



Welcome to the first Barnet Hill Academy Newsletter



Welcome to the first newsletter of the year.

As usual, it has been a very busy start. We had a very busy start to the year what with the Good OFSTED rating being announced at the commencement of the year, the launch of the new website and a very busy Open Day.

I took great pleasure in talking with our visitors to the Open Day about Barnet Hill and all the wonderful teaching and other experiences it has to offer. As always, it was the students who made the biggest impression, both the confident, articulate and proud guides we had on the Open Days as well as those seen learning in their lessons. The visitors' were full of very complimentary comments about them and our lovely school. I also thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of our parents at the Coffee Morning and took great pleasure in getting to know more of our parents during this and subsequent interactions.

This is the first half-termly newsletter BHA will be publishing and I hope you enjoy reading the updates and news items, in it we aim to include interactive links for website updates and news and information on your child's learning and general information and news items.

I hope you all have an enjoyable second half-Autumn Term,

Wa' Alaykoulm As-Salam

Alimuddin Shaikh
Principal



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School Communications Tools

It's proven, children achieve more when parents are involved with their education. ParentMail connects schools and parents, efficiently and reliably using modern technology... making essential communications much simpler for everyone.

The Barnet Hill Academy communications toolset for the parents and community now includes:

- ◆ A new, regularly, weekly updated website with News items, galleries and updates
- ◆ A Twitter feed of activities and events
- ◆ A Half-Termly Newsletter
- ◆ ParentMail communications tools including Email, SMS and a new School App to be launched later this year.
- ◆ Regular letters home via email using ParentMail

We request all parents to sign up to ParentMail as it ensures all parents receive our communications in a timely and efficient manner. Any difficulties in registering for this service should be notified to our admin team.





EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

EYFS Newsletter

Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception)

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS,

This is our first EYFS newsletter of the year. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families. The children are settling well into the Nursery and Reception classes and enjoying all the new experiences. Our EYFS team are happy getting to know parents and your child/ren. We also warmly welcomed back many families who were with us last year. We have many new and exciting things in store for you and your children this year!

Update:

A huge **thank you** to all our parents and carers for the donations you made for our EYFS cake sale. MashaAllah we have raised **£231!** This money will go towards the cost of the turf for our EYFS outdoors area In sha Allah.

Nursery and Reception children went for an autumn walk this term to explore the different changes that take place during this season. The children had a wonderful time exploring about the natural environment and recognising the significant changes that can come about from one season to the next. We made a sensory tray full of pieces we found during our walk.



Our topics this term: Autumn 1: All about me

Autumn 2: People who help us.

Reminders:

Mondays: PE (Please ensure they are wearing a white polo t-shirt, navy or black plain tracksuit and trainers).

Wednesdays: Book change day

Nursery

*Our staff: Ms Farzana (Nursery Lead),
Ms Summer (Key worker) and Ms Nooreen (EYP)*

In Nursery we have been exploring our 5 senses. We did fruit tasting activities where the children had to discuss about the different senses, e.g. smell, taste, sight, touch and taste. They have been also learning about themselves and their families. During circle time they talked about their family and why they are special to them. During expressive art, the children painted self-portraits using the correct skin colour paints which have encouraged lots of discussion about identity and self-image. The children have been learning about different shapes in maths and enjoying quiet reading time. They have also been busy looking after and feeding their goldfishes in the Nursery.

Primary

We're delighted with the wide range of skills children are learning through the revised P.E. teaching curriculum led by Coach Abdur Rahman. Please ensure your child/ren wear the advised P.E. attire for all P.E. lessons

Our Year 5 Students held a fantastic 'Fair Trade Breakfast' earlier this term.



Year 3 Children visited the Apple Store for an excellent Workshop



Please be advised our Half-Termly maps are uploaded regularly on our website:

<http://www.barnethillacademy.org.uk/primary/primary-curriculum>

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome

New and Returning pupils

Welcome to our new BHA Year 7 pupils and parents, supported by Ms Saqiba as Form Tutor. Welcome back also to any new and returning pupils and parents in Years 8-11. We wish you a successful and fruitful academic year.

New Secondary teachers

A warm welcome to our new part-time teachers, Ms Zeina El-Bobo, English teacher, and also to Ms Kamna Kohli, who will be teaching Business Studies, and Mr Tariq Ahmed who joins the Science Department.



Secondary reminders

Start of the school day:

Pupils should be in School by **8.20am** in full school uniform.

Pupil timetables—Lesson 6: 3:20-4:15pm

Year 7-11 timetables have been distributed to all-pupils. Year 9-11 have been allocated lesson 6 on selected days. **Kindly note, lesson 6, where taught, as part of the school timetable; attendance is compulsory.**

Pupil absence

The school office should be contacted before 10am on the day of absence, followed by a note of absence on the pupil's return to school. Kindly submit a copy of pre-booked appointments to the school office.

Events & Activities

Art trip to the V & A galleries

The Year 11 students visited the Victoria & Albert Museum on Friday 28th September as part of their topic on 'Fragments'. Pupils participated in a workshop and sketched specific objects in the galleries, including the Islamic gallery.

Secondary Book Fair

Ms Najma arranged a successful internally run book fair on Wednesday 10th October. Year 11 demonstrated excellent Business acumen when selling pupil textbooks—Well done to all of you!

BHA Prefects: Years 7-11

All Secondary pupils have been given the opportunity to apply for the prestigious position of School Prefect which will develop leadership, communication and confidence skills.

Applications deadline: Wednesday 7th November.

BHA Entrepreneur Initiative: Years 10 & 11

All Year 10 and 11 pupils have been given an exciting and innovative opportunity to develop their business enterprise skills and manage the 'Hill Café' tuck shop through the BHA Entrepreneur initiative.

Applications deadline: Friday 2nd November.

Reminders:

The BHA SLT team will be running a series of special Exam preparation coaching sessions during the Autumn term for Year 11 students.





Extra Curricular Activities

Kickboxing Club - Registration for Champions Kickboxing Club is still open.

Upcoming after school Clubs:

- ♦ Calligraphy Club
- ♦ Science Club

Key Upcoming Dates:

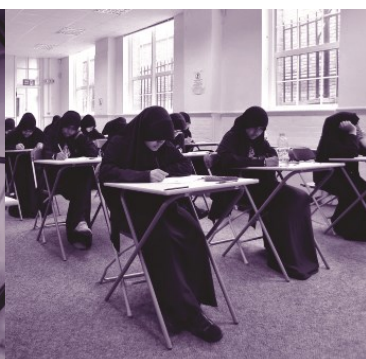
30th November 18 - INSET

10th - 14th December 18 - Exam Week

14th December 18 - Primary Achievement Assembly

19th December 18 - Secondary Achievement Assembly

20th December 18 - End of Term



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



You are used to hearing about the well-known accomplishments of our FACS (Friends of Ayesha Community School) mums with their wonderful events and cake sales.

This year we are very excited to be launching a brand new forum, the Barnet Hill PTFA. This forum seeks to build upon this great work by encouraging and fostering an efficient and positive rapport between the parents, staff, governors and friends of the school community.

It is coordinated by our Parent-Link Governor, Ms Amreena, and hopes to reach out to more parents than before even with the addition of some Dads also, Inshaa' Allah!

Aims of the PTFA are:

1. Develop effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
2. Arrange events and activities that raise funds for equipment and projects in school to enhance the education of the pupils
3. Organise social events for the enjoyment of the pupils, their families and the wider community.

If you are interested in joining in please email Amreena at: parentlink@barnethillacademy.org.uk

Or come along to the next PTFA Coffee Morning on
13th November 2018 @ Barnet Hill Café