

THANK YOU

During assembly this week, I told the students about a story I had read over the holidays; a story that centred around a woman called Joanna who discussed her school life. She explained that at school she was bullied quite a bit and every day on the way home from school the other kids would throw stones at her. It made her very sad and she hated going to school through fear of coming home. One day, a very popular girl Nicole, started to walk with her - because no-one would throw stones at her when Nicole was there. "I knew what she was doing", said Joanna "and so did she but I never acknowledged it or even said thank you. She would just appear by my side and start walking, I suppose risking her popularity by being seen with me. But she did it without thanks because it was a kind thing to do. I wish I had thanked her". Joanna put a post out on social media and it got the hash tag #BeMoreNicole in her attempt to thank the lady who had helped her all those years ago. Let's all be a bit more Nicole.

In addition, I would like to thank all the staff who give up their free time so willingly to run school trips and activities. In the last few weeks alone we have had students attend the theatre, a skiing trip, a trip to Spain and we ran a wonderful community event, where elderly people in our local area were treated to afternoon tea. This is all in addition to the fabulous clubs that already go on. I am very grateful for all the hard work. The wonderful experiences and memories created will last a life time.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

THE BIG REVIEW! BUGSY MALONE 2020! BY THE DIRECTOR HIMSELF!



Bugsy Malone is one of my all-time favourite films, and I have always wanted to direct it. After all, it's a kids show - it must be easy, right? Um, no. This was the most ambitious and complicated productions we have attempted yet, but definitely the most rewarding. We had to cope with a huge cast, lots of multi-roling, ridiculous costume changes, multiple locations, a kid rolled up in a carpet, a car chase, a near-lethal flour spillage, an exploding soda syphon, confetti balloons, custard pies, and.....splurge guns!

The cast were superbly led by Euan Williams as Bugsy, who has continued to develop and mature into an excellent performer of skill and composure that belies his years. Evie Craggs brought a feisty strength and independence to Blousey, with Scarlett Irish's unflappable Tallulah providing great moments of comedy alongside her exceptional musical performance. Fat Sam was played with energy and style by Aliyah Mabruck, who had the audience in hysterics with her reactions to her wonderfully incompetent gang, in contrast to the cool performance on Finley Noonan as Dandy Dan, and Isabel Sabourin stole the hearts of the audience as Fizzy.

I have always emphasised to the students that the difference between a good show and an outstanding show is the quality and commitment of the supporting cast. I was hugely proud of how each member of the company

contributed to the big elements of the show and created memorable moments of their own supporting characters.

This review cannot end without a whole-hearted thank you to the staff who worked so hard to design and build the set and props. Mrs Chandler, Mr Chandler, and Mr Boast (what a legend), and Mrs Clemmett went far beyond what I could ever have expected, and I have nothing but eternal gratitude, and admiration for them.

Following on from this, I must acknowledge just how well the wonderful community of EBS came through for the benefit of our students; Ms Swaine (for regularly popping into rehearsals to encourage the cast), Ms Buczman, Ms Carnegie-Gomez, and Mr Steele (for their choreography and directorial support), Mrs Eustace and Mr Marriott (for managing to develop another fabulous orchestra), the Premises team (for letting us in at weekends and tolerating my diva strops), the EBS teaching staff (for covering our lessons), Mrs Donald (for arranging the ticketing system), Mrs Virides (for the hugs), our wonderful and hard-working student-led stage management, wardrobe, and technical teams, and many, many more people. The final thank you and well done must go to the entire Buggy Malone company for providing fantastic performances, and such wonderful entertainment for their audiences. They did EBS proud.

Mr K Messios, Director



A LOVELY AFTERNOON TEA



We recently welcomed guests to join us for an afternoon of delicious tea, cakes and spectacular entertainment. It was a warming experience to see them so relaxed and enjoying the music and a testament to our staff and students. Some of our guests wrote a lovely account:

On 12th February, Barbara, Julie, Gerry and Dave, were invited to a "Tea Party" at East Barnet School, which we were, of course delighted to accept. Our hosts were the teachers and students of the Health and Social Care Module, and on arrival we and other guests were warmly greeted and escorted by friendly students to the school hall, where an array of tables awaited us, laden with delicious cakes, porcelain tea pots and elegant cups and saucers, and a centre posy of spring flowers.

The idea behind the occasion was to encourage the students to engage with older members of the community, which we have to say they did with enthusiasm and confidence. On our table our particular hosts were Macy and Rebecca, who told us a bit about their course, and also talked about their aspirations for the future. For our part, they were interested in what we each had done for a living and about our respective lives, generally, including our own personal recollections of events during the 1939 - 45 War and afterwards. They showed a genuine interest in the four of us, so for us it was a very pleasant time, spent in their company.

To conclude the proceedings we were all entertained by some of the students, performing an energetic number from their recent School Musical "Bugsy Malone"; Solo Acts; and finally, a resounding and very tuneful rendition of *New York, New York* by the Head of Drama, who, we were told, had appeared in the West End in *The Lion King*.

A rousing end to a most enjoyable social event, one which we hope might be repeated. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Direk who invited us to attend this successful initiative, from which we hope and believe, the students got something useful. We certainly enjoyed it!

Julie and Gerry and Dave and Barbara

Now as we know when anyone throws a party there is always clearing up to do! The ambassadors helped put the furniture back, Mr Hugall cleared away our staging and seating with help from Ms Christodoulou and Mr Carrington took care of pot wash! Thank you to all staff and students who gave so freely of their time to create such a memorable experience for our guests. The EBS community worked together to make sure all guests left with a smile and a full heart. It was a fantastic experience for all and I'm looking forward to us hosting our guests again in the near future.

Ms Buczman, Head of House

AUTHOR TO VISIT EBS

In celebration of World Book Day, renowned Young Adult Author Patrice Lawrence is coming into school on Tuesday 3rd March to talk to all of Year 8, and will be running a writing workshop with Year 8 and 9 students during lunchtime. Patrice comes highly recommended through the Read4Barnet Conference. I personally saw her speak last Summer and found her inspirational. All students are invited to meet her in the Library at lunchtime where she will be signing copies of her books. If your son or daughter wishes to purchase a copy they will be available at a discounted price of £7. Please send £7 cash on the day. Patrice's books are also available to borrow from the school library.

THANK YOU

A member of the EBS community has donated several boxes of brand new books to our School Library. It is a very generous donation and we would like to thank them. They can be assured that the books will be put to extremely good use.

EBS Library

CORONAVIRUS - ADVICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

There is no need to panic about the Coronavirus. We are working closely with Public Health England and the London Coronavirus Response Cell to ensure we have the most up to date information. We recently posted an update on our website, which can be seen by clicking [here](#).

TIKTOK PARENTAL ADVICE



You can now access and create parental controls for TikTok. Click [here](#) for hints and tips to keep your child safe.

ATTENDANCE NOTICE

A reminder that where possible medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. If this is not possible then students are required to attend school before and after the appointment. The attendance officer should always be notified of the medical appointment.

BPSS NEWSLETTER

BPSS (Barnet Partnership for School Sport) have put together their latest newsletter with upcoming events and past stories. Click [here](#) to check it out!

DO THE RIGHT THING!



Congratulations to all the Do the Right Thing winners!

10th February 2020

Yr 7: Oscar Skinner
Yr 8: Sumairah Patel
Yr 9: Lily Ferguson
Yr 10: Aadam Asghar
Yr 11: Imre Bagoly

Sixth Form: Chris Rutt, James Baker, Ella Moss, Georgina Lawrence, Tymi Percheski, Atanas Mirchev, David Lozda

24th February 2020

Yr 7: Arthur Honnang
Yr 8: Sami Tilly
Yr 9: Alice Christopher
Yr 10: Vitoria Costa
Yr 11: Diana Sierra Torres

Sixth Form: Mohamed Wanza, Valeria Quintero Santafimio, Lucia Lawson

BEST ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK!

Year 7: **7E** with **98.84%** ● Year 10: **10A** with **97.92%** ●
Year 8: **8A** with **100%** ★ ● Year 11: **11H** with **96.36%** ●
Year 9: **9G** with **98.94%** ●

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

'Every school day counts'.

Congratulations to Tutu who have three top forms again and one with 100%! Don't forget to pick up your tokens from your Head of House.