestigious Carnegie Award.



- Stan Lee Book Award 2016 - another Library initiated book award scheme to encourage reading in Years 7-10. Students met with Resident Author, discussed the books and chose a winner to nominate. All books are now available in the library.

- We also helped with a school food collection for the Local Food Bank which was distributed to the Trussell Trust in Barnet.



WHAT DO THE PTA DO?

As well as organising a number of fun social events for the school community, fundraising is one of the key objectives of the PTA and this year has seen the team organise two very successful quiz nights, two raffles and a Summer BBQ.

There was no PTA Christmas event this year but we linked up with the school team and backed the initiative to collect donations for the Local Food Bank - a huge amount of food items were collected on Student Coaching Day last November and distributed to the Trussell Trust in Barnet. We also supported the Music Department by providing a bar at their Autumn and Summer music events.

Look out for next year's events!

Music Quiz
An East Barnet School PTA Production

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER
7.00pm (for 7.30pm start)

This is a ticketless event, your name will be on a checklist on the door. There'll be a licensed pay bar and you are welcome to bring your own food along.
TO BOOK: Email pta@eastbarnet.barnet.sch.uk or book your tickets at reception.

£7.50 include crisps and dips on each table

QUIZ NIGHT
THE EAST BARNET SCHOOL PTA GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

RAISING MONEY TO BENEFIT ALL STUDENTS

Friday 11th March
7pm for a 7.30pm start
Quiz Master: Mr Jason Killip

Come along as a team of 4-8 people or we can make up teams on the night. There will be a well stocked licensed pay bar and you are welcome to bring along your own food. There will also be a raffle with fabulous prizes!

Tickets: £7.50 includes nibbles on each table. This is a ticketless event. Your name will be on a checklist on the door.
To book: Email pta@eastbarnetschool.com

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2015

1st Prize
An Electric 'Hoverboard' Two-Wheeled Smart Scooter

First prize generously donated by **Hamilton Fraser**

MANY OTHER GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON AS WELL

Look out for the special books of raffle tickets. Have as many goes as you like and all profits go to East Barnet School

Grand Draw will take place at The School Assembly on **Friday 11th December**

*Photograph of hoverboard for illustration purposes only, exact model to be confirmed.

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SUMMER RAFFLE 2016

1st Prize
Beats by Dr Dre Mixr Headphones

MANY OTHER GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

Look out for the special books of raffle tickets. Have as many goes as you like, all profits go to East Barnet School.

Grand Draw will take place at The Summer Barbeque on **Friday 24th June**

*Photograph of headphones for illustration purposes only, exact model to be confirmed.

EAST BARNET SCHOOL PTA

It's Mid-Summer BBQ time!

COME AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

FRIDAY 24th JUNE
6.30PM-10PM

MUSIC, FOOD, DRINKS AND A WHOLE LOT MORE
Bucking Bronco, Musical Acts, Raffle, Mocktails and a Pimms Bar.

ENTRY TICKETS Adults: £5 (includes one free drink) All students/Children: Free entry

BUY YOUR TICKETS Available through the school office (Cheques made payable to EBS PTA)

For more information: www.eastbarnetschool.com

THANK YOU!

On a personal note, I would like to thank Jackie Partridge, Elena Trankarova, Charmain Bora for all their ideas, input and help, the EBS Team, especially Mr S. Sweeney, Miss N. Bain and the Finance Team.

Sincere thanks go to our two Quiz Masters Mr J. Killip and Mr S. Sweeney, to all the parents and PTA members who have attended meetings, bought raffle tickets, and of course those who have helped and supported events – we couldn't do it without you!

Lastly we have had three main sponsors this year - Barclays Bank, The Property Studio and Hamilton Fraser, as well as other small businesses who continue to support our events. If you have a business or work for a business that offers match funding, please get in touch as this all helps raise valuable funds.

Thank you all for your support – we look forward to another successful year ahead.

Stuart Gates, PTA Chair
e-mail: pta@eastbarnetschool.com

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PTA

There are lots of different ways you can support and help raise valuable funds for the EBS PTA:



YEAR 11 PROM 2016



Thursday 30th June...the last official event for the Class of 2011. How quickly has that gone? This year's Prom celebrated an amazing year group's journey through five years of hard work. They all looked fantastic and everyone danced throughout the night. It was great to see a wonderful group of individuals catch up, reminisce, and reflect on their time at East Barnet School.

The Year 11 team are so proud of the year group and it was a fantastic way to send them off on the next step of their journey...keep in touch.

The Year 11 Team





SIXTH FORM PROM 2016

The Prom was a great experience! Everyone came dressed in their best clothes, but blazers and high heels were a rare sight by the end of the night, with everyone throwing them to the side so they could hit some extraordinary dance moves. The food only made things better, with plenty of burgers for everyone. 'Shout out' and 'big thanks' to the DJs who shut the place down by playing a variety of music which everyone enjoyed, ranging from Michael Jackson to Stormzy, and, all in all, the Prom was a brilliant way to have one last party before heading off on our separate ways. Good luck, everyone!

Simeon Anie





SCHOOL TRIPS 2015 - 2016

LESSONS FOR AUSCHWITZ



During the Autumn term our Sixth Form History students George Lewis and David Horne were selected to represent EBS in the *Lessons for Auschwitz* programme. The programme, which is set up by the Holocaust Educational Trust, is targeted at exploring different ways in which the Holocaust is remembered, as well as how these events can be taught in our schools.

The students, along with staff attended an initial seminar in which we heard Holocaust survivors recount not only their experiences, but their view as children of the changes being enforced by the Nazi Regime. Following the seminar, the students visited Auschwitz. The students learned how the small, predominantly Jewish city was to become synonymous with the concentration camp. The students spent the day with a guided tour around both Auschwitz and Birkenau sites. At the end of the day, all of those involved sat for a silent prayer circle and reflection. This was an invaluable experience for all involved and our students represented the school brilliantly, not only during the programme but by coming back and sharing what they had learned with younger students in the school. In particular, George Lewis prepared and delivered an excellent assembly for Year 9, passing on what he had learnt and the messages this has for today's society. Thanks go to Miss De Carolis for organising and participating in the programme this year.

SPAIN

Recently, 42 Year 8 students enjoyed an amazing trip to Santander, Spain. The trip was run by Miss Berger and every student had a wonderful time. We did lots of amazing activities, including: a cable car ride up to the top of a mountain in the Picos de Europa, trips to the beach, visiting Cabarceno Wildlife Park, flamenco and salsa dancing lessons, shopping in one of Bilbao's best shopping centres and lots more! Every minute was thoroughly enjoyed, from eating churros and tapas, to playing football and rounders. For me, this trip has been the best yet and we could not have done it without Miss Berger, Ms Tivnann, Mr Jones, Mr Curtis and Mr Harrison. Bring on the next trip to Spain!

Max Bhatia 8A



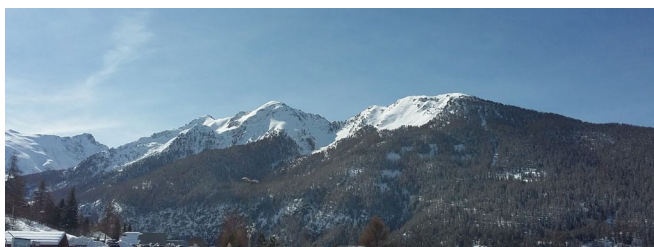
GLOBE TRIP



On the 27th, 28th and 29th June, all of Year 7 visited the Globe Theatre as part of the English Department's *Introduction to Shakespeare* unit. The students were incredibly excited to make this visit to the South Bank; the day included a tour of the theatre, after which the students engaged in Drama workshops with professional actors. The visit finished with an exploration of the medieval exhibition looking at stage costumes and artefacts. Some students caught a glimpse of a sword fighting demonstration, before it was time to cool off with ice creams and head back to East Barnet. Thank you to all the teachers who helped to make the day run smoothly, and to the students who were so well behaved.

X. Pieri, English Teacher

SKI TRIP



Over half term we took 42 students to Les Orres in France for the legendary annual Ski Trip. The journey to the ski resort flew by and, before we knew it, we were driving up picturesque valleys with a crisp blue lake on one side and beautiful white snow-capped mountains in front of us. It didn't take long for everyone to disembark and start enjoying everything that the French mountains had to offer. Every day was filled with five hours of swoosh and swish; learning how to ski or perfecting

the parallel and curve turns. As the morning sessions finished, we would all meet in our hotel for the heartiest of lunches and a rest to revive those legs, and then we were back out for the afternoon sessions. All the students made excellent progress, finishing every single day with beaming smiles, laughing about the biggest fall or the best wipe out. The evenings were just as fun as the days with students taking part in quizzes, ice skating, bowling, loads of fun games and the ongoing pool competition! I would like to say a big thank you and a massive well done to all the students for making the week an absolutely perfect half term. Watch this space for details of Ski 2017.

C. Manzi and the Ski Team



ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL

East Barnet School was one of only 30 schools in the UK to be awarded funding for an Erasmus+ International project.

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. The project title is 'Food, nutrition, eating habits, health and disease at European schools as an (inter) cultural mirror' which incorporates the popular Latin phrase "Mens sana in corpore sano" meaning, "Healthy mind in a Healthy body."

This project involves being part of an exchange with the schools and countries below, each focusing on a different topic relating to Food, Nutrition and Health.

Other schools involved are:

- Lycée Jean de la Fontaine, Château-Thierry, France
- Prywatne Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Marii, Poland
- Skłodowskiej-Curie, Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland
- IES Joaquin Turina, Sevilla, Spain
- I.I.S. Bazoli/Polo, Desenzano del Garda, Italy.

In October 2015, Ms Connor attended an initial meeting in Austria to plan events for the year. East Barnet students made their first exchange to our Spanish partner school in April 2016. Representatives from each of our European partner schools met at East Barnet in June 2016 to plan events for next year.

Events include an exchange of teachers and students (16-18 year old) with our partner schools in Poland and Italy in October 2016.

If any parent would be willing to accommodate an exchange student from our visiting schools from Italy and Poland please contact Ms Connor.

Our students and teachers will be on their final exchange, working with students and teachers from Spain at the host school in France in March 2017.



CHAMA

Members of Chama House have shown wonderful enthusiasm and House spirit this year.

The first competition of the year was the House Cake Competition, and Chama had the most cakes brought in, far outstripping all the other Houses. This shows the wonderful spirit that Chama students have and enabled us to raise £150 for our house charity.

The second competition of the year was the Christmas Tree and again Chama produced a beautiful tree. Every student in Chama drew around their hand and decorated it to represent the notion that we can make a difference by working together. They really were 'helping hands' because, as well as making the decorations, Chama students brought in items for the refugee camps in Calais – some of which were also used to decorate the tree, and the rest put in boxes at the bottom of the tree. This showed the students how we can help others less fortunate than ourselves. 9B brought in the most items for the refugees and won a Pizza Party from Chama to say thank you, 7B were not far behind and they enjoyed an ice cream party for their prize.

In Chama, we don't believe that winning is all important – we applaud participation and House spirit more. However, it is always nice to celebrate success, and two prize winners this year have been Sacha Storrs-Davies 8E who won the Karakuri Competition and Natalie Long who produced a beautiful piece of art work for the House Art Competition.

I hope the incredible house spirit shown by Chama House will continue into next year and that Chama House continues to be a House that Cares.

D. Kingston - Head of Chama House

Shannon (8B) won the best Chama themed cake and Mia (7E) won the best tasting Chama cupcakes in the house "Best of British" cake competition.



KELLER

This has been a fantastic year for Keller House, both competitively and in fundraising for charity.

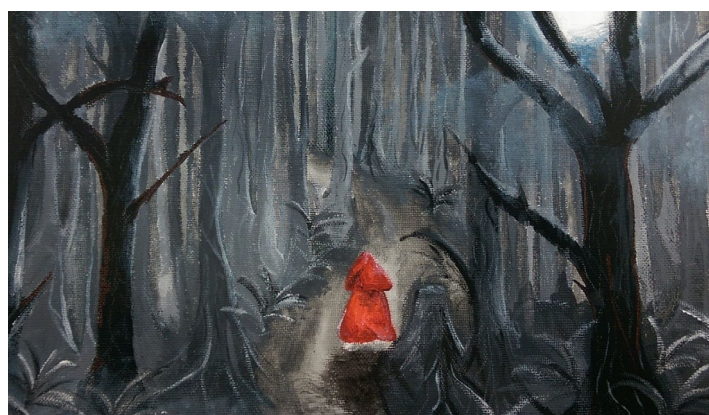
In sport, we have made a dramatic comeback to sit three points below current leaders Murray. Fingers crossed, our momentum continues into Sports Day to seal what could be a Leicester-esque victory.

Our baking skills have excelled this year, with Katelyn producing the best cupcakes and Jack producing the best tasting cake in the annual cake competition. We raised a whopping £105 pounds for Great Ormond Street Hospital through pure baking prowess. This continued in Easter with some incredibly tasty cakes, raising further money.

The inaugural inter-house art competition was a success for Keller as well with a stunning depiction of Red Riding Hood by Porter Locke in Year 9 and a variety of well-drawn mythical creatures by Chris Cleovoulou in Year 11 stealing the show.

It has been a fantastic first year as Head of Keller House and it looks like we will be close to many honours come the end of the year. Next year we will be looking to improve!

T. Harrison - Head of Keller House



Katelyn (7D) won the best cupcakes and Jack (8F) won the best tasting cake. Some of our sporting stars above are Rhiannon (8D), Emily (8F), Michael (8D), Ben (8D), Max (8D), Grace (8D), Luke (8H), Rebekah (8F) and Jack (8F). Red Riding Hood by Porter is also pictured.

MURRAY

As the end of another academic year draws to a close, it is the perfect time to reflect upon and celebrate our success. Once again, Murray House have had a great year, with many different events taking place.

We started the year with our deliciously fun House Cake Competition, which consists of four winning categories. Although Murray didn't come first in a particular category, there were some truly amazing cakes. This year's theme was 'Best of British' - the interpretation of this and the imagination used was outstanding! Some of our runners-up were: Nikki 7G, for 'Best Looking' with her British breakfast cake, the 'Most Creative' runner-up was Holly 10G with her Wimbledon cake, Tasneem 7G entered some great cupcakes and 'Best Tasting' runners-up were Serena and Holly 8C. All our cakes sold out, raising more than £100 for our house charity.

Another winter event was our annual 'House Christmas Tree Competition' and this year we had a butterfly theme; everyone involved purchased a butterfly template to decorate and paid a small contribution to raise funds for our house charity and to raise the house profile. Our tree stood proud in the school reception area this year.

In our spring term, we launched a new house event, known as 'House Art Competition', the entries we had from each year group were amazing and Murray finished first!! The theme was 'A Fantasy World' and a big congratulations goes to all students involved particularly Esha 7C, Katie-Mia 8G and Lottie 10G.

In preparation for Easter, the houses joined forces and ran a charity cake sale; all were sold out by break time and funds raised were split between the houses.

The Summer term is always busy, with different activities taking place. This year the houses worked together with the PTA and had a mocktail stall at the summer BBQ. The mocktails were named after and linked to a house, 'Minty Murray' was obviously a best seller, sampled and loved by all! A big thank you to Meggie 9G, who helped.

The year would not be complete without Sports Day, and once again Murray House had some exceptional performances, especially from Year 9 shotput and all years performed well in the relay. The teachers' race was the last of the day, in which Mr Curtis, Mr Jones and Miss Harvey represented Murray and led us to victory! At the end of the day, it was announced Murray House won the Year 8 and 9 trophies. The big reveal will be at the end of year assembly...showcasing that we continued our winning streak and won the overall Sports Day cup! A very big well done to everyone!

Finally, Murray house have enjoyed supporting the Butterfly AVM charity and being part of Nikki's journey so far, we look forward to more fundraising next year.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all the people who have helped with our house community, all the students, staff, parents and PTA for all their hard work. We look forward to next year's events and welcoming our new Year 7 students. Have a great summer!

M. Zaman - Head of Murray House



TUTU

Tutu House has had a brilliant year! We started well winning the cake competition, with Tutu gaining the most points overall. Tutu House came first in 'Best Looking' and 'Most Creative', and runners-up in the other two categories. The winning cakes both took their inspiration from a very British tea party. These were made by Isabella Constanti in 8H, with tea pouring out from a tea pot onto a two tier cake. Even more amazingly, Ava Bevan and Rachel McTeare (both 7H) in their 'Very British Afternoon Tea' not only had amazing decoration but inside their sandwich sponge was red, white and blue too!

All the cakes made were sold at break to raise money for our charity, CMT UK. This is a condition that damages the peripheral nerves. Due to this nerve damage, people with CMT may find that their muscles become slowly weaker over the years, particularly in their hands and feet, and the sense of feeling can become duller or numb in the same areas. We are proud to support this charity, as one of our students has this condition, and we feel much closer to the cause and how they support young people affected by this condition.

Several other opportunities were found for raising money for our charity throughout the year. We used our Christmas Tree as just such an opportunity, where students made a charitable donation in order to nominate their 'Christmas Star' and this was put on the tree. This was enthusiastically organised by lots of students from Year 8, more specifically Max Bhatia, Megan Neville, Bertan Karaaziz and Sara Alam – who worked tirelessly for two weeks raising money in their breaks and lunchtimes. Needless to say, we won the competition! We also had another cake sale in the Spring term which raised another small amount. Even more was raised at the PTA BBQ with Hawaii blue mocktails!

We have also done well in several other competitions. In the Book Mark Competition, Isabel Sarson 7A came second and Rory Pulsford 7A was third, with runners up George Salazar-Bejarano 7H and Ava Bevan 7H, with honourable mentions for more Tutu students than any other house. We came second in the House Art Competition with George again leading for the House. We have also had fantastic entries in the Castle competition and the Karakuri competition, where Isabella Constanti (8H) won a prize for her ski lift. Tutu students also enthusiastically embraced the school show – with an overwhelming majority of participants being members of Tutu house.

We have had a strong showing in the Inter-House sports especially from Years 7 and 8. Year 7 won the basketball, the dodgeball and the boys' football competition! Year 8 excelled at trampolining, and, while the competition still goes on, Year 9 came first in the football.

Tutu students continue to show a spirit of kindness, generosity and Ubuntu!

M. Robb - Head of Tutu House





COMMUNICATION MATTERS: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

There can never have been a time when it was more important to make your voice heard. Big changes are being planned and enacted which will shape our society for generations to come. It is strange then that the government have down-graded the importance of 'oracy' in our National Curriculum.

In the past 'speaking and listening' skills made up 20% of the final English GCSE grade. This has now been reduced to zero! We can only speculate about the thinking behind this move, but we can work hard to mitigate the harmful effects of such a change.

We all know that you only really understand something when you can explain it clearly to another person. We also realise that, in the real world, it is better to work together than to try and do things on our own. It is for these reasons that we will continue to ask students at East Barnet to work collaboratively, and to make individual presentations to groups as a central part of their education.

We realise that some people are reluctant to speak out, but where better to overcome these fears than in the safe and supportive environment of East Barnet School. Whatever the matter, make sure that you have your say!

H. Seckleman
Assistant Headteacher