

WE BECOME KIND IF WE ARE KIND

To mark Remembrance Day, I shared a story with students about a friend of mine, whose Grandfather was born in 1905. Although he lived through both World Wars, he was lucky enough to avoid serving in either as he was a farmer. During the First World War, he worked on a farm alongside a Prisoner of War who had been captured and put to work as a labourer - the man was treated very poorly by the owners of the farm. By the Second World War, my friend's Grandfather owned his own farm. Every day the farmers were allowed to collect and use a Prisoner of War as free labour. My friend's Grandfather would arrive early at the meeting point every day to pick up the same prisoner; a 22-year-old German man. Despite instructions to only give Prisoners of War bread and water, my friend's Grandfather treated him very well, giving him cooked meals every day, and plenty of rest breaks throughout their time together. After the war, they became lifelong friends and remained in touch throughout their lives - their children are now friends and remain in contact too! I reminded students of the importance of being consistently kind, no matter what life presents us with. The same way that we become kind if we are kind, we can be successful if we practice and keep trying.

"Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." - Aristotle

L. Swaine, Headteacher

EBS SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF 'TWO' IS A GREAT SUCCESS!



Being a cast member of EBS's production of *TWO* was a truly enriching experience. Being able to be a part of a production like this allowed me to express an interest of mine that I can't within my lessons, and needless to say this felt outstanding. I auditioned on a whim because I'd seen last year's production of *Little Shop of Horrors* and thought to myself, "Yeah, I fancy a bit of that". Especially since we were a small cast of only 14, a feeling of genuine connection between us all made this production fun, not only on stage for cast and audience alike, but also behind the scenes in rehearsals and backstage during performances, (sorry to Saturday night's audience if you heard us laughing!). Another brilliant aspect about acting in *TWO* was working with our wonderful directors, Mr Messios, Ms Carnegie-Gomez, and Mr Steel. These three particularly dedicated teachers gave up hours of their time to ensure our production was on track and to the best quality it

could have been. Whether focusing intensively on particular scenes or simply running vocal warm-ups before each show, these two were a delight to have run our play. In only a few short months, this regular Barnet boy was made to feel like a Hollywood star! Thank you to everyone who came and made it possible. Thanks!

Alex Schwaller - Year 13

WE HAVE LOTS OF AUDIENCE AND CAST REVIEWS FROM THE PRODUCTION - CHECK THEM OUT ONLINE!

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.



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS



Yes, it is that time of year again, when the indoor athletes team throw the shot the furthest, jump the highest and run the quickest. We are CHAMPIONS again in the Year 8 Boys' Team and second in the Year 7 team. The leadership in both teams was by far the best we have ever seen and a special mention has to go to Sami Tilly, Tommy Narvaez-White and Ryan Lura for



helping organise and guide their teams and being fantastic sports. The Girls' competition is in a few weeks so watch this space for another winning performance and hopefully, another team being entered into the London Youth Games with the Year 8 Boys. Well done!

C. Manzi, PE Teacher

KS3 GIRLS' BADMINTON



On the 12th November, a group of determined Year 8 and 9 girls set out to Q.E. Girls for a badminton tournament. After splitting into single and doubles teams, we played challenging matches against other Barnet schools. It was a great experience and resulted in EBS coming fifth out of twelve teams. The Year 8s among us will be very excited to play next year and hopefully try to go one better.

Lottie Rachel, Year 8

BPSS AWARDS EVENING



On Wednesday 7th November, several staff and students were invited to attend the BPSS Awards ceremony. Having been shortlisted in several categories, everyone waited in anticipation to see

if we would be victorious. The first award of the night that we were in the running for was the Outstanding Contribution to Leadership. We duly won this; the product of the fabulous work our Sports Leaders did last year and have done year on year, supporting the sporting development of our younger students in our feeder primary schools. Eleanor Rachel and Theo Cross collected the award on their behalf. Second up; the Secondary Young Performer of the Year - in the running; Elena Roncarati. Another win! In fact, this was the second time Elena has won this award. When you realise the list of sports and achievements Elena has produced, it's little wonder. The final award was the Secondary Team of the Year, for which, our Boys U16 Basketball team was nominated. Barnet Champions and the 3rd best team in London, they were definitely in with a shout. However, they lost out to a very deserving Finchley Catholic's U15 Boys Football Team. The final award of the night was awarded to the PE Department, as winners of the BPSS participation award. EBS was recognised for its contribution to school sport, winning the award again, which is now three years in a row. It's not surprising given the enthusiasm our children have and the support they get from their teachers. I suspect we could be in the running again having already taken part in Basketball, Badminton, Cross Country, Football, Netball, Rugby and Sports Hall Athletics competitions this year!

Mr Smith, Head of PE

YEAR 11 & 12 OXFORD UNI OUTREACH DAY



On Tuesday 13th November, twenty eight students from Year 11 and 12 travelled to Christ Church College in Oxford. On arrival our students received an "Oxford Explained" talk and a Q&A session with current Oxford undergraduates before being treated to lunch in The Hall; a hugely impressive room which inspired JK Rowling's vision of Hogwarts. We were then shown around the rest of the historical college by student guides and finished the day taking part in an anthropology workshop at a local museum. The trip certainly opened the eyes of those in attendance and will hopefully inspire many of them to apply to Oxford in the future!

G. Carrington, Leader of Provision for More Able Students

EAST BARNET SCHOOL PTA

QUIZ NIGHT: Another fabulously successful Quiz Night was hosted by the PTA on Friday 9th November, with the return of Mr Sweeney as Quizmaster. £700 was raised from the evening which was great fun, with loads of raffle prizes enjoyed by 70 supporters of the event. Our sincere thanks go to Mr Sweeney once again, and the Premises Team. Thanks also to our amazing current PTA Chair Stuart Gates, and our lovely volunteers on the bar and the door – Elena T, Steph C & Effie P. We couldn't have done it without you.

PTA AGM: Join us Tuesday 4th December at 7pm, to elect PTA officials for the next 12 months. Our current Chair & Vice Chair have announced their intention to step down and we are inviting nominations for the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer - anyone can volunteer. These roles entail only a few hours of your time each month, please submit nominations by 30th November.

The PTA are looking to change to a Parent Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) which will allow a wider group to support our activities and also be able to be nominated as officials. This is under consultation and will also be discussed at the AGM.

Two new Heads of Houses: Miss Manzi (Murray) and Miss Buczman (Chama). Watch this space for more exciting House Competitions on the way!



Don't forget to return your Library books on time. Students need to look out for 'overdue' emails from Micro Librarian Systems on their school email. Overdue resources deprive other students, so please return everything on time!

BEST ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK!

Year 7: **7A** with **99.00%**
Year 8: **8E** with **98.67%**
Year 9: **9G** with **97.59%**

Year 10: **10A** with **93.85%**
Year 11: **11C** with **98.00%**

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

'Every school day counts'.