

## LET'S KEEP GOING!

We have been extremely fortunate at East Barnet School where the Covid transmission rate within our school community has been low so far, especially compared to the national picture which continues to steadily rise. Students must be praised for following the one-way system and doing their very best to wear their face coverings and avoid face-to-face contact with fellow students especially when indoors. It is important we maintain these routines for the next while as Public Health England are predicting transmission rates will continue to climb. It is evident students progress far more when they attend lessons in person, so we will continue to monitor trends and evaluate our systems in order to keep everyone in the East Barnet community safe and do our best to minimise remote learning. For now, I wish the staff, students and families a great Wellbeing Day on Friday. I hope you all take this day as an opportunity to get some rest, enjoy family time and prepare for three more weeks in the lead up to Christmas.

C. Hunt, Acting Headteacher

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This year we will be collecting for the charity Homeless Action Barnet; a non-profit organisation that support homeless people in Barnet in a variety of ways, from providing shelter and food to offering emotional support and facilitating change. Your support would be hugely appreciated! We will be collecting items on Tues 8th Dec, to be delivered on Wed 9th Dec. Thank you so much for support! Best wishes.

A. Irish, Head of Murray House



### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

**PLEASE HELP** East Barnet School COLLECT FOOD AND GIFTS FOR HOMELESS ACTION IN BARNET ON

**TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

For over 20 years, Homeless Action in Barnet have been providing help for homeless men and women across the Borough. They help in providing accommodation and food for those in need, as well helping homeless people access education, helping them to secure employment and with issues regarding health and addiction.

**If you could PLEASE bring any of the following items:**

#### Christmas Gift ideas

- Men's toiletries, such as LYNX or similar type
- Any gift sets for men or women
- Chocolate bars or small boxes, ie chocolate orange
- Hot water bottles
- Nice socks for men or women
- Pack of playing cards
- Small board games

#### Food donations

- Tins of meat i.e. curry, chilli
- 'Meals in a tin'
- Small cartons of juice or squash
- Small jars of tomato pasta sauce
- Small cartons of long-life milk

A box will be in every form room on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, so please bring at least one item. YOU can make a huge difference, to be delivered on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December!

## BARNET SEND CONFERENCE



In the last EBS News, we shared information about the Barnet SEND Conference, unfortunately, the date had already passed. Access to the recordings can be found by clicking [here](#).

## NEWEST EBS ARRIVALS

We are delighted to announce the arrival of our newest members to the Student Hub; Autumn, Sunny and Jerry. The students have been keen to feed them, and they have settled in well!



## SOME CLUBS HAVE CHANGED DAYS

- Art Club for Year 11 GCSE has moved from Tuesday to Friday after school until 4pm.
- Year 11 Food Catch-up & Revision is Thursday 3:05 - 4:15pm in room 200.

## SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL



InvestIN provides students aged 12-18 with immersive work experience in some of the world's most competitive and desirable careers - medicine, law, engineering, investment banking and more. More than 40,000 students from 81 countries have attended in the past. Parents are invited to their free, Online event. An expert panel share knowledge on:

- Why your child's career starts at school
- The most in-demand skills top employers are looking for, and how to get them
- The role you can play in helping them achieve their aims
- Guidance on work experience, interview techniques, LinkedIn profiles and more

Thurs 10th Dec 2020, 19.30-21.00, click [here](#) to register.

C. Drugan, Head of Careers

## GETTING BACK TO SPORT



On the 16th of March 2020, the country went into lockdown. This was very annoying for everyone, but we had to do what we had to do to try and get through the global pandemic. We were encouraged to keep fit and healthy by the Government, which many people took advantage of including me. June – August was full of running track races so I kept training whilst having my daily exercise. It was hard because before lockdown I was running at school, at the cross-country club which was led by Mrs. Hammond and some Sixth Formers as well as training with my local club Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers. So, I had a great training program going towards the upcoming track events and some cross-country events, but lockdown was longer than most of us thought and when I was getting emails saying another event had been cancelled and it wasn't until the 31st of October, I had my first cross country event at Merchant Taylor's School near Watford. In the race there were around 90 runners setting off in groups of six to try and keep socially distanced. We were given a timing chip in our bib number so if you started last but had the quickest time you would come first. It was great to race and you could see everyone was so excited to run and race for the first time in over six months, even in the rain and October cold. We don't know when clubs at EBS will be back on, but I do highly suggest joining the cross-country club due to it being a very warm environment and just to get involved and have fun.

Danny Banyard, 10F

## ACCESSING EBOOKS ONLINE

Students can access a database of EBooks and AudioBooks online through the library app via Skooler. An attached voice over PowerPoint presentation is attached to explain how to use ebooks and download to your device. Click [here](#). The direct link to ebooks is: <https://eastbarnetschool.eplatform.co/> Students may be awarded Kudos points for books either read or listened to after sending the librarian a review to the email address listed below, so please use this virtual library to enhance your reading for pleasure.

P. Shah, EBS Library

## PARENTAL ACCESS TO BROMCOM



We will be rolling out parental access to Bromcom over the next few weeks. This will begin with a letter sent home with your child giving brief details of the process. You will then receive an email with more detailed instructions and finally a text message to provide you with a login and invitation code to set up your account. It is very important that you take time to set this up, as the My Child at School mobile phone app and web portal will form the main channel of communication from school to parents and carers, as well as enabling you to monitor your child's progress in school.

We will also be sending home a data checking sheet to all parents and carers to ensure that address and contact details are all up-to-date and to give you the opportunity to make any necessary changes. It is very important that we hold accurate details for you and your child - we would appreciate it if you could just spend a few moments checking the details, signing and returning the form to school with your child. Thank you

J. Smith, Data Manager

## WHATSAPP WARNING

WhatsApp has launched a new 'disappearing messages' option, which will allow users to enable disappearing messages on chat conversations, automatically deleting messages after seven days. Wiping will also apply to videos and photos. WhatsApp's minimum user age is 16 but many children and young people have accounts. Autodeleting entries could increase the risk to younger users as evidence of any issues may not be available.

## NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

The London Teacher of the Year Award recognises all staff in school (not just teachers), and now is your chance to nominate a member of staff you may feel has gone above and beyond, particularly during Covid. Nomination is easy, just click [here](#) to visit the site and fill in the online form. Thank you.



## PTFA NOTICES

**BLACK FRIDAY**

1. VISIT [SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)
2. NOMINATE EBS PTFA
3. GO BARGAIN HUNTING!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

## EBS Autumn Raffle

### Grand Prize Draw

Try your luck at winning a fantastic prize!

It's easy to enter  
Text **PTFAWIN** to **70970**

Each entry costs £5\*

You can enter up to six times per mobile number

Prizes include a Christmas Hamper, Cycling Safety Camera, as well as lots more festive goodies!

We encourage you to have a go and to spread the word to family and friends so they can try their luck.

It's a win win - you could come away with a great prize at the same time as helping the students of the school!

Winners will be contacted on the mobile number they used to enter on or after 14th of December and arrangements made to collect or deliver the prize.

\*plus one standard text message charge.