

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

Over the last two weeks, we were concerned as we saw Covid rates increasing; we had staff off and had to cover lessons, unfortunately we had to cancel some clubs and had a record number of students out of school. Thankfully, with support from our staff, families and young people we have started to see the numbers decline again and we hope that this trend will continue. Please do continue to ensure your child has a mask, tests twice weekly and is sensible about hand hygiene.

During assemblies this week, we have been speaking to students about Holocaust Memorial Day with students and staff continuing these discussions by working on a project called 'Lessons From Auschwitz'. In previous years we have travelled to Poland, but this year, like most things, it moved online. The experience was still as harrowing, eye-opening and important as it has always been and the key valuable lesson learnt was to remember the individual stories of both the survivors and those that lost their lives. With so few survivors left we must keep telling their stories so we can learn from the past.



We also had another theme day in the kitchen celebrating Chinese New Year; the catering team did us proud with a varied and delicious menu. I sampled the bao buns and sweet and sour chicken and I can confirm 'it was better than a takeaway' as declared by a student in the lunch hall!

L. Swaine, Headteacher

PARENTAL SURVEY FEEDBACK

We had over 300 responses to our parent questionnaire; whilst there were lots of positive comments there were also areas raised that as a school we can improve on. Outlined below are our key areas of development based on your feedback, thank you for taking the time to respond.

Only 6% of the respondents disagreed with the statement 'My child is happy at school'. We will be conducting a student survey to ask them the same question and to identify what may not make them happy about school.

Only 5% of the respondents disagreed with the statement 'My child is safe at school'.

The toilets are an area we are starting on first. Ms Swaine has already met with the Student Voice to discuss ways in which the toilets can be improved and they had some amazing ideas. Also, we will be reconfiguring the toilets to ensure all students have an allocated Key Stage toilet on every floor of the building. We are also reviewing the duty rota to increase staff presence by the toilets.

47% of respondents did not think the school kept them well informed about the learning of their child.

All of the curriculum maps are available on the school website for you to view [here](#). We will be looking at improving how this information is communicated and shared with you.

48% of respondents did not think the school shared how well their child was doing. The comment section also included multiple responses about the school reporting system.

We think it is vitally important for parents to be fully aware of the progress that their child is making, therefore we will be making significant changes to our reporting system so that you are clear as to where your child is at and what they can do to improve. Mr Gomez, Assistant Headteacher, will be looking for parents to provide feedback about our reporting system and recommendations. If you are interested in being a part of this forum, email enquiries@eastbarnetschool.com FAO Mr Gomez.

There was mixed feedback surrounding our extra curricular provision.

We are currently offering a huge variety of clubs, before school, at lunchtime and after school - a timetable can be found [here](#). Due to Covid restrictions, the number of fixtures and competitions across the Borough of Barnet have been reduced. We have also had to manage staff absences due to Covid as well as transport students to fixtures at the same time clubs are due to run. To address the concerns raised, we have appointed a new PE teacher and will be looking at sourcing external coaches to support in our commitment to deliver an outstanding extra curricular programme.

There were multiple comments around communication to parents and the numerous methods that we use as a school.

We will be streamlining this to ensure that you receive information in a timely and efficient manner. For now, a reminder that all key dates including consultation evenings, INSET days and trips can be found on the calendar on the school website: [Term Dates, Timetable & Calendar](#). We are also looking to improve communication around homework - watch this space!

Only 10% of respondents disagreed with the statement 'East Barnet School ensures its pupils are well behaved'.

We are very proud of our students and their conduct in and out of school. Through DFL, low level disruption in classes has been dramatically reduced and students are engaged in lessons. To continue to promote excellent behaviour and focus on positivity we will be launching a new rewards system that focus on our culture very soon.

In keeping with positivity, this was one of the many comments we received in the feedback section, "The teachers are great, friendly, nice, dedicated and polite. I'm very impressed with East Barnet School. Thank you for educating my child and the future generation."

Hi EBS students! We are always keen to hear your feedback about how the school is doing and what we can do to improve and make school even better for you. Please could you take five minutes to [complete this survey](#). Answer as honestly as you can, but please remember to be respectful in your comments. Your name will be shown when we look at the results so we can feed back to you or speak to you if we need more information. The survey will close next week, Wednesday 9th so please respond by then. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Coffill.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK (7TH - 13TH FEBRUARY 2022)

To celebrate National Apprenticeship week, take a look [here](#) for examples of fantastic apprenticeships ranging from fire-fighting to zoo-keeping. For further general information, see the [Amazing Apprenticeships website](#). The **London ASK Apprenticeship Team** would like to invite parents and students to their two live online events including a session featuring The Young Apprentice Ambassador Network. These sessions will run from 6-7pm on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th February. Once you have registered you will be sent a Microsoft Teams link for the appropriate date(s).

- NAW Apprenticeship live session with WLCH - Tuesday, 8th February 2022 18:00 - Register [here](#).
- NAW Apprenticeship live session with WLCH - Thursday, 10th February 2022 18:00 - Register [here](#).

They will explore: **what** apprenticeships are, **what** the different levels mean, **what** the difference is between apprenticeships and the traditional college/sixth form and university route, **how/where/when** to apply, **actual apprentices** will be on hand to help to contextualise any advice and share their experience.

MORE APPRENTICE WEEK UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE IF YOU [CLICK HERE!](#)



THINK DRAMA AND MUSIC
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK ART & DESIGN
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK GEOGRAPHY
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK FOOD AND NUTRITION
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK ENGLISH
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK BUSINESS STUDIES
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK HISTORY
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK MATHS
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK ICT AND COMPUTING
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK LANGUAGES
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK PE AND SPORT
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



THINK SCIENCE
THINK APPRENTICESHIPS



CLICK ON THE IMAGES TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE AREAS THAT INTEREST YOU!

EMPLOYER INTERACTIONS

Student interactions with employers are a key aim of our Careers' provision. For National Apprenticeship Week, we have some inspiring virtual talks planned for our KS4 & 5 Year Groups. Please encourage students to attend the lunch and after-school sessions; they're a great opportunity to learn about the world of work and ask questions.

MONDAY: Barnet Council, Galldris (Engineering) Virtual Talk in Year 11 Assembly.

MONDAY/TUESDAY: GSK (Business and Supply Chain Apprenticeships), Virtual Talk during Year 12 A-Level Business classes.

TUESDAY: GSK (Science & Pharmacology Apprenticeships), Virtual Talk - Year 10 lunch, 1.35pm - 1.55pm (bring sandwiches & drinks), Year 11, 12 & 13 after school 3.25pm - 3.45pm, room to be confirmed.

WEDNESDAY: Fortem Solutions Limited (Construction, Electrician/Plumbing/Carpentry and Trainee Management Apprenticeships), Virtual Talk - Years 10 -13, 2.45pm, room to be confirmed.

THURSDAY: Annice Abanda – Ask Apprenticeships Virtual Talk - Year 10 Assembly.

THURSDAY: Grant Thornton (Accountancy and Tax Apprenticeships) . Virtual Talk - Years 10, 11, 12, 13 at 3.25pm, room to be confirmed.

**IT'S NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP
WEEK
#NAW2022**

YEAR 8 KARAKURI COMPETITION WINNERS!

1st	Emily Lane	Tornado	8B
2nd	Estian Cloete	Caterpillar	8D
3rd	Amy Hallet	Skating fox	8D
HIGHLY COMMENDED	Ellie Kraven	Weight lifter	8F
	Grace Dean	Chicken Coop	8D
	Evelyn Ivanova	Flying book	8A
COMMENDED	Louis Page	Alien	8A
	Ruby Evans	Mario	8B
	Ruel Georgiou	Christmas Tree	8E
	Katerina Angeli	Hand	8A
	Sara Lazizi	Burglar car chase	8H
	Arthur Fortes	Noodle eating	8E
	Alessia Velmeshi	Boat	8D
	Aryan Nemat	Own goal	8B
	Sienna Shah	Despicable me	8A
	David Ndreca	Batman	8D
	Isobel Lonsdale	Bee	8D
	Sarah Haggan	Rabbit in a hat	8G
Isabelle Lake	Blue Dragon	8D	



EBS PUT ON THEIR RUNNING SHOES AGAIN

Thursday 2nd January was the perfect crisp and sunny day for the Cross Country Championship held at Harrow School. This year, we had four EBS students representing Barnet: Elena Roncarati (Y13) Daniel Banyard (Y11), Tommy Narvaez-White (Y10) and Scarlett Overland-Harper (Y7). The students warmed up in beautiful surroundings and then cheered each race on. Scarlett started first, and as she rounded the bend, all the students cheered her to the finish line; she finished 35th out of 60 runners. Next up were the senior girls who had to run the course twice! The sportsmanship was fantastic to see as the runners started their second lap. Elena came in a great 7th place. Finally, the boys competed, with Daniel and Tommy starting well, and again completing two laps of the course. Daniel finished a great 22nd place and Tommy was just behind in 24th place.



Congratulations to everyone that took part, the standard was amazing!

ARE YOU THE NEXT BEST BAKER?

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S
BEST YOUNG BAKERS
AGED 9 - 12

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022**

Enquiries:
applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE



On 27th January, EBS Library organised a second-hand book sale. The Library was abuzz with students and staff browsing and buying books at a bargain price! A huge



thank you to all the members of staff who donated books and to the Student Librarian Team and the Sixth Form House Ambassadors for helping organise and supervise. The book sale was very successful and it was wonderful to see so many students picking up books and reading for pleasure.

VOLLEYBALL SKILLS

EBS hosted the Year 10 mixed volleyball competition, in which we had three teams take part. They worked fantastically well as a team and were respectful to each other and their opponents. Their skill level was very impressive on the court and this was shown in the overall results with EBS coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd! Well done to all the students who participated.

'BE THE CHANGE' UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Following on from the last EBS news, we are pleased to announce that several of our students have applied for the UK Youth Parliament and Youth Ambassador for Barnet Positions. Candidates have submitted their applications, including their manifestos! Student online voting will commence soon, so watch out for more information on how you can support your peers that have applied. We wish them all the best of luck and are truly rooting for them!

THE POWER OF OBSERVATION



Students this term took part in the 'Guess the teacher/ staff member ... from their accessories' House quiz. They were shown pictures of accessories worn by staff, some easy, some not so easy - and then had to guess who they belonged to. Top scorers in each form received 5 House Points, which for 'January Twos' counted as 10 for their House. **Amber Hines, Chama 8E**, scored the highest across the houses, with 22 out of 24! Well done Amber, and to all of those that took part!



ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER?

Follow for all the latest news: [@EastBarnetSch](https://twitter.com/EastBarnetSch)

WE HAD SOME LITTLE VISITORS!



We were delighted to welcome Cooper and Truffle for a visit on Wednesday morning for a visit! They live at Brunswick Park School but wanted to catch up with students at EBS!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ONE LAST PUSH!



We are nearly there... thanks to the amazing team of volunteers that turned out last term, our cycle track is coming back to life. We're now asking for student and parent volunteers to help out on two more Saturdays to finish the job! We are also hoping to clear our school allotment at the same time so students can begin

gardening and growing produce for our canteen! Please click the sign-up sheet below if you are able to help out for a couple of hours on either of these dates: Saturday 26th February (9am-1pm) or Saturday 12th March (9am-1pm). [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#) We hope to see you there. Many thanks, Mr Carrington (Head of PE).

IMPORTANT TRESPASSING NOTICE!

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in the local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery. We **urgently need you** to please watch the relevant safety video with your child. It is less than 15 minutes and explains why it is important to stay safe near the tracks. Over 14 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of trespasses nationally through watching the latest rail safety videos. 15 mins can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people and parents. We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email 'railsafety@learnliveuk.com' into the 'I am registered' field when you first watch the videos:

Secondary school versions: Age 11-16 (with subtitles)

- [learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/](https://www.learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/)
- [learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/](https://www.learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/)

College & University version: Age 16 plus (with subtitles)

- [learnliveuk.com/network-rail-college-safety-talk-lnw/](https://www.learnliveuk.com/network-rail-college-safety-talk-lnw/)
- [learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/](https://www.learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/)

NetworkRail

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is on 7th - 11th February. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is Growing Together. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. [Click here](#) for more information.

Be a STAR of your emotions

We all experience different emotions from time to time. In just one day, you may feel proud, excited, sad, anxious, nervous, and many other emotions.
Remember, all feelings are valid.

STOP

Take a step back from whatever you're doing. How do your body and mind feel? Try putting your hands on your heart and belly, then quietly count to 10.

AND

Continue to breathe deeply. Notice if any emotions come up; begin to label them. It's okay to not be okay! Try a sensory activity like push-ups, star jumps or using a calm down jar.

RELAX

When ready, share how you feel. Write it down, draw a picture, or talk with a trusted adult. This can help you find a way to resolve the situation. Then, do an activity to relax and let go!

To get started, follow the steps on the STAR model.

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DUBSMASH APP WARNING



It has been brought to our attention that if security settings are not in place, users can receive highly offensive and inappropriate pictures and videos on the app, DUBSMASH. As with all social media it is important that security settings are in place, age limits are checked and content is monitored. If you have any concerns, please report to CEOP.

SCHOOL NURSES' VACCINATIONS

- Tuesday 8th February: Covid 2nd Booster for 12-15 Years.
- Wednesday 9th February: HPV Dose 1 for Year 8.
- Thursday 10th February: HPV Dose 2 for Year 9 and 10.

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR FOOD?



We are recruiting some part-time staff to help out in our kitchen. Firstly, we are looking for a Kitchen Porter/Assistant that will work 10am - 2pm Mon - Fri, term time only. Secondly, we require a Mealtime Supervisor for 12pm - 2pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and 11:30am - 2pm Wed, term time only. Both positions are permanent, and both applications are closing on 7th February, so you do not have long to apply. For more information, please [click here](#).



COVID-19 SELF-ISOLATION & TESTING FOR UNDER 18.5 YEARS AT EAST BARNET SCHOOL



HIGH TEMPERATURE
Feel hot to touch on your chest or back



CONTINUOUS COUGH
New cough for an hour+ or 3+ episodes in 24 hours



CHANGE SMELL/TASTE
Not able to smell/taste or a difference in smell/taste



COLD & SNEEZING
Particularly in those that are vaccinated



IF YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Take an LFD, self-isolate, **do not attend school.**
Negative = book a PCR
Positive = book a PCR



IF SOMEONE IN THE HOUSE HAS SYMPTOMS

Student attends EBS and LFD tests **every day for 7 days.** If positive at any point self-isolation begins.



IF CHILD IS CONTACTED BY TRACK & TRACE

Follow the NHS guidance that is given at the time and **inform the school** of the relevant advice.



IF CHILD HAS POSITIVE LFD AFTER 10 DAYS

Return to EBS if well, stop daily LFDs. If student is still unwell seek medical advice - stay home.

SHOULD YOU BE AT SCHOOL? THE THREE GOLDEN RULES!

1

Positive LFD (Lateral Flow) or positive PCR?

DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL, STAY HOME, ISOLATE.

2

One negative LFD (Lateral Flow) within 10 days?

DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL, STAY HOME, ISOLATE.

3

Two negative (LFDs) Lateral Flows, but still feel unwell?

DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL, STAY HOME, ISOLATE.

STUDENTS CAN ONLY RETURN TO SCHOOL BEFORE 10 DAYS IF THEY HAVE HAD TWO NEGATIVE LATERAL FLOWS AND ARE WELL.

**STUDENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO TEST WITH LFD KITS EVERY 3 - 4 DAYS
KITS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT OFFICE**