

GETTING BACK TO 'NORMAL' THIS HALF TERM

It has been a wonderful first term back. It is hard to believe how much we have fitted in, from Duke of Edinburgh weekends and trips to Thorpe park, to auditions and rehearsals for our upcoming Musical Sister Act. The students have been involved in over 40 clubs, we welcomed over 1000 guests for Open Evening and taken hundreds of families round for Open Mornings. Our annual House Cake Competition was back and was better than ever, and the Science Team organised some spooky experiments for the students ready for Halloween. That is without mentioning all the fabulous lessons, curriculum evenings and pastoral evenings we have had so far. We have been rigorous with our routines this year, as we know returning from lockdown could have been a challenge for students, and we know that nationally attendance and behaviour has been negatively affected. We are proud to say that our positive, rigorous but kind start has meant that behaviour and attendance at EBS has been exceptional and better than the borough and national average. I would also like to extend a personal thanks to all staff, families, and students for continuing with our Covid measures - we have had very few cases, and this has meant the school can function as fully as possible. I wish you and your families a lovely break.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

MISSED OUR OPEN EVENING OR OPEN MORNINGS? [CLICK HERE](#) TO SEE OUR HEADTEACHER'S TOUR!

THE RETURN OF OUR VERY OWN BAKE-OFF! THE HOUSE CAKE COMPETITION WINNERS!

The House Cake Competition was a massive success with 53 student entries and 12 staff entries. I would like to thank everyone that got involved in making the event truly inspirational. All the money raised will be split between the House Charities: Jack Cecup, Butterfly AVM Charity, Homeless In Action Barnet. I am pleased to announce the overall winners from each category.

A Harvey, Head of Chama

MOST CREATIVE



1st Liana & Isabella 11D

BEST LOOKING



1st Amelie & Emilia 10A

BEST CUPCAKE



1st Aoife 9G

BEST TASTING



1st Aaliyah 7A



2nd Evelyn 8A



3rd Hannah 11G



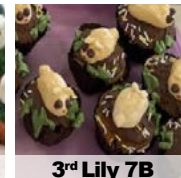
2nd George 8C



3rd Elson & Arena 7G



2nd Nicola 8D



3rd Lily 7B



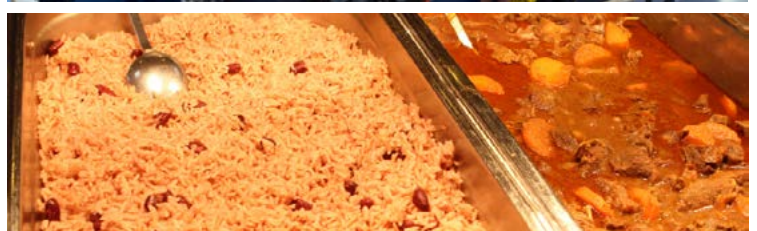
2nd Meryem 7E



3rd Alexia 7C

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT EBS!

To celebrate Black History Month, staff and students have been immersed in a world of Food, Art and Culture. Mrs Duraku has organised a fantastic series of events to celebrate the positive contribution people from Black and Afro-Caribbean heritage have made to British life. The month started with a thought-provoking assembly on who students see as good role models, distinguishing between people with admirable skills and those they would aspire to be like. In addition, students had the opportunity to enter a competition to create a piece of Art celebrating and paying tribute to musicians of black heritage our students consider to be the all time best. Wonderful pieces have been entered and judges are having a hard time deciding who wins the £30 top prize gift card. And finally, food! Mrs Duraku was busy seasoning and marinating all weekend to help deliver tasty Caribbean treats with the help of our fantastic kitchen staff. Jamaican curry, vegetable curry, rice and peas, salt-fish patties and Jamaican ginger cake were successfully served with some students saying they felt like they were "at Grandma's eating her home-made cooked meals from St Lucia!" Our efforts to celebrate Diversity and Inclusion are all year round, but this was a fantastic way to end Black History Month. A huge thanks to Mrs Duraku for all her efforts in bringing these experiences to life.



COVID VACCINATIONS: A number of students and parents have contacted us to ask how their child can be vaccinated. The NHS has informed us that UCH will be providing catch-ups during October half term. Children 12-15 who missed out will be eligible. Click [here](#) to book or book online via the NHS website from the 23rd of October.

POTIONS CLASS (MUGGLES WELCOME)

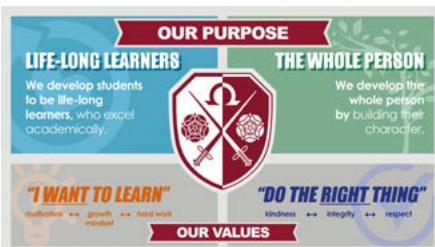
In preparation for Halloween, students collected cauldrons, ingredients and magical textbooks before heading to the first EBS Potions Class! Yet to be added to the National Curriculum, our Potion Masters (Science Teachers) showed students just how cool Science can be by introducing them to changes in chemical reactions; forming bubbles, colour changes, precipitates appearing and reactants disappearing. The chemical names for the reagents were swapped to potion names and students mixed their 'ingredients' together to find out whether a chemical reaction took place.



WHAT IS YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

Mr Robson spoke to KS3 students about the climate change emergency we are all facing. He reminded us of the part that we all must play. What is your carbon footprint and what can you do to reduce it? Eat less meat and fish; eat more vegetables/fruit especially grown locally; walk more; travel in cars and airplanes less; use less gas/electricity; talk to your parents/carers about turning the thermostat down; plant a tree; buy less; look after what you have better; avoid plastic bags; recycle; find out what your carbon footprint is and identify improvements.

RESPECT FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS



In line with EBS values, can all members of our community show respect for our neighbours, by reminding students not to gather on the school side of Chestnut Grove

at the beginning and end of the day, and by switching off car engines whilst parked at these times, better still, encourage your children to walk to school. Thank you!

GCSE TRIP TO SEE WICKED

On 7th October, EBS finally returned to the theatre as KS4 Music and Drama students went on a trip to see Stephen Schwartz's hit musical *Wicked*. It was super exciting to see a live performance of such an iconic show following months of lockdown. *Defying Gravity*, the final number of Act 1, is a set work studied by GCSE Music students, so it was an amazing opportunity to hear the song in its full context with a live orchestra and some outstanding singers. Drama students were able to study and appreciate the clever set design, special effects and elaborate costumes. The performances of the whole cast were exceptional; a great time was had by all.



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS SHINE!



On 19th October, 23 students took part in the Barnet Cross Country Championships at Oakhill Park. All runners were fantastic EBS ambassadors, with determination to succeed, team support and respect to other competing runners. Five students (Rafi, Jack, Scarlett, Tommy, Danny) finished in the top 8, qualifying for the Middlesex Schools championship! Congratulations to Danny and Scarlett who came 1st in their races! We look forward to seeing the team in action again!

HALF TERM SUPPORT - SUICIDE PREVENTION

With half term around the corner, remember there is always help available. No young person should suffer alone with thoughts of suicide. [PAPYRUS](https://www.papyrus.org.uk) offers support through their free helpline, HOPELINEUK. If you or anyone you know is struggling or needs to debrief after a conversation, call 0800 068 4141, text 07860 039961 or email pat@papyrus-uk.org.

FILM SKOOL - GET INVOLVED

'FILM SKOOL' is returning to EBS for the fifth time! London's Premiere Digital Workshop teaches students to write scripts and work as part of a team to make short movies, supported by professional filmmakers with films exhibited at the Curzon Mayfair Cinema. If you are interested, find Mr. Polyviou (211).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT RETURNS: Audition process will be after half term, so get your pieces ready! You can perform as a soloist or small ensemble. Cheerful, Christmassy music appreciated, but not necessary. Part of a Music Club? Click [here](#) to see what's available.

MATHS ANXIETY COURSES

Are you or your child anxious about Maths, check out these three free course provided by Eedi:

1. [Webinar for parents on helping your Maths-anxious child](#)
2. [Free course for Maths-anxious Parents](#)
3. [Free course for Students with Maths anxiety](#)

YR 7 HUMANITIES COAT OF ARMS COMPETITION:

We have had an incredible amount of high quality responses from Year 7s. Designs were sent to The Charterhouse for judging and we will announce the winner soon. Good luck!

Ms Pasterny (Head of Year 7 Humanities)

CELEBRATING EBS VALUES IN THE COMMUNITY

In school, on a daily basis, many of our wonderful students demonstrate EBS values of "*I want to learn*" and "*do the right thing*". We now want to celebrate students demonstrating these values in the wider community! Please take the time to tell us how your child (or other EBS students) have been demonstrating our values. Have they achieved a significant milestone in an area or interest, or taken part in voluntary/charity work? If our students have been demonstrating our values in any way, shape or form we want to hear from you! Please click [here](#) to tell us. We'd love to share these stories of success and positivity in future EBS News editions with your permission, which can be given on the same form.

Mr Carrington, Aspiring Assistant Head
EBS Culture in the Community and Positivity

EBS LOCKERS: If you are struggling to work your locker, click [here](#) for a handy instruction video on our YouTube.

PTFA NOTICES

PTFA urgently request for volunteers, to assist on the night. Please email sgates@eastbarnetschool.com.

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

STARTS AT 7:30PM

EAST BARNET SCHOOL PTFA

QUIZ NIGHT

610 days: what has happened since we last met

Tables 6/8 people, get your team together and get ready to quiz with our **Quiz Master, Sean Sweeney!**

Bring your own food but there will be a **full licensed pay bar**. If you are able to get sponsorship or match funding to boost funds please let us know.

Tickets: £7.50 per ticket, payable on the night

To book: email ptfa@eastbarnetschool.com