

CELEBRATE OUR DIFFERENCES

It was with pride that I listened to our Year 12 students speak with passion, honesty and emotion to the school body about Holocaust Memorial Day and in particular their experience of attending Auschwitz-Birkenau. Having visited the concentration camps myself, I was reminded of the unimaginable terror and suffering experienced by more than 6,000,000 people who suffered persecution and the thoughts and reflections that I had during my visit - that kindness and love must always trump hate. It seems increasingly important, in times where division and hateful language seems to be on the increase, for us to remember what can happen when those words become actions. The lessons from the Holocaust do not seem to have been learnt with innocent civilians around the globe still being persecuted for their difference. The Sixth Formers finished their testimony with a favourite quote of mine, 'Be the change you wish to see in the world'. I encourage all of us to celebrate our differences and unite for a better future.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

EBS CAREERS RECOGNITION



You might have noticed Mrs Betts, Head of Careers, has a spring in her step and can't stop smiling this week - this is because our bespoke web-based Careers Resource on Skooler has been

shortlisted for an award - 'Best Practice in the Use of Technology', at the UK Career Development Awards in March. The aim of the UK Career Development Awards is to identify and promote excellence in career development and so even being shortlisted is an amazing achievement of recognition for our school. If you haven't already checked out this resource, what have you been waiting for? With information on how to choose GCSE Options, get work experience, gain valuable employability skills and post 16 & 18 options, you really are missing out.



30th January 2018: Today all students from Years 7-11 took part in a one-hour drop-down Careers Lesson. Students in Years 7-10 focused on 'Exploring Personal Strengths for Employment' and students in Year 11 focused on 'Preparing for Interviews'. Both activities are from the 'Barclays LifeSkills' education programme and adapted for use in our school to inspire your young person and help prepare them for their future. If you would like more information, top tips and access resources to help your young person build their skills, click [here](#).

Lunchtime Career Talks

Wed 6 Feb: How to become a nursery nurse/teacher

Thurs 14 Feb: Professional careers in Medicine & Healthcare



EBS START TIME: Don't forget, school STARTS at 8:45am, so students should arrive at school by 8:40am to allow time to get to registration.

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.



K'NEX ROCKET CAR WORKSHOP

The Prince's Trust Year 8 groups were very lucky to be involved in the K'NEX Rocket Car Workshop. This was a STEM workshop day where the students worked together to build rocket cars out of K'NEX. The volunteers who led the sessions had been involved in the design and engineering of the Bloodhound SSC; the current land speed car trying to brake the record at 1000mph! The students were involved with building, and working out aerodynamics of their car, testing, problem solving and retesting. The day culminated in an exciting competition to see the best rocket car. The process involved pumping the car full of air pressure and seeing how far the K'NEX car travelled and how fast. The determination of the students to build the fastest and most aerodynamic car was a great pleasure to see. It was an amazing race! The students said, "It was fun! It was great to communicate with others and to problem solve, and mainly great to build something and see the finished product".

Miss Manzi, PE Teacher



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!

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS CONTINUES

On Thursday 24th January, nine EBS students represented Barnet at the County Cross Country Championships held at Harrow School's notoriously tough course. Elena Roncarati's incredible performance meant she will now represent Middlesex at the English Schools' Championships. Well done to all who participated - you were a credit to your school and the Barnet team. Year 7 boys: Tommy Narvaez White, Senior Boys: Dylan Hepworth & Giacomo Roncarati, Year 7 girls: Abbie Eldrett, Year 10 & 11 girls: Elena Roncarati & Eleanor Rachel, and Senior Girls: Holly Greenwood, Lilly Rachel & Beth Hargreaves.

C. Hammond, PE Teacher



BARNET DANCE COMPETITION 2019

KEY STAGE 3 ENTRY

The KS3 dance group competed in the Barnet Dance Competition on 24th January here at EBS. The students performed a piece based on the war in Syria, capturing the hearts of both the judges and the audience. The piece showed how the people of Syria endure trauma and devastation, with buildings left in rubble and the loss of loved ones. The girls gave 100% effort in rehearsals, not only giving up their mornings but they also giving up their lunchtimes to make sure they were ready for the competition. The standard was high but the group managed to secure 3rd place. Hanan kindly helped with costuming to ensure the whole group were ready for the stage! All girls worked as a team and each one of them brought something special to the piece. Their commitment and dedication paid off and they did themselves and EBS proud. Lastly, a big thank you to all the parents and carers that got the girls to the rehearsals in the morning. Your support was hugely appreciated and played a big role in their success. Next up is the Barnet Dance Festival and I hope to see as many of you there as possible to support the girls once again. Of course, if you see any of our stars, please do congratulate them on their success; Stella, Erin, Florence, Maya, Alice, Charlotte, Hanan, Michea, Angelina, Loren, Kamilla, Sophia, Eilicia and Lena.



Ms Buczman, Dance Teacher

KEY STAGE 4 ENTRY



On 24th January, Isabella, Freya, Amber, Scarlett and I competed against six other schools in the KS4 category of the Barnet Schools' Dance Competition. It was our last

opportunity to compete at this stage so we put a lot of effort into preparations for our performance. I choreographed the dance, which we then performed, and after months of hard work we achieved 2nd place. We were ecstatic to have been placed second as the standard of the competition was really high and we felt as if all our hard work had been worthwhile.

Amy Perera 11F

AUTHOR VISIT BY NON PRATT



We were very lucky to have a visit by the published Young Adult Author, Non Pratt who has written several books including *Truth or Dare*, *Remix*, *Trouble*, *Giant Days*, *Second Best Friend* and *Unboxed*, all of which are available in the Library.

This event was sponsored by Year 13 student, Sophie M. who had donated some Jack Petchey prize money to the Library for an author talk specifically for older students, and we are incredibly grateful for her generosity. Year 11 students and some Sixth Form were invited to the very lively and interesting presentation. Non talked about stories and storytelling and emphasized that stories themselves need creators and consumers: she suggested that we as consumers should be selective about what we buy or choose to see. Non encouraged students to question what they read and see, as many books and films only contain certain sorts of characters. She mentioned the Bechdel Test which she applied to top films and in doing so she made the audience consider the lack of female role models in many blockbuster movies. *Bechdel Test: (1) it has to have at least two women in it, who (2) who talk to each other, about (3) something besides a man.* Non told the audience that she tries to make her books as diverse as possible. Students were encouraged to ask her questions and several students won postcards for answering questions; one was even given a book as a prize. Non met some students at break in the Library and gave them some advice about their own writing projects.

Mrs Cobb and Mrs Shah, EBS Librarians

PTFA NOTICES

THE 21st CENTURY QUIZ NIGHT

RAISING MONEY TO BENEFIT ALL STUDENTS

Friday 8th 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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BEST ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK!

Year 7: **7B** with **96.00%** ● Year 10: **10C** with **99.26%** ●
Year 8: **8F** with **96.33%** ● Year 11: **11B** with **95.22%** ●
Year 9: **9H** with **95.17%** ●

Well done to each of these forms - keep it up! Remember:
'Every school day counts'.

House points all round this week with everyone a winner, but well done to Chama who had two forms out in front. Don't forget to pick up your tokens from your Head of House each week for the House Point totals!