

A TIME TO REFLECT

This school holiday we saw Easter, Passover and Ramadan fall simultaneously; a rare and special occurrence that only happens three times in a century. Each of these celebrations share some similarities. It is a time for giving up bad habits, prayer, good deeds, spending time with family and friends and a chance for renewal. It is a lovely time of year when spring flowers take hold, and we can enjoy lighter evenings and brighter mornings. Here at EBS, we have taken our spring renewal as a chance to re-establish routines and expectations and it has been fantastic to see our students looking so smart, arriving on time and ready for learning. I would like to thank all our families for their support, as it makes a big difference when we all work together.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

LEGENDARY EBS SKI TRIP RETURNS! LES ORRES, FRANCE – 1ST - 8TH APRIL 2023

What an amazing experience! Did you know the EBS Ski Trip has run for decades without a break, until...Covid19 hit. Then, after a three year pause, we hit the slopes again! 82 students from Years 8-12, accompanied by 10 staff, set off on the long coach journey to the French Alps. We only had to wait in the queues at Dover for an extra four hours and so arrived at the resort after 24 and 25 hours, (we had two coaches), after setting off. We were much luckier than the school who shared the hotel with us – they travelled from Cornwall by coach and took 48 hours!



Over 60 of our students had never skied before which meant we had five beginner groups, all lead by ESF (Ecole De Ski Francais) instructors. That left two groups of experienced skiers, also with ESF instructors. Snow conditions varied from excellent to good and consequently students made superb progress. One instructor commented they had never taught a beginner group who had made such fast progress and some were parallel skiing by the end of the week. All found the constant exercise tiring, but the look of pure joy and happiness on everyone's faces was priceless. Instructors made lessons exciting, and the evenings were also not without fun. We had an evening walk up the mountain to the next village, (the students loved it to the great surprise of most adults), an hour bum-boarding (if I could bottle the sound of pure joy and fun emanating from everyone, I would be a millionaire now), and an early evening at the bottom of the slopes eating crêpes. The final evening saw us all on the luge and then we were ready to pack for the homeward journey. Students made new friends from across year groups, learnt to support and care for each other (and staff) on the slopes and in the hotel, how to be respectful to anyone and everyone they met and what it means to be resilient and keep going even after a fall. I felt privileged to have been part of this experience and I know the rest of the staff did too. Here are a few photos to whet your appetite and if you wish to see more then look on [@eastbarnetsch](https://twitter.com/eastbarnetsch) on Twitter.



JOIN US NEXT YEAR TO ENJOY THE FUN! CLICK [HERE](#) TO SIGN UP!

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION RESULTS ARE IN!

On Thursday, 30th March 2023, EBS celebrated World Book Day 2023! House points were on offer for a range of activities, such as, staff dressing up and students participating and voting for the best dressed character costume. Almost a 1000 House Points were awarded for the celebrations. A very big well done to the following winners who earned 20 House Points for their respective Houses, for their participation in the quiz: Daisey B, Tannis, Evelyn, Julia Z and Emelia T. A further well done to staff winners for best dressed as voted for by the students: Mr Messios (1st), Mr Potter (2nd), Ms Gough & Mr Boast (3rd tie) - can you spot them?



CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 7 NETBALL!

Congratulations to the Year 7 Netball Team for winning the Barnet Schools' Netball League. There are four league pools in the competition and our students won all of their matches beating Ashmole 8-2, Ark Pioneer 11-0 and JCOSS 9-4 to win the North League. The Year 7 Netball Team has over 25 members and all students have played lots of matches and contributed to the development of the game at EBS. Well done to all those that took part! Good luck to the Year 7 and 8 students who are going on netball tour next month. League Players: Keisi B, Samantha C, Abi G, Ayla I, Amelia I, Bela L, Emilia M, Lois O, Salina O.

JACK PETCHEY MARCH WINNER

It is always such a pleasure to hand out a Jack Petchey award, and March's winner was no exception.

Rosa Usher, 7B

Rosa was nominated for her hard work and politeness to everyone. Rosa is a lovely member of her form, great to talk to, always willing to help people with homework and often praises her teachers in appreciation of the learning they have delivered, and her enjoyment of their lessons. She spoke in the Year 7 assembly on Parents Evening, performed at the Winter Concert and represented EBS at athletics for the London Youth Games. Recently, Rosa played Matilda in the school show, not only doing a fantastic job, singing, dancing and acting - which included coming into school on weekends to rehearse; she was always prepared for the school day, each and every day, and stayed on top of her class work and homework during this busy period. Rosa has had a great start at EBS and is the perfect example of a student demonstrating our school value of "*I want to learn*".

Not only did Rosa receive a Jack Petchey certificate and pin badge in the Key Stage 3 assembly. She gained 100 House Points for Chama House, and also has a £300 grant to spend within school!

If you know a student who 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, then you can nominate them for a Jack Petchey achievement award. You can do this through [this link](#), or students can complete a nomination form and return it to the box by the Jack Petchey board on the third floor.

D. Bailey, Student Leadership Coordinator

HOUSE UPDATE - IT IS VERY CLOSE!

1st	Keller 17,960 house points
2nd	Chama 17,780 house points
3rd	Murray 16,819 house points
4th	Tutu 16,507 house points

As we enter the Summer term, the positions on the leader board are very close! Keller is currently in the lead, but only by 180 points! Look out for all of the activities this term, and keep doing the right thing and showing that you want to learn - as every House Point truly makes a difference to the position of your house on the leader board. Welcome to Mr Messios, who will be the interim Head of Tutu House, while Ms Tsiotsi is on maternity leave. They are both wished every success with their new ventures!

 **ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER?**
Follow for all the latest news: [@EastBarnetSch](#)

We have had a few reports of local muggings and students being approached. These incidents should be reported to the police straight away. Please do not travel home alone, stick to main paths, and do not have your phone on show.

GET INVOLVED

EAST BARNET SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



DAN FREEDMAN TO VISIT EBS

On Wednesday 3rd May, Dan Freedman, author, speaker and ambassador will be visiting EBS and providing all Year 7s with an inspirational talk about his life touring as a sports journalist with the England Football Team, the power of reading and writing and how to develop resilience. He will also stay after school for a book signing. You can find out more info about Dan here.

COMPETITION TIME

The Year 7 student challenge is to act as a sports journalist and create a mock interview with Dan or favourite sport personality. Worksheets can be collected from the Library. Students can be as creative as they like e.g. creating a 1 min video reel. Submissions to the library or English teacher.

COULD YOUR DESIGN BE ON NEXT YEAR'S STUDENT PLANNER COVERS?

Students will shortly have the chance to enter their designs for the front of next year's Student Planners. These can be hand-drawn or electronically designed, and can be created for the Student Planners of Key Stage 3, 4 and/or 5. All entrants will receive a House Point, and the winning designs not only gain House Points for their House, but their design will be on the front cover of next year's Student Planners. So, students get thinking about your designs and look out for more information that will be posted as an assignment on Student Portal. Last years designs are to the right:



PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO LOOK AT THE BARNET OFFER FOR COURSES/TRAINING FOR SEN STUDENTS.



A morning with author Natasha Farrant discussing her book 'The Rescue of Ravenwood'. Including a Q&A and book signing session. Age guidance: 8 to 12 years.

Finchley Church End Library
Saturday 13 May
9.30am – 11.30am

Book your FREE ticket and more information at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-morning-with-award-winning-author-natasha-farrant-discussing-her-books-tickets-518503135837> or scan the QR code below.

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A morning with Tanya Landman in conversation with Miriam Halahmy discussing 'The Battle of Cable Street' and 'Lightning Strike'. Including a Q&A and book signing session. Age guidance: children and teenagers 9 to 15 years & adults.

Finchley Church End Library
Sunday 14 May
9.30am – 11.30am

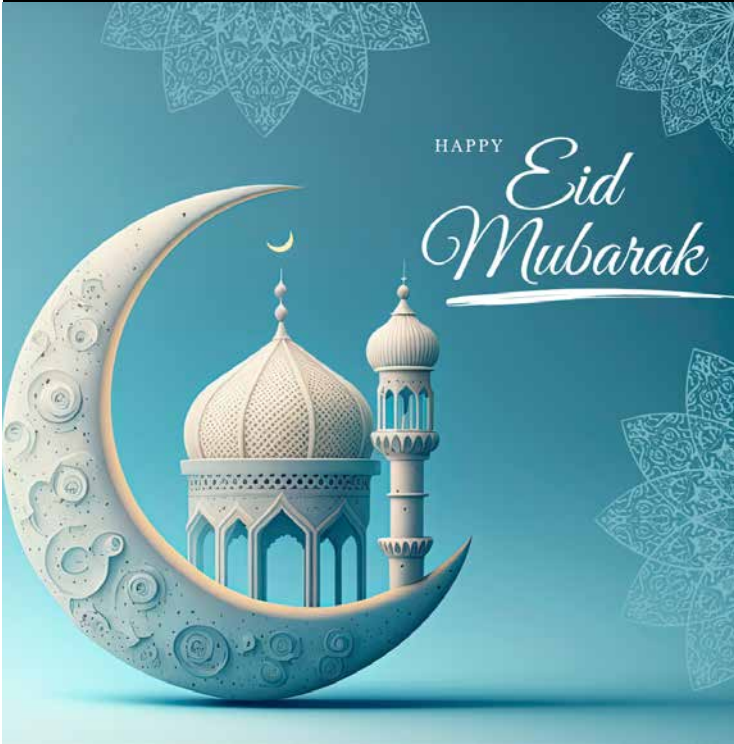
Book your FREE ticket and more information at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-morning-with-tanya-landman-talking-to-miriam-halahmy-about-her-books-tickets-518542042207> or scan the QR code below.

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EAST BARNET SCHOOL IMPORTANT NOTICES

TO ALL THOSE THAT ARE OBSERVING



CHANGE OF TERM DATES

We are amending our term dates slightly for the start of the academic year in September 2023. Please see below for the new dates.

Tues 5th Sept 2023	INSET Day	Staff only
Wed 6th Sept 2023	INSET Day	Staff only
Thu 7th Sept 2023	Introduction Day	Yr 7 & 12 only
Fri 8th Sept 2023	Staggered Start	All Years

CAREERS BOARD



Beat career confusion with the latest update from the EBS Careers Team!

[SHOW ME THE WAY →](#)

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

DEADLINE EXTENDED!

At East Barnet School, we believe that Parent Governors play an important role in the life and ethos of our school and in bringing a parental perspective to inform the decisions of the Governing Body. We are inviting applications from parents or carers from any social, religious or ethnic background who would be willing to play a key role in our school, sharing their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm. Our Governing Body would benefit particularly from new governors with experience in the areas of Business/Financial Strategy, Law, Premises and Facilities Management, Special Education Needs and Higher Education. Information on the role can be found [here](#). To help you decide about standing for election, you may also wish to contact a current Governor. You can do this via email to Siobain Waters at swaters2@eastbarnetschool.com. To apply, please complete this [Parent Governor Candidate Form](#).

WE ARE HIRING!



Working at East Barnet School is as rewarding as it is fun. With our friendly, family atmosphere and students that genuinely want to learn, if you are looking for your next career move, then we could be for you. We are currently recruiting for a [Drama Teacher](#). Click on the vacancy for the job description and application form. If you would like to have an informal chat about the role you are interested in, please call 020 8344 2100 to speak to Siming Hill, HR.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

UK National
Emergency Alert
Test
23 April 2023

UK Government



Information on how to switch off these alerts in order to protect the phone owner in scenarios such as domestic violence can be found [here](#).

TEACHERS' STRIKE

We will be sending a letter out shortly in relation to the proposed teachers' strike.