

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

This week students were informed about the theme for International Women's Day, 'Balance for Better', which is centred around achieving a gender-balanced world. They were made aware of the inequalities which still exist in society, the achievements of many inspirational women and the responsibility we all share to ensure that gender equality becomes a reality. Whilst we are incredibly proud of the equal opportunities we offer to all, there is always more we can do. I encourage you all to challenge gender stereotypes and bias, to educate and inspire our children about the role of women in society and to celebrate women's achievements so that students have the role models that they need. 'If she can see it, she can be it'!

"No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens." - Michelle Obama, Former First Lady of the United States

L. Swaine, Headteacher

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT WOWS EBS AUDIENCES!



We were delighted to present *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* as this year's EBS whole school production. Producing Andrew Lloyd Webber's first show, 60 years after its first performance was a big challenge, with a young cast, large number of songs, and a completely sung orchestral score. To be honest, we thought it would be easier! We are so proud of what the students achieved. The effort and energy from our talented cast - ranging from Years 7-11 was fantastic. Euan Williams, in the title role, led the cast with great humour and maturity, whilst Evie Craggs, Amy Perera, and Eleanor Rachel's Narrators told the audience the story with energy, and beautiful voices. There were unforgettable cameos from the likes of Kci-James Gibbons and Isabella Constanti as Mr & Mrs Potiphar, Sebastian Harry as Pharaoh, not to mention the splendidly moustachioed Ishmalites - led by Colin the Camel. Speaking of moustaches, anyone who was at the Saturday performance cannot have failed to notice the hilarious facial hair malfunctions that plagued Adam Hutton's Jacob. The work-rate and commitment of each and everyone of The Brothers was a pleasure to work with in rehearsal and a joy to watch in performance. They sang, danced, and created loads of laughs along the way. I always say that the overall quality of a school show is dependent, not on the lead performers, but the ensemble. Our wonderful chorus sang every word with power, executed Miss Buczman's challenging choreography with style, and contributed to a fabulous production. The final word must go to the talented and hardworking orchestra who continue to exceed all expectations of what a student orchestra should be. We are extremely proud that this production was so student led - not only what could be seen onstage, but also in terms of lighting, sound, and stage management. Here's to next year and (before you ask), yes we do know what the show is going to be, and no we not going to tell you!

K. Messios, K. Eustace, E. Marriott, L. Carnegie-Gomez, E. Buczman, C. Chandler

JOSEPH REVIEWS

"The back flip by the Elvis was the best thing I've ever seen." - *Freddie Ricketts, aged 6*

"Look mummy! Lights! Lights! It's daytime. It's nighttime, it's daytime again. Wow!" - *Johnny Messios, aged 3*

"I loved the dancing and the yellow t-shirts but they didn't have pink!!" - *Molly Ricketts, aged 3*

"I liked the old man bit, it was very funny. It was very, very good I liked the singing, the music and the drama." - *Eleri Parfitt, aged 6*

"An energetic production jam packed full of 'technicolour' talent!" - *Lili Fowkes-Gajan, aged 12*

"The singing was magnificent when the mics were not malfunctioning. The funniest bit was the fruit dance this was a funky song." - *Evan Schramm, aged 9*

"I liked it when it was the end" - *Calliope Messios, aged 5*

"I loved the show. I mostly loved little Benjamin, the Elvis flips and the main song performed at the start and end. I want to come to every show at East Barnet School because it was all really good and really funny." - *Lara Karakin, aged 7*

EBS SKI TRIP



Over the half term, 40 students travelled to Italy for the school ski trip. The weather was fantastic, and everyone had a great time learning to ski and eating homemade Italian food. I asked two Year 8 students who haven't been on the trip before a few questions...

What did you enjoy the most?

Lily: I liked the evening activities and interacting with everyone, I also made a lot of new friends. Most importantly I enjoyed learning how to ski!

Josh: My favourite part was the slopes, they were really fun and I enjoyed learning to turn.

What was the hotel like?

Lily: The food was delicious and there was more than enough. The hotel was very nice and spacious with a balcony that shows the mountain views and the beautiful village.

Josh: The hotel was really nice and cosy, the food was really good, and staff were really nice.

Did you make progress skiing?

Lily: I mean at the start I couldn't even put on my skis let alone actual skiing. I made a big improvement throughout the week - by the end of the trip we were going down difficult slopes.

Josh: At the start I wasn't even able to stand upright and by the end we were going down slopes and even skied down a glacier.

Would you recommend the ski trip?

Lily: YES, yes, I would, the trip is an amazing experience and a great chance to socialise with friends.

Josh: I recommend this to everyone

S. Smith, Ski Trip Staff

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who registered their merits and received certificates and badges this half term. Every year we seem to smash all previous records for achievement and the start of 2019 has been no exception. If you didn't manage to get your merits registered **DO NOT FRET!** You won't lose them as merits are carried onto the following term/year. Make sure you keep your homework diary as a record of proof and I'll be happy to register any outstanding merits so that you get your hard-earned award. I'm in the PDC every Monday lunchtime.

R. Virides, Pastoral

BEST ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK!

Year 7: **7A** with **98.67%** ● Year 10: **10F** with **100%** ●
 Year 8: **8A** with **97.93%** ● Year 11: **11D** with **97.60%** ●
 Year 9: **9F** with **97.67%** ●

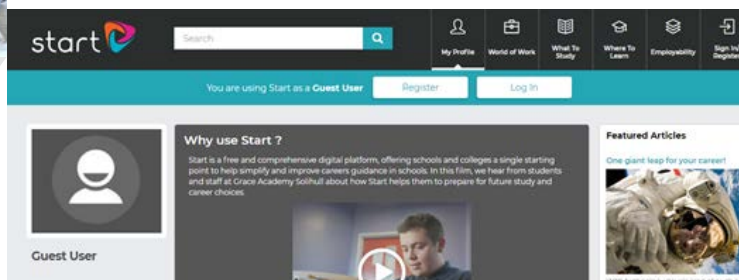
Well done to each of these forms - keep it up! Remember:

'Every school day counts'.

Keller is top of the table this week, with Tutu a close second. A big shout out to 10F who had 100% attendance - amazing! Don't forget to pick up your tokens from your Head of House.

CAREERS WEEK & APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

This week was both National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week (4th-8th March 2019). The school and website has lots of careers information and resources on display and students are being actively encouraged to set up a personal account on startprofile.com a web-based platform that helps students to identify future opportunities and guides students 'step-by-step' through their career journey. When setting up an account, please use the school code 12222. Click [here](#) for an excellent short introduction video.



During this week's tutorials, teaching staff have also been talking about careers and we would encourage parents and carers to test their knowledge of apprenticeships by having a go at the [Apprenticeship Quiz](#) and maybe click [here](#) to watch the short film, Amazing Apprenticeships & Understanding Apprenticeships.

20th March: we welcome JustIT Apprenticeships into school, to give a lunchtime careers talk.

27th March: we welcome a Civil Engineer, who has kindly volunteered to speak to our students about his profession.

E. Betts, Careers

Read the latest **BARNET PARTNERSHIP 4 SCHOOL SPORT** Newsletter to see what has been happening and what sports activities are coming up. Please click [here](#).

A REQUEST FOR OLD APPLE MAC COMPUTERS



The Design & Technology Faculty are desperate for Apple Mac computers for students to work on. Currently, we have one which is in constant demand. If you have, or know anyone who is willing to donate one to the faculty we would be really grateful. Please contact Mrs C Roncarati by email through: enquiries@eastbarnetschool.com. Many thanks!

RECRUITING NOW!

We are currently recruiting. If you would like to join our team, please click [here](#) to see all details on the school website.



PTFA NOTICES

PTFA Meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th March at 7.15 for 7.30pm – come and join us for some tea and cake or just to meet other parents.

DO THE RIGHT THING!



Every week, a student from each year receives a Do the Right Thing Award, and we are going to celebrate this achievement. Congratulations to all the winners from the last two weeks!

25th February 2019

Year 7: Alexandra Tsiotsi
 Year 8: Libby Foster
 Year 9: Euan Williams
 Year 10: Przemyslaw Piotrowicz
 Year 11: Josh Geeves

4th March 2019

Year 7: Thomas Naevez-White
 Year 8: Andrew Gurney
 Year 9: Alex Leach
 Year 10: Ventsislav Shiparov
 Year 11: Tilly Anderson