

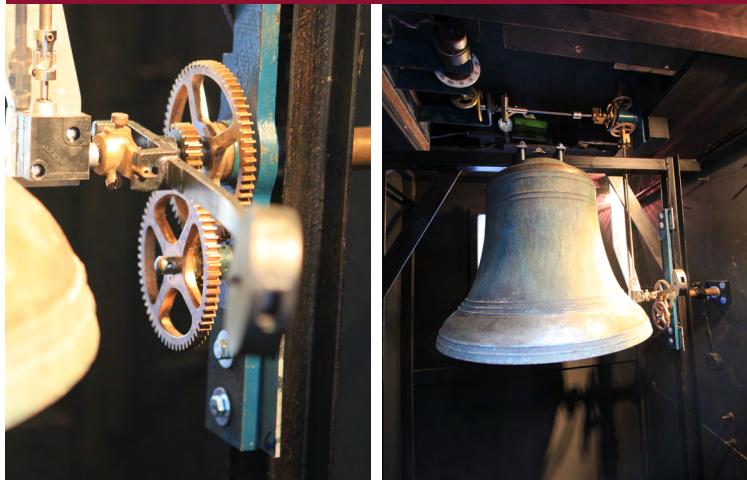
TESTING, TESTING, TESTING

It has been a pleasure welcoming the students back into school this week. I, along with all EBS staff and volunteers helping out with mass testing, have all commented on how polite and well-mannered all of our students have been throughout this week. Thank you parents and carers for your support with this calm and orderly start. As of Friday afternoon, we have performed more than 2400 lateral flow tests on-site with the third test coming up early next week at which point students will be given a take home COVID kits so they will be able to test themselves at home twice a week. I look forward to welcoming all students back across all years for face-to-face teaching from Monday March 15th, as we know this is the best environment for students to flourish and progress.

For parents and carers of Year 11 and 13 students, we will be launching our second webinar before the Easter break as we now have further guidance from the Department of Education and wish to share with you our draft plans. We will be in touch shortly with dates and times.

C. Hunt, Acting Headteacher

THE ORIGINAL TIKTOK!



These pictures are of the inside workings of the clock that used to sit on the roof of the old EBS building. After the demolition, the clock was heroically rescued and is now sitting, pride of place, on the second floor of the new EBS. Unfortunately, the clock stopped ticking some time ago - step in Mr Boast, who has managed to get it working! Mr Parsons said: *"It is amazing to hear that Mr Boast has got the old clock's mechanism working! I think it is a wonderful connection between the original school and the EBS of 2021 and an impressive testament to Mr Boast's engineering skills. It's also remarkable that a clock made 80+ years ago still functions - 'They don't make them like they used to'".* Thank you Mr Boast, from the whole EBS community!

TOP SCORERS IN 'MATCH THE TEACHERS'!

Well done to over 300 students who took part in the 'Teachers ... but not how you know them' House Quiz. All participants received House Points. Winners of each Year Group received a further five points for their fantastic achievement of matching staff members to their childhood pictures and school reports! All scores out of 40.

Yr 7-9 Winners	Yr 10-11 Winners	Yr 12-13 Winners
Marnie M. 7E (27 points)	Lottie R. 10G (31 points)	Charlotte O-L. 12-ASF (33 points)
Natasha H. 8F (36 points)	Conor K. 11D (36 points)	Amy P. 13-OO (27 points)
Iliana Q. 9B (33 points)		Elyria N. 13-JI (27 points)

We had lots of feedback about how much FUN students had, and a massive thank you to staff that shared childhood pictures and school reports!

COMPETITION TIME!



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
Monday the 8th March
EBS HOUSE POETRY COMPETITION

Write a poem on the 2021 theme #ChooseToChallenge

[International Women's Day](#) is a global day marked annually on the 8th March celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The 2021 theme is #ChooseToChallenge

You can write a poem: -

- to challenge and call out gender bias and inequity.
- to celebrate women's achievements.
- to help create an inclusive world

[Click on the picture or links to see videos of four example poems](#)



Poems
[Still I Rise](#)
[Being Independent](#)
[The Hill we climb](#)
[If I should have a daughter](#)

Deadline
19
March



ROUTINE VACCINATIONS

Reminder to all Parents/Carers of Year 9 students to complete the e-consent form for the DPT/MEN ACWY and HPV vaccination: [clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk](#)

WE ARE RECRUITING!

We currently have three vacancies that all expire soon. So be quick if you want to join #EBSTeam! Click [here](#) for info.



CLUBS: Clubs are making a return to EBS after Easter! Check out the next edition of EBS News for more info.



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MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP



You should have by now received login details for your My Child At School account

via text message. If you haven't redeemed the invitation yet, please take a few moments to do so as MCAS will be our main means of communication with you, providing important information regarding your child's progress and access to their termly reports. The reports that are being distributed shortly will be available through MCAS, so please do sign up.

PTFA NOTICES

Chairperson's Statement – AGM – 25th February 2021 for school year ending August 2020.

Registered Charity Number 291368.

The PTFA along with everybody else has had a challenging time since March this year but at this stage I feel the PTFA

should offer their heartfelt thanks to the team at the school for what they have achieved in terms of all the changes they have had to deal with, huge challenges and ensuring that the students are cared for and educated. Their continued support for the PTFA is appreciated.

Our traditional fundraising events were curtailed this year to a quiz in November 2019 and one held just prior to Lockdown in March 2020. In normal years we would have held a fundraising event in the summer term as well as our key fundraising event of the year, the BBQ in 2019 raised £6500.

We were unable to address new Year 7 parents/carers at the regular July Transfer Evening which is a key recruitment event for getting people involved.

The regular meetings reverted to being held by Zoom in the last term and will continue in this format until the situation changes and thank you to everybody who has attended.

In total £5508 donated to the PTFA in the year ending August 31st, 2020 and the PTFA paid £9251 to the school, including equipment such as a 3D printer used to make PPE masks by students, mics, sports equipment and online access to e-Britannica and we have £10,046 in the bank to cover funding requests and lottery pay-outs.

As ever thank you to everybody who donated or helped with our fund-raising activities.

Thank you to Nick Mottershead for preparing the accounts, Sue Waters for auditing them and registered at the Charity Commission. Also, the lottery license return lodged with Barnet Council.

Bobby Daruwalla stepped up as chair designate and has taken on the role with enthusiasm and has fresh ideas moving forward. Also, welcome to Shona Brennan in new role as PTFA liaison

In addition to Nick and Bobby, thank you to Fiona Perera for being our secretary and of course to all the teams at the school who support our activities. Couple of other mentions Stephanie Hughes for assisting with the lottery and Elena Trankarova for continued support at events.

Moving forward and for the immediate future the PTFA is going to have to focus on alternative ways to raise funds such as direct appeals, match funding, promoting the lottery and new methods of fundraising such as Amazon Smile and getting the message out to a wider group.



**EAST BARNET SCHOOL
PTFA**
Lottery

**Be a winner
with our very own lottery!**

- 33 chances a year to win
- Prizes range from £15 to £300
- Maximum of 250 tickets

CAREERS ROUNDUP

Just a reminder to parents and students to regularly check the [Careers SharePoint](#) for useful opportunities and information for all year groups. Examples of current highlights as follows:

- It's British Science Week - see #BSW21 on social media for many opportunities and check the Careers SharePoint for information of competitions. There's a campaign to encourage more diversity in STEM careers with the Smash Stereotypes promotion - [click here](#).
- Top 10 Skills requested by Employers - [click here](#).
- Work Experience and Volunteering Advice to Help School Leavers get a Job - [click here](#).
- Fantastic virtual work experience opportunities, some covering sustainable industries/Green Skills for ages 14+ - [click here](#).

The PTFA must engage with a much wider of parents/carers and staff members at the school, in particular those parents and carers who are in the early years at EBS and we will have to be creative with our methods of communication, possibly look at studying best methods.

I stand down as Chair and wish the new Chair every success in this important role within the EBS community and I will continue to serve as a community governor at the school and the PTFA. Nick Mottershead, Leann Swaine and I are the registered trustees and the bank signatories, we put ourselves forward again, the PTFA must and does comply with the Charity Commission rules. The nominations and voting for the elected officials and Trustees will follow shortly.

Stuart Gates Chairperson – 25th February 2021

PTFA MEETING

The PTFA had their AGM / PTFA Meeting on 25th Feb via Zoom. We would like to sincerely thank Acting Headteacher, Chris Hunt, as well as EBS staff, PTFA members and parents/carers that were able to attend, and for their collaboration and support during the Lateral Flow Testing this week; it is really appreciated. Kind regards. PTFA