

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

'It is the most wonderful time of the year' here at East Barnet School. The Christmas concert was simply stunning, and it was such a privilege to hear the children play 'in real life' again. The House Christmas Tree Competition has kept our spirits high and our halls are decked with beautiful decorations. Congratulations to all the Houses for the effort, and especially to our winner, Tutu. Our corridors are also laced with beautiful artwork from the Winter Landscape Competition and the pieces from the winner and three runners up have been made into a beautiful East Barnet School Christmas card. Thank you to everyone who has taken part.



Our children, as ever, have been simply exceptional this term. They returned to school in September smartly and with a real desire to learn. I have been impressed by the commitment of the Year 11s to their mock exams and bowled over by the Sixth Form students - I have been providing mock interviews in preparation for their University ones. A few of them nearly brought me to tears as I could see our school values being lived and breathed by the students. One young man told me of his work experience in Lebanon. His passion is dentistry and as a 17-year-old young man, he convinced the United Nations to provide three schools in the area he was volunteering in, to provide a toothbrush and toothpaste to all the students. Not only that, but he went into the schools to provide lessons on oral hygiene. He is an absolute inspiration to us all. As a community we have provided food donations for the homeless and raised money for charity through our Cake Sale and Festive Jumper Day. I would like to thank you all for your generosity. I must attribute a special thanks to all the staff at East Barnet School, Covid continues to affect us, and the team have pulled together to ensure that children are not impacted, and that life is as normal for them as possible. I am eternally grateful to them for all that they do. I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful break, I wish you health and happiness for the year ahead and I look forward to working with you all again in the new year to help ensure our young people continue to thrive.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

FAREWELL TO A LOYAL, LONGSTANDING MEMBER OF EAST BARNET SCHOOL STAFF



We all knew it was coming, but it was still a shock when Margaret Blunsum told us all that she was planning to retire at the end of the Autumn Term, Christmas 2021. Margaret has worked at various schools in Barnet for over 50 years! She started at EBS in June 2000 working in Welfare, and later on became the face of the school when she took up the Receptionist role.

Margaret will be familiar to so many students that have been through the school. Over her many years of service, not only has she welcomed thousands of students through the gates, she is now welcoming children of parents that were students here many moons ago. She has become part of the EBS furniture and school will not be the same without her.

Margaret will be missed by everyone at EBS, and on a personal note, the front office will miss her very much. Margaret brought both fun and an infectious sense of humour to work, making tough days so much better. She really has been the Grandmother of the office, and we all have so many cherished memories of our time together. Although we will still stay in touch with Margaret, it won't be the same as seeing her everyday. That being said, you had better come back and visit us Margaret, even if it is to fix problems with your mobile phone!

Over the last few years, Margaret has reduced her hours and now is the time for her to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. She has lots of things planned, and we are all a little bit jealous to be honest! If you would like to send Margaret some messages of goodwill, share some memories or just to say thank you, please email mdemaria@eastbarnetschool.com.

We will miss your sparkle, Margaret, but the whole EBS community wishes you the best retirement!

THE RETURN OF THE LEGENDARY EAST BARNET SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH!



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS ARE GO!



FOOTBALL: EFL GIRLS' CUP



A squad of Year 7 and 8s recently took part in the U13 EFL Girls' Cup 2021/2022 football tournament. This was the local round and 30 teams took part. The girls were strong and fierce, demonstrating a high level of skill throughout all matches and even dominated the pitch in some matches! Their first match was against Claremont where

they scored 6 goals in just 8 minutes - you can imagine the enthusiasm from the sideline! Tanuja was in goal and Bella and Ellie K were in defense. Ellie B, Eleni and Isabelle were upfront and were our goals scorers for the match. The girls then went on to their most difficult match within the group to lose 1-0 on a penalty against Ashmole and regrouped with Miss Behome talking through strategies and game play. It was very tense! We then won 3-0 against Marylebone - Ellie scored 1, Isabella 1 and then a home goal ensured a win. The girls just missed out on reaching the semi-finals but held their own throughout. They were a credit to the school and their hard work at club with Miss Brady paid off. If you see these girls around school: Ellie B., Bella H., Ki-myrah L., Eleni K., Tanuja S., Ellie K., Isabella P., Korina A., please congratulate them, they did EBS proud!

Ms Buczman, Coach

PTFA NOTICES

The PTFA would like to take this opportunity to convey their best wishes to everyone for the Festive Season.

HOMELESS COLLECTION



On 8th December, the Murray Ambassadors organised the collection for 'Homeless Action in Barnet.' We were blown away by the generosity of our students and want to thank everyone that donated! Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas! Best wishes Mrs Irish (Head of Murray House), Edie, Lyon, Max and Nick.

GIVE MORE THAN JUST PRESENTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

Visit smile.amazon.co.uk and nominate **East Barnet School PTFA** as your preferred charity, buy your gifts or holiday essentials, and Amazon will donate **0.5% on most purchases** to fund shiny new things for our students!



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AUTUMN TERM JACK PETCHEY WINNERS!

Congratulations to the three students who have won a Jack Petchey Award this term! Each had £250 to spend in school and have chosen to spend their money on items ranging from a new chemistry kit, equipment for our Hub and a school trip.

Month	Winner	Year	Awarded For...
September	Hunor Bagoly	9	Hunor started EBS in Year 7, after moving to the UK from Hungary. When starting at EBS he only spoke a handful of English words and greatly missed his homeland. At the age of only 11 he had to get to know a new school and make new friends, but also get to know a new country and culture. To communicate, Hunor used Google Translate, which is frustratingly not always incorrect. Hunor persisted in lessons, despite sometimes being lost in terms of what was being spoken about. During lockdown, he continued to connect with teachers and students through online lessons. Now in Year 9, it is a pleasure to have a conversation with Hunor. He is still expanding his knowledge of English, but despite all the challenges he has overcome, he is always smiling, polite and friendly. He has persevered and been extremely resilient to the challenges! He is proud of being a Keller student, and really demonstrates the tenacity, courage and determination of the House's namesake Helen Keller. He is a worthy recipient of a Jack Petchey award!
October	William With	12	William loves to get involved with everything in school. He is a massive team player who enjoys helping others, currently supporting students with Breakfast Club, with an excellent attitude in everything that he does. William encompasses everything that EBS stands for in kindness, teamwork and respect. With an excellent sense of humour, he has built excellent relationships with staff and students. Mr Fry, who he helps with Breakfast Club, said: "At Breakfast Club, Will is a really enthusiastic leader and fast learner, who is always on time. He has taken the time to learn all the student's names and is always cheery and kind to them. I am particularly impressed that he was the one who approached me to help out with the club. He is totally reliable and always puts the interest of the students before his own."
November	Lola-Juliet Omran	10	Lola willingly volunteered and took part in a two-day national tennis tournament for the blind. She helped run the tournament as well as having the opportunity to learn and appreciate the art of playing tennis for those less fortunate. Her biggest reward came when she had the opportunity to play with a blind opponent, not only did she feel privileged but amazed at how good and dedicated the player was. This experience has also led her to complete a leadership course in tennis and to volunteer where it matters. She is a credit to EBS, demonstrating our value of do the right thing, and is a great role model to others.

TIKTOK: We recently sent out a letter to all parents and carers from the Met Police regarding some content that students have been putting on TikTok. The letter can be read [here](#). Please speak to your children about the correct use of social media - we will report anything we find.

STOP IDLING OUTSIDE SCHOOL!



We are receiving weekly complaints about cars idling outside school in the morning and the afternoon. It is terrible for the environment, terrible for the students and terrible for the neighbours. Students should be walking to school where possible. If you are driving your child to and from school, please turn off your engine and be considerate of the EBS community and our neighbours.

NO EATING OUTSIDE! Please remember that our PE staff use the outdoor spaces as their classrooms for PE lessons so to ensure spaces are clean and tidy, please remind your children that all food to be consumed in the dining room at lunchtime. This will ensure PE spaces are clean, as well as looking after the environment at the same time! Thanks.

YEAR 7 HUMANITIES HERALDRY WINNER!



Congratulations to Grace H. who was presented with a first prize cuddly Talbot Charterhouse mascot. The Charterhouse, London decided that Grace's design used imagery and symbolism really effectively to show what made her unique and especially liked her motto "Be Youtiful!". Our runners-up Nathan S. and Meryem C. received smaller cuddly Talbots and the students given special commendation received key rings and erasers. Thank you to all those who entered, The Charterhouse were absolutely blown away by the response!

EBS LIBRARY SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY 2022
LUNCHTIME 4A, LUNCHTIME 4B &
AFTER SCHOOL

BOOKS PRICED
FROM 50P

CAREERS UPDATE

Football-Focused Career Talk from UCFB (University of Football Business)

Students from Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 interested in sport, were invited to attend a Careers talk from UCFB on 6th December. Jason Thomas, Regional Recruitment Manager described his varied work experience and explained the importance of gathering a range of qualifications (life-guarding, referee & coaching awards etc). He explained that all these different skills help to build a CV. Students learnt about the wide range of jobs involved in the football industry and how UCFB was set up to encourage young people from diverse backgrounds to work in the industry. Jason's other advice: "If you have a language, use it and if you don't, think about learning one" - he mentioned UCFB students who worked with multi-national football clubs because they could speak different languages.



Entrepreneur Workshop with UCFB feat. Year 10 Sports Science & GCSE PE groups

Students took part in a sports-themed entrepreneur workshop. After learning about the principles of entrepreneurship and examples of entrepreneurs and their projects, students formed groups and developed their own ideas for sports products and services. At the end of the lesson, groups presented their ideas and were either "hired" or "fired". There were some great ideas such as interactive screens on the back of stadium seats and child-friendly booster seats for very young fans, packed into a ruck-sack complete with activities. Finally, two groups had virtual reality-based ideas allowing you to experience the game (with one involving going back in time – imagine experiencing the 1966 England game?).



Philosophy Club for Years 8–13 continues with the National Foundation of Philosophy

The Philosophy Club is continuing its run of 10 weeks with an emphasis on political philosophy. Last week included questions such as "what would happen if 3% of the population could fly?". This encourages critical thinking about how societies deal with difference and how perceptions of difference are socially and culturally constructed. There will be one more session this term and then it continues next term – everyone is welcome.



Ben Haines – Sports Journalist Visits Year 9 Assembly

Students were fortunate to receive a visit from sports journalist, Ben Haines on 16th November. Ben, known to many as a presenter at Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, is also a presenter for BBC Radio 5 Live and the Global Director & Head of Football for the Players' Tribune. Ben talked about his path to becoming a sports journalist and explained the importance of the "little things" like making a good cup of tea when he used to be a "runner" (low-level assistant) at the BBC. Someone noticed he had a good work ethic and this led to him being offered a better opportunity. The English Department welcomed Ben to Year 9 lessons taught by Mr Parsons and Ms Parfitt and a Year 13 lesson taught by Ms Pieri. Year 9 students analysed 'purpose' and 'audience' in an article entitled "[Dear England](#)" co-written by Ben Haines and Gareth Southgate before the Euros last year. The Year 13 students considered 'bias' and 'perspective' whilst looking at Ben's article written in conjunction with Dina Asher-Smith entitled "[Who We Elevate](#)". Our thanks to Ben for giving up his time to be with EBS students.



STEM Apprenticeships Virtual Careers Fair (most suitable for KS4/KS5) - all this week

For all parents, carers and students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths), take a look at this [free virtual careers fair](#). Register to access the online website and gain access to many different companies who will explain about the apprenticeships they offer.

Year 10 Work Experience

Thank you to all Year 10 students who have managed to organise work experience for July. We kindly ask parents and carers of students who haven't found anywhere yet to help if you can or ask students to contact Ms Direk on sdirek@eastbarnetschool.com for support.

Thank you for your support and wishing you a peaceful holiday, best wishes from the Careers Team

WINTER WONDERLAND IN THE STUDENT HUB



SCIENCE WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 7 & YEAR 8

We had the great pleasure of welcoming Dr Szydlo from Highgate School to run a Science workshop with our Year 7 and 8 students today. Dr Szydlo has taught for 48 years at Highgate and wowed the students with his experiments!



NEW YEAR 12 HOUSE AMBASSADORS

Following an application and interview process, House Ambassadors have now been recruited to their roles as part of the Leadership Programme. Ambassadors have undertaken their first task of decorating the House Trees, as well as Murray Ambassadors organising this week's collection for Homeless Action. Well done Ambassadors, and looking forward to hearing and seeing some of your ideas being put into practice in the New Year.

Chama	Keller	Murray	Tutu
Amy Nash	Eva Culverwell	Edith Locke	Amana Okposin
Caitlin Aley	Grace Gavin	Lyon Kennedy	Chloe Nash
Christopher Mason	Jada-Maya Modha-Weir	Max Packman	Danyaal Hussain
Sophia Zavrou-Blackstock	Reza Samaei	Nicholas Garcia-Higgins	Tom Castiglione

NEW KITCHEN MENU TASTER SESSIONS



On 25th November, House Captains and Ambassadors representing Student Voice took part in Sandwich Taster sessions for new menu options for the Kitchen. They were able to sample and give feedback. House Captains said:

“There were five fillings to choose from...lemon chicken...Christmas special...We also got to think about what type of bread they would taste nice on.”
(Aranee, 7D)

“The Full Monty is a flavourful delight which consists of the most wondrous items; it is like a full Christmas dinner in one...it felt like Christmas was here.”
(Amir, 8F)

“Personally, my favourite was the turkey and cranberry ...the school want to ensure that the students get a say in the matter, so I am delighted...that we got our say”
(Naima, 8C)

As a result, Christmas selections have been introduced to great success, and further new selections will be on the menu in January! Thank you to Chef Manager, C. Christodoulou for organising and students that took part.

D. Bailey, Student Leadership Co-ordinator

RUGBY OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

EBS VALUES IN THE COMMUNITY

- Well done to Chrystian Clemente (9H), for taking part in a sponsored fundraising event, which consists of a 5-hour continuous Basketball match for his Basketball club, 'Enfield Scorpions'. They are a voluntary run club and a registered non-profit organisation and therefore fundraisers are essential for the continued running of the club. Good luck - remember to hydrate!

If you would like to nominate a member of the community, you can do so by [clicking here](#) and looking for the blue 'Culture in the Community' box.

MENTAL HEALTH OVER THE HOLIDAYS

We recognise that the holiday period can present challenges to some members of our community. Useful Kooth helplines are available over the festive period by [clicking here](#).

Chat Availability Dates and Times

Thursday 23/12/21 12pm - 10:00pm	Monday 27/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm	Friday 31/12/21 12pm - 6:00pm
Friday 24/12/21 12pm - 8:00pm	Tuesday 28/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm	Saturday 1/01/22 4pm - 8:00pm
Saturday 25/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm	Wednesday 29/12/21 12pm - 10:00pm	Sunday 2/01/22 6pm - 10:00pm
Sunday 26/12/21 6pm - 10:00pm	Thursday 30/12/21 12pm - 10:00pm	Monday 3/01/22 4pm - 8:00pm

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WINTER LANDSCAPE COMPETITION WINNERS

We recently ran a Winter Landscape Competition for students in Year 7 - 9. We had some amazing entries, and our third floor corridor has boards with them all displayed to show the community the high level of art work. Today students were given their prizes from Ms Swaine for their fantastic work, and they are even appearing on the EBS Christmas Card 2021! The overall winner was Aleks Mihailov 8F and the three runners up were, Lily Meredith 7C, Freya Judge 7D, Erind Kerolli 9F.



AFTERNOON CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE EBS LIBRARY STUDENT HELPERS!

Our Library Student Helpers were treated to an afternoon party and quiz this afternoon, to celebrate their achievements and helping the new Librarian, Miss Sutton as she has settled into her new role. Students were presented with certificates and had some hot chocolate, juice and flapjacks made in the EBS Kitchen and served by some Sixth Formers and Ms Swaine.

