



## Welcome to Barnet Hill Academy's Newsletter

### Welcome to the Second Year of Barnet Hill Academy

The Academy started with a bang – literally! On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019, the entire Secondary Girls School along with Years 5 and 6 visited the ExCEL Centre to visit the New Scientist Live Expo - an award-winning, mind-blowing festival of ideas and discoveries for everyone curious about science and why it matters. All the students and staff had an excellent time visiting the over 140 speakers and 100 exhibitors in an unrivalled atmosphere full of energy, packed with thought-provoking talks, ground-breaking discoveries, interactive experiences, workshops and performances.

#### BHA Launches new School Management Information System - Engage MIS

On 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 the school closed for a special INSET for the entire school staff in aid of launching a new, up to date MIS which will help Academy staff in supporting students in their learning, including attendance, punctuality and much more. We will be rolling out the new MIS over the course of this term and hope to have it fully embedded by the new year, we ask all parents to work with us whilst we update our systems and information flow in aid of supporting student outcomes.

#### Open Days



Barnet Hill Academy  
**OPEN DAY**  
for Nursery, Primary & Secondary

Friday 11th October 2019 9:30am - 12pm	Saturday 12th October 2019 2pm - 4pm	Thursday 17th October 2019 9:30am - 12pm
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#### School Council & Secondary Prefect Elections

The New Academic Year is always an exciting time for our students...as has become established practice at the Academy, we launched elections and invited nominations for new council representatives. Names and designations will be announced before the end of this Half-Term! Look out for names and roles on the website...

**Wa' Alaykoum As-Salam,**

*Alimuiddin Shaikh,*

**Principal**



### BHA hosts Islamophobia Workshop

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, Barnet Hill Academy was delighted to host a working party coming together to review an up to date and contemporary review of the definition of Islamophobia for the London Borough of Barent... look out for the outcomes from this initial workshop.

#### School Uniform

We have launched the full new school uniform which is now available to buy online from:

*Price & Buckland*  
SCHOOLWEAR SINCE 1959

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/barnethill>

Many parents and students have expressed delight at the arrival of the new uniform. We expect all students to wear the new school uniform from the new academic year.

For any assistance, please contact the school office.





## EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS EYFS Newsletter

Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception)

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS,

As Salam Alaykoun.

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. We hope you've had a lovely Summer break. The children have settled in well to the start of the year and have already become immersed in their learning. We have a lot of interesting topics and exciting things planned for the children to encourage them to become active and independent learners.

Please note: The Parent and Toddler club takes place every Tuesday at 9am - 10.30am. Parents/carers have the opportunity to spend time together with their children in the company of others, while being supervised by fully qualified EYFS practitioners.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

### RECEPTION

Our topic this term is 'People Who Help Us' and the children have learnt about all the helpful people in the school and also outside the school (police, doctors etc.). We had a visit from fire-fighters and the children will have the opportunity to explore around a fire engine. Keep a look out for the upcoming photos of the visit on the school's website. Reception have had a trip to the local Hendon Library which aimed to encourage the children to read and borrow books.

### NURSERY

Children in Nursery have been learning about 'Autumn'. We observed natural changes of leaves linking to our topic 'Why do leaves go crispy?'. We also looked at different shapes and sizes of leaves. We collected pinecones and conkers; the children used conkers to count numbers.



Reminders: Please remember to bring PE kit every Mondays, book bag, reading books every Wednesday. Bring a water bottle filled with fresh water each day, and a coat - summer will soon be over! All clothes and accessories must be named.

## Primary

### Primary Fortnightly Learning Objectives:

You can now see what your child will be covering in lessons over a period of two weeks by visiting our newly launch fortnightly learning page on the website:

<https://www.barnethillacademy.org.uk/primary/fortnightly-learning>

### Year 5 & 6 - The Guardian

Year 5 and Year 6 children were selected to visit The Guardian Education Centre, Kings Cross, to take part in a workshop called 'Make a Newspaper Front Page'. This was a very exciting learning experience for the children as they became reporters and editors, whilst encountering the real-life experience of producing a newspaper front page. As part of the workshop, they chose, researched and wrote two stories from the day's news, using the newspaper's own computer software. They then sub-edited their work, wrote catchy headlines, chose photographs and produced their very own newspaper front page. It was a challenging experience for the children as they had to adhere to a tight deadline, whilst they learnt how the news is actually made on a daily basis, 24 hours a day. Overall, the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, staff and parent volunteers.



### Year 2 - Pizza Express

Year 2 have visited Pizza Express, where they followed the instructions of a chef to make their own pizza. They learnt how pizza is made and some historical information about it. They then enjoyed eating their pizzas as a class.



### Year 4 - Trip to Sea Life Centre

This Half Term, Year 4 visited Sea Life Museum London to explore the creatures that live in our seas, rivers and oceans. They walked through Pacific Ocean tunnels, tropical rainforests, shark reef encounter and penguin point. They also attended the workshop; 'WARMER OCEANS: CORAL KINGDOM' and discovered, coral's (living organism) structure, types and how we identify them. They also discovered, why our oceans are warming and the role humans play in this and the coral bleaching process and how you can help prevent it.

You can view more pictures on our website gallery. Please visit:

<https://www.barnethillacademy.org.uk/gallery>





## Welcome

### As Salam Alaykoun Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new Year 7 pupils and parents & Welcome back to our returning pupils and parents from year 8-11!

This half term, there has been a renewed focus on establishing academic and school routines.

We have also had some amazing excursions from the Art, English and Science Departments; Our most recent trip to the New Scientist exhibition modelled opportunities for pupils to be ambitious and pioneering in all their endeavours.

We would like to extend support to our year 11 pupils who are embarking on a momentous journey towards their formal GCSE examinations.

After an eventful half term, we wish you a restful break, and anticipate a positive return to school after the Autumn half term recess.



## Secondary reminders.

### Upcoming trips & activities:

We have a series of exciting school trips & activities planned for the 2019/20 Academic Year. Autumn term 2

### Pupil diaries:

Pupil diaries are a crucial aspect of Secondary routines. It is important to ensure that pupils have their diaries with them every day. Diaries are used to record homework, and most essentially, for parent-school communication. Pupil diaries enable parents to stay updated regarding their child's education. JazakAllah for your continued support.

## Events & Activities

### Secondary: Practical salah lessons: September 2019

September has been an excellent time to refresh and revise over salah expectations and etiquette. Ms Mariam has been reiterating this, and discussing the eminence of Salah in Islam as pupils are welcomed back to school.

### World Heart day: 29th September 2019

Secondary pupils shared ideas on maintaining our most crucial muscle healthy, to celebrate world heart day. Pupil suggestions included, healthy eating, regular exercise and recitation to reduce stress levels.

### English trip - Sky Academy -Year 8 & 9: 3rd October 2019

Year 8 & 9 pupils produced a ground breaking news report on Cyber Bullying as part of their workshop at the Sky Academy Studios. After outlining discursive elements to the report, pupils collaborated as producer, scriptwriter, presenter and editor, to capture their report using state-of-the-art broadcasting equipment at the Sky studios.

### Art trip - V & A Museum - Year 11: 9th October 2019

The year 11's visited the Victoria & Albert Museum in Kensington to prepare for their Art GCSE; partaking in the 'Research and Record' workshop. The visit harnessed ideas and inspiration for the development of pupil Art portfolio's. Pupils also viewed the Islamic Art & design galleries; an array of artistic brilliance and creativity.

### Science trip - New Scientist exhibition-Year 7-11: 10th October 2019

Black holes., Spaghettification and Time Travel were only a few of the fascinating facets of the Science Exhibition at the London Excel centre. Pupils were inspired by the innovative engineering of chemicals to create scented soaps by Lush engineers; and awed by the composite structures required in vehicle production, as demonstrated through a bar of chocolate by the Henry Royce Institute! The exhibition boasted five zones: Technology, Human, Engineering, Earth and Cosmos zones; each providing specialist talks throughout the day aimed at stimulating young minds.

### Dyslexia Awareness week—7th to 13th October 2019

Secondary pupils learnt about some of the impacts of Dyslexia during form time, to raise awareness of Dyslexia in the UK.

### World Mental Health Day— 10th October 2019

Year 7-10 challenged notions of Mental Health and well being by advising of practical ways of promoting positive well-being.

### Autumn Term—Islamic Ethos focus

This term has been focussed on going for goals. Pupils have been invited to deliberate the importance of goals as a Muslim; considering academic and Islamic knowledge as part of this process.

### School Council—Elections: October 2019

The best of luck to pupils who have applied for the position of school council; elections will be held this week.

### Young Writers Competition – October 2019

Ms Zeina has launched the initial competition of the year, with the 'Through their eyes' National poetry competition.



## Extra Curricular Activities

### **Islamic Art Club:**

Every Monday (term-time only) 3:20 - 4:20pm

### **Kickboxing Club:**

Every Friday (term-time only) 3:20 - 4:20pm

## Key Dates:

**First day back:** 28th October 19

**Qur'aan Assembly week:** 2nd - 6th Dec 19

**Winter Holidays:** Fri 20th Dec 19 - Fri 3rd Jan 20



## **BARNET HILL PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PTFA) NEWS & UPDATES**



## **PTFA Cake Sale Competition:**

The PTFA would like to welcome all our new parents to Barnet Hill Academy!

We will be having our first coffee morning of the year on **Tuesday 29 October** at the usual time of **9-10am**. It is an open forum for all parents to attend where we will discuss the PTFA plans for the year, including the topics for our information sessions and their dates and our fundraising/event plans.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

*Sister Amreena, Parent Link Governor*

## **Parentlink Communication:**

Please sign up to 'Classlist' to communicate directly with me or other parents from the school. The link is:

<https://classlist.page.link/126UGLj9PN4ZDebw6>

If you are interested in joining the PTFA, please email Amreena at: [parentlink@barnethillacademy.org.uk](mailto:parentlink@barnethillacademy.org.uk)