



## Welcome to Barnet Hill Academy's Newsletter



### BHA Welcomes the Spring Term

Alhamdulillah, the Autumn term ended very well with some great events as published on the website; these include the launch of Barnet Hill Foundation to help our young students in their educational endeavours and in developing their futures. Over the course of the coming weeks and months we will be sharing more details around the Foundation aims which are focused on young people in our local communities.

The festive break allowed the Academy to commence with the much needed and long overdue refurbishment programme so that our students have a fit for purpose learning environment, one that resonates with high ambitions and standards. We will shortly be completing these works which include the Secondary School Hall, Staffroom and, a new Primary ICT Suite.

This term also sees new, qualified teachers join the school team, with a new Arabic Studies teacher, Ms Samia, an Islamic Studies teacher, Ms Mariam and, a new KS4 English teacher, Ms Kauser joining the team. Further, we strengthened the Finance team

with a highly qualified Chartered Accountant and School Bursar, Ms Tadere, joining the Academy. I'm confident with these new colleagues, all experienced professionals the Academy will continue to grow positively and in the right direction.

**Wa' Alaykoum As-Salam,**

**Alimuddin Shaikh, Principal**



### 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.

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.

Thus far **66% have signed up to ParentMail**. We aim to ensure that 100% of our parents engage with us using ParentMail by the end of this half-term and will be using this as the central communications means hereon.

We will also shortly be introducing a ParentMail App and a more integral payments mechanism linked to this in the near future.





## **EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS EYFS Newsletter**

### **Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception)**

#### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

We are delighted to inform you that we had a very fun packed and exciting half term. Children learnt about the different people who help us and our community. The children in Reception and Nursery thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and role playing parents/grandparents, caretakers, Principal/teachers, doctors and nurses, dentists, police, fire-fighters and vets.

#### **QURAN ASSEMBLY**

Reception class took part in Quran assembly where they sang a nasheed about respecting and honouring mothers. The judges were very impressed with their performance and how confident and well behaved they were. **Well done** to our reception children.



Nursery and Reception had visitors this half term. We had Fire-fighter brother Abdurrahman come and tell the children about what fire-fighters do and showed some of his equipment and discussed how they are used.

We also had sister Nooreen bring in her hamster and explain to the children what the hamster eats and how it is taken care of.



#### **Our topics next term:**

**Spring 1:** Traditional Stories/Will you read me a story?

**Spring 2:** Allah makes things grow & change

#### **Reminders:**

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

#### **Nursery**

Nursery children have been learning about 'healthy eating'. Children made 'fruit kebabs' using fresh fruits. Children have also been learning about counting and recognising numbers through different activities and singing number rhymes.



#### **Primary**

We were very fortunate to have the highly respected author, Professor Nidhal Guessoum of the American University of Sharjah, visiting our school and delivering a workshop and talk for the students on Islam and Science. He has written a new book, The Young Muslim's Guide to Modern Science, which addresses the many questions that occur regarding Islam and Science.



The Islamic Calligraphy Club started for Primary School students last term; the course is taught by Shaykh Ibrahim who has been doing calligraphy for the past 7 years. Some examples of student work is included below:



#### **Curriculum Updates:**

Every Half-Term Primary Teachers update the website with their learning plans, please ensure you follow these by following the links which can be found here:

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





## Welcome

**As Salaam alaikum Dear Parents,**

**It's been a bustling term in Secondary. November saw the celebration of Anti-Bullying week; pupils were encouraged to contemplate the impacts of Bullying through role play and letter writing. We have had an array of workshops and activities throughout the term with a formal focus on attainment in Term 1**  
**Assessment week: 10th—14th December. We hope you have had a restful break and endeavour for an active and exciting Spring term.**



## Secondary reminders

### Start of the school day & uniform:

Pupils should be in School by **8.20am**. Full school uniform, must be observed **before** entering school gates.

### Parents evening:

Parents evening was held on Thursday 10th January 2019 for year 7,8,9,10 and 11 and Alhamdullilah was a success.

### Pupil diaries:

Please check your daughter's diary on a weekly basis for homework and teacher communication.

### Extra-Curriculum provision:

There will be provision for Homework club and Science club. Please ensure you have registered interest with the school office.

## Events & Activities

### BHA Prefects: Years 7-11

After a rigorous application process, the following pupils have been selected as BHA Prefects 2018-19:

#### *Year 7*

Thuba J. Zulficar & Ruqayyah

#### *Year 8*

Mariam J & Hafsa A

#### *Year 9*

Doa M & Durkhwana T

#### *Year 10*

Madiha

#### *Year 11*

Noor & Juweria

**Well done and keep up the hard work!**

### BHA Entrepreneur Initiative: Years 10 & 11

Our budding Entrepreneurs have been working productively in the Barnet Hill Café honing their Business skills; led by Ms Kamna and Ms Zeina. Keep up the super work!

BHA Entrepreneurs are Ayah Idris & Maryam Akhter: Year 10 & Juweria Aden: Year 11.

### SPITE Workshop: 20th November—Year 9 & 11

Pupils partook in a workshop raising awareness of how to tackle discrimination led by Ms Salma.

### PTFA—Year 10 Fundraiser: 29th November

JazakAllah to the PTFA for supporting the fundraising event. The year 10's demonstrated excellent team spirit and organisation led by Ms Mumtaz.

### Road Safety Workshop: 6th December—Year 7

Year 7's participated in a workshop to raise awareness of road safety.

### Interfaith trips: 11th & 12th December —Year 8 & 10

Year 8's and 10's linked with Interfaith schools across North London led by Ms Salma and Ms Saqiba. This included a visit to Yavneh College, Borehamwood, where pupils worked on team building projects.





## Extra Curricular Activities

**Calligraphy Club** - Every Monday after school.

**Kickboxing Club** - Every Friday after school.

### Upcoming After School Clubs:

- ♦ Science Club
- ♦ Computing Club

## Key Upcoming Dates:

Thu 31st January 2019 - PTFA Coffee Morning

Thu 7th February 2019 - PTFA Cake Sale

Fri 15th February 2019 - End-of-Spring Half-Term



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

### **NEWS & UPDATES**



*Parents, Teachers and Friends Association*

The PTFA are very proud to have supported the Year 10 girls to hold a food sale which raised **£300** after expenses. These funds went directly towards the refurbishment of the secondary building. It was a very successful event in which the girls learnt many skills, including marketing and event organisation. We intend to hold further cake sales throughout the next few months, so please keep a look out for those dates and come prepared with your sweet tooth!

The date for the next coffee morning will be **Thursday 31st January 9 - 10am**. Every parent is welcome to attend this event. The event will include an information session and will be about how to support your children with revision as we approach the GCSE exams. It will also include strategies on supporting revision, expectations of study, time management and strategies to cope with exam stress.

**We will also have governors available to answer any questions about the new Fee Policy and payment plans which were issued before the holidays. Some parents have been in contact with questions about these policies so we would request all parents unsure about the policy to either get in touch with the Bursary team or come along to the coffee morning and speak to the governors directly.**

If you would like to suggest any ideas for PTFA events or are interesting in joining please contact Sr Amreena on [parentlink@barnethillacademy.org.uk](mailto:parentlink@barnethillacademy.org.uk)

