



Welcome to Barnet Hill Academy's Newsletter

Spring 1 Newsletter

Delegates from the Philippines Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) and the British Council in the Philippines visited Barnet Hill Academy to learn more about our educational systems, curriculum and ethos. Our Principal, Mr Shaikh, welcomed a Ministerial delegation from the Philippines who were interested in our educational philosophy and approach to learning here in the UK in our faith schools context.



Parent Workshops

We're delighted to announce a series of TEN parent workshops during the Spring Term. Some of these have already been held, some dates have been revised, pls see the updated schedule online:

<https://www.barnethillacademy.org.uk/parents/ptfa>

BHA UPCOMING WORKSHOPS		
WORKSHOP	DATE	DELIVERED BY
1 Supporting my child with Maths at Home	Friday 24/01/2020	Ms Rahela & Ms Samira (Primary)
2 Helping my child with: Reading	Wednesday 05/02/2020	Ms Samira (Primary)
3 Safeguarding Online:	Friday	Ms Rahela

Wa' Alaykoun As-Salam,
Alimuddin Shaikh, Principal



Charity Fitness Event

On Thursday 13th February, Barnet Hill Academy launched it's second annual Charity Fitness Event at Hendon Leisure Centre. The event was a tremendous success with the entire school from Year 1 to Year 11 participating. We will announce the sums raised during second half of Spring Term, with all funds raised supporting a playground refurbishment.



BHA Extends School Leadership Team

We're delighted to announce Ms Samira has been appointed in the capacity of Assistant Headteacher for the Primary School. Ms Samira has been working at the school for many years and has undertaken new, additional responsibilities. She brings over ten years teaching expertise and is extending her skills by undertaking further leadership and educational training. In her new capacity she will be in closer contact with parents going forward and supports our teaching colleagues in improving standards.



EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

EYFS Newsletter

Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception)

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS,

Asalaam Alykoun, Dear Parents and carers .

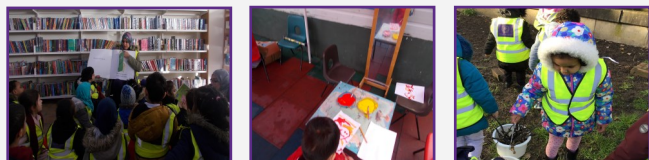
We were very busy this term. We had our local library and supermarket visit. Children in nursery and reception baked biscuits and learnt about the ingredient's and measurements. Reception children went for mini beasts hunting linking with our topic the very Hungry caterpillar. Nursery children went to collect twigs from our local environment to build nests linking to our topic book Owl babies. Children learn best through first hand experience and going out into the local environment enables children to explore and experience the different features found locally to them. These experiences enable children to develop a deeper comprehension of the Understanding the world.



NURSERY

We did science experiment in the nursery observing how properties of water change from solid to liquid. Children observed ice melting into water and learned how water can change into ice and reverse. We linked our experiment with our topic book 'blue penguin'.

Children made different sizes of nests by counting twigs linking to our topic book 'owl babies'.



Reminders : Please remember to bring PE kit and home work folders every Mondays (for reception) , reading books every Wednesdays. Bring a water bottle filled with fresh water each day, all coats and accessories must be labelled.

Primary

Year 1 - RAF Museum:

Year 1 had a fun day at the RAF Museum. The focus of the day was 'Magnificent materials and their properties'.



Year 6 - Maritime Museum:

As part of their topic 'Frozen Kingdom' this half-term, year 6 visited the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich and went on an epic adventure with Tom Crean, hero of three trips to Antarctica. Next, they explored the Museum's new Polar Worlds gallery to discover how famous explorers including Scott and Shackleton explored the Antarctic and battled to survive. The children were then given a unique opportunity to develop their imagination and historical enquiry skills with the aid of the museum's unique archives. Overall, year 6, staff and parent volunteers thoroughly enjoyed the trip!



Year 4 - British Library:

Year 4 visited 'The British Library' and took part in the workshop 'Marvellous and Mischievous' which featured over 50 books, manuscripts and original artwork. The children were able to see the original manuscript of Roald Dahl's and original illustration of Quentin Blake's for Matilda. The exhibitions also included characters such as Tracy Beaker, Pippi Long Stocking, Jane Eyre, Dirty Bertie, Billy from Billy and the Beast as well as Matilda. This workshop allowed children to discover and learn in depth about their favourite characters, as well as giving them the opportunity to meet new ones.

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

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



Welcome

As Salam Alaykoun Dear Parents,

The Spring term has been a hub of activity in Secondary. Pupils have amassed a range of experiences; from insights into Islamic civilisation, to interactive workshops at the Apple shop, to ice-skating at Alexandra Palace, and the enactment of a mock court case at the National Court of Justice.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the year 11's as they endeavour for greatness upon the final breadth of their journey to the GCSE Examinations.

We wish you an enjoyable break and look forward to resuming the latter half of the Spring term.



Secondary reminders

Upcoming activities:

- BHA will host a visit from the Colindale Police team to promote a responsible and safe attitude to Internet usage on Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11th February.
- Secondary pupils will share a healthy breakfast together on Wednesday 12th February to celebrate Health & Fitness week; kindly send in a healthy breakfast for pupils to share.
- Selected Pupils will participate in a discourse on Islamophobia chaired by the Barnet Islamic Forum on Wednesday 12th February
- Parents are invited to attend the Charity Fitness Event on Thursday 13th February. Weeks of pupil efforts to fundraise will culminate in a series of challenges to test mental and physical agility!

Events & Activities

Run the World Workshop: 14th January 2020

BHA Pupils participated in healthy eating and fitness workshops facilitated by Dan Thompson; who is running the world to raise money for Cancer Research UK in the run up to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Pupils joined Dan Thompson as he initiated his London tour from Barnet Hill Academy!

School council focus: Salah— 15th January 2020

Secondary school councillors spoke to Pupils regarding the importance of prayer in daily life, and specifically within school.

The Golden age of discovery in Islam: 16th January 2020

Secondary pupils enjoyed an afternoon of exhilarating activities exploring Muslim contribution to modern civilisation! Science, Maths and Islamic Studies Departments collaborated to provide an inspirational insight into amazing contributions offered by Muslim predecessors in the Golden age of discovery.

The Faith & Belief Forum: 22nd January 2020

Year 8 pupils hosted pupils and teachers from Yavneh College; planning a programme of activities centred around similarities and differences of Jewish and Islamic faith.

Alan Senitt Seminar 2: 22nd January 2020

Year 10 pupils visited Caterham High School to develop their Marketing and Publicity skills as part of their projects in Seminar 2 of the Alan Senitt Leadership programme.

School Council project: Sufra Food Collection—January 2020

BHA pupils participated in a food bank collection scheme, a School Council project, led by Ms Iffah. Food collection bins were located inside school gates from 15th-29th January to collect money for the Sufra Food bank in North London.

History trip: Holocaust Memorial Event — 24th January 2020

Year 9 & 11 pupils visited Hasmonean School to commemorate the Holocaust Memorial Day as part of the History curriculum. Pupils heard from keynote speaker Mr Derek Noiman—Grandfather of a SS Commander of a Concentration Camp and partook in workshops to raise awareness of life in Nazi Germany.

Citizenship trip: National Court of Justice — 30th January 2020

Year 7 & 8 Pupils visited the Royal Courts of Justice to gain an insight into their study of Crime Studies. Pupils played Prosecutor, judge and jury to a historic court case centred around Cyberbullying and harassment.

National Careers Assembly - 3rd February 2020

Year 9,10 & 11 pupils took part in the 'Big Assembly' a live interactive webinar on the 3rd February to celebrate National Apprenticeship week. Pupils were provided an insight into the variety of Apprenticeships available across UK industries from year 11 onward.

PE Trip: Alexandra Palace— 4th January 2020

Year 10 & 11 pupils practiced their agility, balance and co-ordination during a trip to the celebrated ice-rink at Alexandra Palace. The trip, led by Ms Teodora, aimed to provide a taster of the strenuous skills and abilities required in the International sport of Ice-Skating.

English trip: National Storytelling week trip— 6th February 2020

Year 7 & 8 pupils visited the Apple shop—Westfield as part of the National celebration of creative storytelling. Pupils engaged in an Interactive Storytelling workshop, creating a perspective on a Shakespearean character through the use of digital tools. Pupils employed film-making and editing techniques to emphasise their stories which were screened in the trip Finale!

Secondary competitions: Autumn term

Pupils were given the opportunity to participate in the 'Through their eyes' poetry competition with 'Young Writers.' Pupils have also been encouraged to enter an Art to Poetry 'ekphrastic' poetry writing challenge. The best of luck to all BHA entrants!





Extra Curricular Activities

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

Cooking Club: Every Thursday (term-time only) 3:20 - 4:20pm

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

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

Key Dates:

Book Fair - Mon 24 till Fri 28th Feb 20

Principal's BBQ - Sunday 29th March 20

April Holidays: Mon 6th Jan 20 - Fri 17th Apr 20

Ramadhan starts (Provisional): Fri 24th Apr 20



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



PTFA News:

It has been a very successful first spring term.

A great success with the Charity Fitness Event 2020. A big thanks to all parents for their support throughout the event.

Jazakallah Khair to all parents that attend trips with the classes. We appreciate you taking time out and the students also enjoy having your company with them.

Future Dates:

Wednesday 17th June 2020 Coffee Morning - Internet Safety / Social Media - Staying safe in a visual world

Friday 28th February 2020 Whole Primary Cake Sale.

Sister Amreena, Parent Link Governor — parentlink@barnethillacademy.org.uk

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>