



FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

Acting Co-Headteacher's Welcome to the *NEW* EBS News!

We are delighted to welcome you to the launch of our newly revamped EBS News, which serves as a vibrant reflection of the exciting happenings within our school community. As we embrace the month of February, we embark on a journey filled with warmth, cultural exchange, and enriching experiences.

We recently had the pleasure of hosting Chinese students as part of an integration programme, spanning two enriching weeks. This initiative not only deepened cultural understanding but also provided our visitors with insights into the British school system, promoting global citizenship and unity.

In celebration of National Handwriting Day, we recognise the importance of this fundamental skill in fostering communication and expression. We launched a competition across Years 7 to 10 with the winners receiving a golden pen. Our dedication to nurturing well-rounded individuals extends to supporting events that highlight the significance of handwriting in our digital age.

Additionally, our lunchtime careers talks have provided invaluable insights into various professions, with guest speakers including lawyers and individuals pursuing degree apprenticeships. These sessions offer our students valuable glimpses into potential career paths, inspiring them to pursue their passions and aspirations.

Excitement is building as we approach the final preparations for *Oliver*, our eagerly anticipated school musical, the air buzzes with excitement and anticipation. The dedication and talent displayed by our students and staff promise a memorable performance that will showcase the vibrancy of our school's creative spirit.

As we look forward to the upcoming half-term break, we wish each and every one of you a rejuvenating and enjoyable time spent with loved ones. May this break provide an opportunity for rest and reflection, preparing us for the exciting endeavours that lie ahead.

L. Coffill & R. Lashley Allen
Co-Headteachers

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Putting Blue Monday in the Shade

Blue Monday is, according to a UK travel company, the most depressing day of the year. They say that most summer holidays (or any getaways) are booked on that day. To combat that vibe, EBS staff put on their brightest glad rags! Hopefully the students noticed the colour and it made them smile.



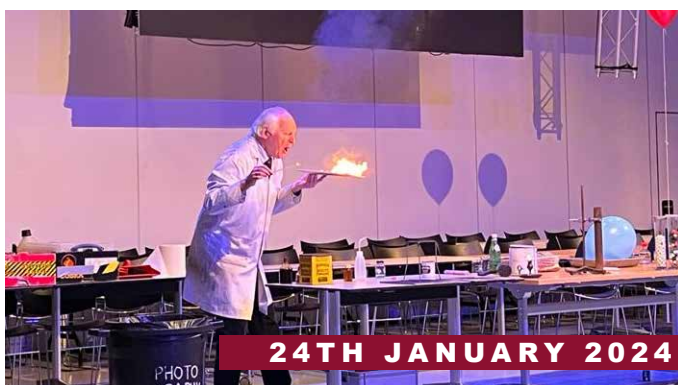
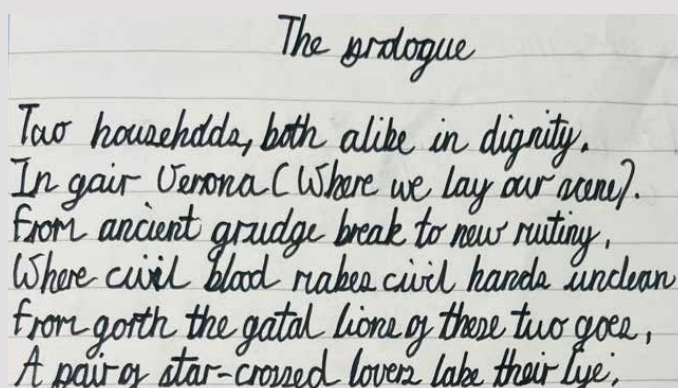
Careers in Law

We were thrilled to welcome Professor Paul Griffin to school on Wednesday for a career talk on Law. We had a brilliant turnout of students from all year groups across two sessions! Law not for you? Keep an eye out for the other Career Talks coming your way this year! To read more about Paul, [click here](#).



National Handwriting Day

To mark the annual National Handwriting Day, students were challenged to copy an assigned text in their best handwriting. All students were supplied with a specific handwriting pen for them to keep and copied out the prologue from William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. All the winners were decided and announced in assembly, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place receiving an engraved golden pen! The picture above is of the winner, Connor with our Head of English, Ms Parfitt. There is also an example of his winning handwriting. To see more of Connor's entry and the 2nd and 3rd place examples, [click here](#).



Chemistry Magic for Year 7

Dr Andrew Szydlo visited us again to deliver an action packed and educational journey through the wonders of chemistry to all our Year 7s. Igniting a hydrogen/helium mixture and pouring liquid nitrogen are not experiments we can safely do in normal lessons so we hope the students were inspired by Dr Szydlo's knowledge and enthusiastic style of delivery. To learn more about Dr Szydlo's amazing career and to see more pictures from the demonstration, [click here](#).



Around the Globe

At the end of January, Year 12 and 13 students attended an A-Level study day at Shakespeare's Globe in London. Students were given an exclusive tour (including backstage) of the theatre, an interactive lecture on context and a drama workshop looking at the themes of power and status. It was a wonderful experience and students excelled all day displaying extensive knowledge of their exam text – Shakespeare's *King Lear*. For some Globe facts and more photos from the day, [click here](#).



Holocaust Memories

We are very proud to announce that Amberley Thay, and our Head Student, Anna Volstadt, represented East Barnet School and the Holocaust Educational Trust as ambassadors at the Holocaust Memorial Day event for Barnet at Middlesex University. Our students spoke eloquently to all of the visitors and dignitaries and made us all very proud. The Lessons from Auschwitz Project is an annual programme and this year, Christiana Constantinou and Aisha Shaikh (Year 12) delivered an assembly to younger students about their involvement in the project and passed on what they had learned.



Dan Tomlinson (left), who is standing for MP in Chipping Barnet, pictured with Head Student, Anna, said:

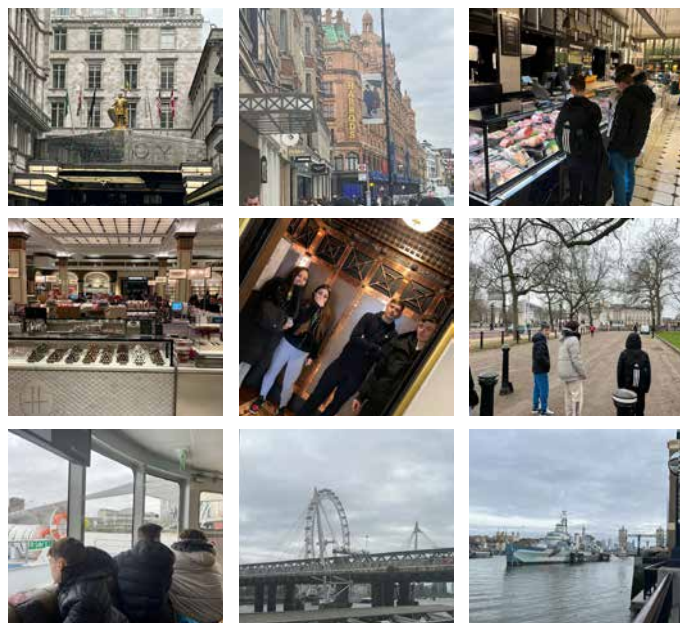
“Really moving to hear East Barnet School students speak so powerfully about the lessons they drew from visiting Auschwitz. We must never forget the fragility of freedom”.

At EBS, we are always impressed by the mature way our students honour our Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations.



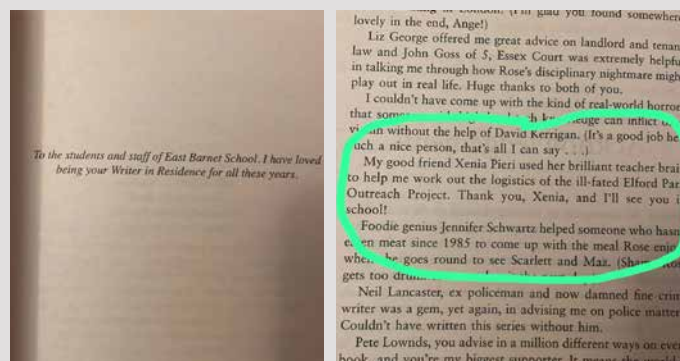
Touring around London

As part of GCSE Travel and Tourism, our Acting Co-Headteacher, Miss Coffill, took a group of students into Central London – a city with some of the highest levels of tourism across the whole world! Each year London receives between 20 – 30 million international visitors who take in all the sights and sounds and historic landmarks that date back hundreds of years. There are lots of pictures and descriptions of where the students visited on our website [here](#), but needless to say, they saw a lot! From The London Transport Museum to Harrods, The Savoy to The London Eye - not to mention their venture on a Thames Clipper!



New Novel Released

Caroline Green, our Writer in Residence, has written a new novel, *Down Among The Dead*, that was published on 1st February 2024! This incredible thriller features Detective Rose Gifford who has also featured in two of Caroline's previous novels: *Sleep Tight* and *The Whisper House*. What is even more exciting, are the dedications to EBS within the pages of Caroline's novel. To read more about the storyline and see the critic's reviews, [click here](#).





Students Become Ninja Warriors

Two of our budding ninjas wrote the following entry about their time at Nina Warrior UK! More photos and an epic video of our students on the assault course can be seen [here](#).

"We were fortunate enough to attend the free experience at a Ninja warrior course which took place on Saturday 3rd of February. We met in the school at 12:35am and left on the coach for a fun trip to Watford. A day without our phones was relaxing, no stress replying to texts and no games which took over our lives. This event made us realize how blessed we are to have Areti and George organise this. (Areti and George run the [Christoforos Charity Foundation](#) who work with students to help them navigate the dangers of the internet, and have given talks in assemblies.) The trip was excellent, it was something we have always wanted to attend. The fun inflatables and obstacle courses excited us, we are so grateful to have this opportunity and will remember this for the rest of our lives. The courses challenged our abilities and made us realise how much enjoyment we had experienced without our phones. The food was also delicious and filled us up. Time flew, and we hadn't even realised what time it was. Areti and George made sure we all had a gripping time and ensured we felt comfortable while bringing smiles to all our faces."

Maya & the Year 8 and Year 9 EBS Ninja Warriors!



National Storytelling Week

For National Storytelling Week, 27th January – 4th February, the Library hosted a stimulating Monday lunchtime workshop, delivered by our Writer-in-Residence, Caroline Green, with the assistance of the school Librarian, Mr. Gallagher. During this workshop, 23 Year 8 students, inspired by enigmatic images from Van Allsburg's *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*, responded enthusiastically to the brief of writing some very original stories. Other events offered during National Storytelling Week included a chilling urban legends podcast and a session on writing your own urban legend, which you can read more about by [clicking here](#).



Chinese Students Visit EBS

We were fortunate this year to welcome two groups of Chinese students, across two weeks from Jianping West Middle School. We hosted over 60 students who were able to experience lessons, experience visiting speakers and of course experience our amazing food! EBS students were really excited to make some new friends from a country so far away. The EBS community were also treated to farewell performances from the Chinese students in the form of piano playing, singing performances and an exchange of gifts. You can read more about the programme [here](#).





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EBS Scout Awarded

We were super excited to hear that Year 9 student, Luca was nominated for a Jack Petchey Award by his Scout Leaders, receiving the award at The Arts Depot from the Scouting County Commissioner himself! Luca was nominated by Angela Arnedo, Scout Leader, for:

“his dedication to Scouting and his efforts as a Patrol Leader supporting other Scouts. He was also being recognised for his excellent Scouting skills and for his commitment to completing any challenges, always willing to learn and challenge himself.”

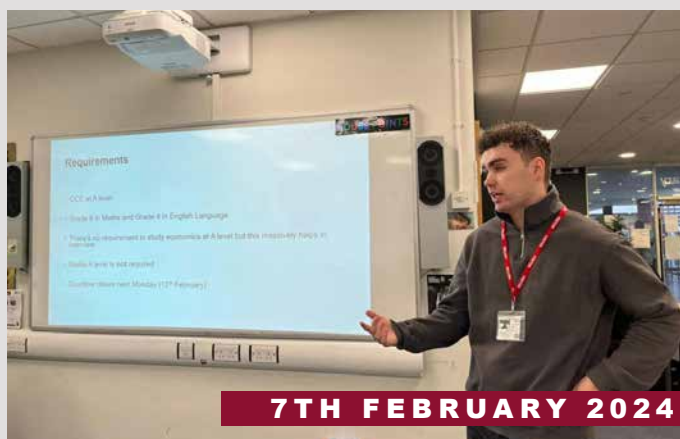
These are the exact values that we aim to instil in all of our students. Congratulations, Luca! We couldn't be any prouder of you. We will continue to expect great things from you in the future!



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Sparx Maths Champions

Well done to all of our EBS students for working so hard on their Sparks Maths! We were one of the top-performing schools last term; earning the 'Greatest Progress' Award. Keep it up EBS!



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Valentine's Cake Competition

Who doesn't love a good cake sale? Students were challenged to bake and decorate a cake (or cupcakes) to reflect the chosen theme of Valentines and love. The students did an amazing job with the top four entrants winning House Points for their Houses. The sale itself was able to raise £145 for Chipping Barnet Foodbank! To see more entrants, [click here](#).



1st Place Winner:

Evie Hannaker
Year 7



2nd Place:

Ivor Daniel
Year 12



3rd Place:

Ryan Hannaker
Year 7



4th Place: Isabella
Colquhuon & Sienna
Shah, both Year 10

Careers in the Civil Service

An interesting talk was given today by EBS Alumni, Connor Barry who visited us during Apprenticeship Week to talk about the opportunities in the Civil Service. Connor started a Degree Apprenticeship last year with the Civil Service, where he is currently looking at the policies to do with bringing change to the construction industry after the Grenfell tragedy. He explored the many areas within the Civil Service and the entry criteria for Degree Apprenticeships. It was so great to see you Connor! If you are an Alumni and would like to talk about your career to our students, get in touch!



Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Being holders of the 'Mental Health in Schools Award', it was only fitting that we commemorated and took part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024 which ran from 5th – 11th February. Launched in 2015, the week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. This year's theme was My Voice Matters. 1 in 6 children and young people now have a diagnosable mental health condition. Last week we encouraged a 5 minute 'time to talk' at the end of P2 and we entered Barnet Borough's BICS Poster competition. Our aim is to encourage our school, as a whole, to ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to, and know that they're not alone.



Jumping High

Congratulations to Mason, Hamza, Florence, Keira, Amy, Frankie, Lexi and Miruna for representing EBS at the Barnet trampolining competition 2024. The event was held at Hendon Leisure centre and was a huge success. All of our students performed their routines to perfection and represented the school with pride. We are very proud of all of them, well done!



Year 10 Football Progression

Congratulations to our Year 10 Boys' Football Team who beat Southgate School in the quarter-finals of the Middlesex Cup 6-5 on penalties after an exciting 3-3 draw after extra time. This is the third penalty shootout they have won in the competition this year. We look forward to playing Enfield Grammar in the semi-finals after half term. The boys have been superb all year, represented the school with pride and have also reached the Barnet League and Cup semi-finals....could a historic treble be on the cards? Well done, boys!

New Inclusive Playground

It was thrilling to see in the press that Barnet Council, who approved the plans last year, have almost completed a new build Fair Play All Inclusive Playground! The playground will be available to adults and children and features a variety of equipment that can be used by people with disabilities. In total the project cost £500,000 with £100,000 from Barnet Council and the rest from a coalition of independent funders led by The Seneca Trust. The playground is in the Victoria Recreation Ground in New Barnet.

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