

LIVING OUR VALUES

This week we launched our new rewards system based on the school values of “*I want to learn*” and “*Do the right thing*”. In doing the right thing, students can be rewarded for showing kindness, integrity and respect. They are rewarded for wanting to learn, by being motivated, displaying hardwork and having a growth mindset. I am always the most proud when I can see these values being lived by the students. I saw two students display kindness when they found a phone in the dinner hall and handed it in at reception. I saw all students displaying integrity in the dinner hall; tidying up after themselves, and being courteous to one another. We have a new dinner supervisor join us, who has worked in other schools. She said, “I can’t believe how good they are. In other schools I have worked in the children have made such a mess”. The students showed respect and kindness by asking how they could raise money for the devastation caused by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria which led us to organise an own clothes day on Friday. I see all the values of I want to learn when walking around the school, during lesson time, and in motivated and engaged students. Well done all, and keep it up!

L. Swaine, Headteacher

READ OUT LOUD - DEVELOPING LITERACY

Year 9 have been set their second ‘Read Out Loud’ assignment on Teams. Please encourage your child to complete the task by Monday 27th February. Remember to ‘Turn It In’ when completed!

Year 8 have now been set a trial run, this is an opportunity to practice using the software and to experiment with recording themselves. Students will be shown a short video clip this week in Form Time to learn how to complete the assignment. They have until Thursday 2nd March.

Support is available every Thurs in 432 from 3.25-4.00pm.



VALENTINE'S DAY CAKE SALE

There was a successful cake sale just before the half term, with an incredible 31 entries from our students and even some from the staff! They were wonderful and thank you to everyone who participated! I would like to thank everyone personally who got involved either making a cake or buying one, and to the Sixth Form helpers who helped to cut up the cakes and sell them at breaktime. Ms Swaine and Ms Coffill judged the cakes, in their various red and pink heart shapes, with the following winners gaining House Points for their respective houses:

1st place: Hannah P (12G)
2nd place: Lillie J (7B) Hannah H (7D) and Venisha L (7B)
3rd place: Mia C (8H), Arena L (8G), Maja C (8G) and Lilly D-C (8H)
4th place: Isabelle L and Isobel L (9D)



SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR RETURNS

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to EBS on Monday 6th March 2023 for the whole week in the Library. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to browse and buy some of the bestselling books at EBS. Every purchase earns EBS rewards which can be spent on free books for our Library and classrooms. Purchases can be made with cash on the day or you can prepay on the scholastic site using the QR code to left or by clicking [here](#). Five lucky students will be able to win a £5.00 voucher to spend at the fair.

SCHOLASTIC
BookFairs



The World Book Day £1 token can be used and students can present a hard copy of the token on the day which will be emailed to students and put in the MCAS Important Documents.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024 - DATE CHANGE



The international celebration, World Book Day, on Thursday, 2nd March, will be celebrated at EBS on Thursday 30th March 2023. Staff and Sixth Formers will be dressing up in costume as their favourite book characters to celebrate the love of reading and the privilege of owning their own books. There will be activities for students to be involved in throughout the day.



1st



2nd

4th

3rd

I am delighted so say that a massive £325 was raised which we are overjoyed about! All the money raised is for the incredible charity Young Minds. They are the UK’s leading charity fighting for young people’s mental health and do some fantastic work to support so many young people and we are delighted to be able to raise money for them! If you would like to know more about the charity please click [here](#).

Anthea L, Yr12 (Leadership - Fundraising & Community Initiatives)

WE ARE RECRUITING!

We have a some really exciting vacancies on our website, just waiting to be filled by the right people. We are looking for Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Geography and MFL teachers, and a Student Welfare Officer and Science Technician. If you, or someone you know, would like to join #TeamEBS, we would love to hear from you. All close soon though! For more information [click here](#).



APOLOGIES FOR THIS MORNING

We would like to apologise that students were not able to attend school this morning. Unfortunately, we had a problem with one of our pumps and we had no water in the building. Closing the school is always a last resort. The engineer attended the building and fixed the problem. We were pleased to see students return to school again at 11:30am.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS



Congratulations to the Year 7 girls who competed for EBS in the indoor sports hall athletics at the London Youth Games. The standard was extremely high, and they represented the school with great pride, well done, girls!

BARNET TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION



Well done the all 16 students from Year 7-11 that represented EBS at the Barnet Trampolining Competition. Everyone performed well but a special mention must go to the Year 10 boys who won gold medals in the team event! Well done to Dexter H., Sofian S., Nathan D. and Sam W., what a fantastic achievement.

PRIMARY SPORT FESTIVAL - SPORTS LEADERS



Our talented Year 9 Sports Leaders have shown commitment by coming into school every Wednesday morning to attend our PE leadership training programme. I am proud to say that this has led to them creating a sports festival for Year 1 students from St Mary's Primary School. They were incredible and



the primary children had a brilliant time. Our leaders will be hosting more festivals for other primary schools in the area throughout the year, well done to everyone involved!

HOUSE LEADER BOARD UPDATE

EBS House Leader Board			
	Includes January Twos	Chama (2555)	5110
1 st		Keller (2602)	5204
2 nd		Murray (2206)	4412
3 rd		Tutu (2214)	4428
4 th			

1 st	Chama 15,419 house points
2 nd	Keller 15,336 house points
3 rd	Murray 14,888 house points
4 th	Tutu 14,652 house points

There was so much house activity last half term, from the Valentine's Cake Bake and Sale, Darkwood Manor Year 7 Film

Competition and of course January Twos - where every House Point earned was doubled for the students respective House. While Keller achieved the most House Points during the half term (2,602 - doubled to 5,204), it is Chama that is currently in the lead overall with 15,419 House Points. However ... it is very close! So, let's see how the leader board looks at the end of this half term. Thank you to all the students that contribute on a daily basis to their houses, by doing the right thing and showing that you want to learn.

LETTER ABOUT STRIKES

As you are probably aware, more strike action has been announced by the National Education Union. Please click [here](#) to read a letter about the plans on 2nd March.

JACK PETCHEY AWARD - JANUARY 2023

It is always such a pleasure to hand out a Jack Petchey Achievement Award, and it was fantastic that the recipient for January was one of our Year 7s, demonstrating the strides that you can make when you set your mind to it! Well done Jasper!

Jasper James, 7G

In his short time at EBS, Jasper has truly relished in our school values of resilience, hard work and motivation - and displays such a positive outlook on school life. He not only works hard but has joined numerous extra-curricular clubs, and even started up his own 'Warhammer' club with his friend. Jasper has supported the House Cake Competition and was voted House Captain by his Form (with a clear majority). Jasper has taken on numerous challenges, including teaching himself 'Ode to Joy' just so he could take part in the school's piano recital. He has built his own computer at home from scratch and has an excellent understanding of how computers work! He constantly comes up with ideas and games for 7G to play in Form Time for 'House Point and Positivity' Monday, and I feel genuinely blessed and proud to have Jasper in my Form Group. He is an amazing and inspirational young person. With Jasper we can definitely tick the 'developing the whole person' box!

Do you know someone who is worthy of a Jack Petchey Achievement Award?

Not only do award winners receive a certificate and a Jack Petchey medallion, but they were also awarded a £300 grant each to spend within school. Nominations for a Jack Petchey award can be made by students and staff. So, if you know a student that has:

- helped others over and above expectations;
- been a good role model/mentor;
- shown bravery;
- overcome a personal challenge;
- volunteered; or
- tried really hard or broken through a personal barrier.

Please consider nominating them. This can be done either by using this link, <https://forms.office.com/r/gSXytKJWiU> or by filling in a nomination form (available next to the Jack Petchey board on the 3rd floor).

D. Bailey, Student Leadership Coordinator

HOMEWORK PROBLEMS ON STUDENT PORTAL?

If students are struggling to access their homework on Student Portal, Ms Piazza will be available after school on Mondays in room 334.

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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

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SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

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FOURTH PLINTH SCHOOL AWARDS



The Fourth Plinth Schools Awards are now open for entries. It's a chance to get creative and produce a work of art inspired by the contemporary art commissions for Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth. Thanks to Cass Art – the UK's leading independent art supplies retailer – there are some fantastic prizes up for grabs. Here's how to get involved: Design an artwork inspired by the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, scan or take a photo of your artwork and submit it to the online gallery, and submit by clicking [here](#). There are winner and runner-up prizes for different age categories: 5-7 years, 8-11 years and 12-15 years, as well as prizes for the best work from each borough. There will also be a presentation ceremony at new City Hall and all winning entries will appear in an exhibition in late spring. Entries can be in all art forms including drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and digital designs. There's no limit to the number of entries from each school and both group and individual entries are welcome. **The deadline is 19th March.**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



We're excited to welcome our guest speaker, Rosaleen Blair on 10th March as part of our International Women's Day celebrations. Rosaleen is recognised as an industry leader and entrepreneur, winning numerous awards including Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman of the Year (2007) and EY London Entrepreneur of the Year (2006). She will be talking to Year 10 students on Tuesday 7th March during Period 1. Interested Year 12 & 13 students may be able to attend.

CAREERS BOARD

- Interested in working for the NHS? All year groups can use [this website](#) for information on over 350 careers in the NHS
- University of Hertfordshire have some interesting virtual taster events [here](#).
- For details of Met Police Apprenticeships (take a look at the video and join the webinar) click [here](#).
- National Careers Week (#NCW23) runs from Monday 6th March to 10th March - please see the [@ebscareers](#) Instagram account for information.
- Magazine journalism careers talk [here](#).
- Law careers talk [here](#).

Barnet Youth Assembly
Celebrates
International Women's Day 2023

Wednesday 8 March 2023 6-8pm
(Networking and registration from 5:30pm)

Hendon Town Hall The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG

This event will take the form of a debate and will be attended by elected council members, giving young people a chance to raise issues of importance to them, as part of the democratic process. We will also hear from young women representing local community groups about what International Women's Day means to them

Themes:
EmbraceEquity and **#DigitALL**: Innovation and technology for gender equality

Please confirm your attendance by registering on Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-womens-day-youth-assembly-event-tickets-538716374177> or emailing Bebecca.Morris@barnet.gov.uk

If you aren't currently a registered member, please complete the consent form which can be found here: [Barnet Youth Assembly | Barnet Council](#)

MY SAY MATTERS

FAMILY FRIENDLY BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH

Years 10 -13:



Unifrog Next Steps Student Fair - 8th March at 4:30pm. Students are invited to join Sophie Pender, a keynote speaker, Forbes 30 under 30, and founder of the 93% Club at our annual Fair! As well as hearing from her, they'll have the chance to learn about leading employers and universities in live sessions and drop by their virtual booths to chat with them directly. Sign up for Unifrog by searching for your

Unifrog email in your outlook inbox and following instructions. If already signed up, all Years 10 to 13 will have access to this event and can register for it [here](#). We're looking forward to sharing with you our programme of events for British Science Week soon.

We need your help to raise money for a new suite of keyboards for all of our students

Donate on ParentPay by selecting 'PTFA Donation'



Thank you for your support

Keyboard Appeal

SCHOOL PHONE LINES

On Wednesdays, school finishes earlier for students to study independently and to allow time for staff training. As a result, to allow for admin staff training, the school phone lines will be closed on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm and will reopen at 4pm. Thank you for your understanding.