



## Welcome to Barnet Hill Academy's Newsletter



### BHA Mid-Term Update

Alhamdulillah, the Spring Term got off to a great start. We welcomed our Local Schools Police Team, PC Shannon and PC Laureen. They have been visiting the school this term to work with the school on positive community engagement including talks to our students around keeping safe and also have a planned **e-Safety Workshop for Parents** scheduled for **Wednesday 6th March, 2019**.

### Extra Curricular Clubs

I'm delighted that the school has launched a number of After School Clubs this academic year, these are:

**Calligraphy Club - Mondays**

**Science Club - Wednesdays**

**ICT Club - Thursdays**

**Kickboxing Club - Fridays**

Further Details online:

<https://www.barnethillacademy.org.uk/parents/extra-curricular>.



**Wa' Alaykoum As-Salam,**  
**Alimuddin Shaikh,**  
**Principal**

### School Refurbishment

We continue with our refurbishment programme and I'm pleased to say that the refurbishment works are going very well indeed. We are nearing completion of the Secondary School Hall Refurbishment... To date, since Summer 2018, these are just some of the following areas

that have been refurbished:

- EYFS Nursery
- EYFS Outdoor Play Area
- Primary Hall
- Secondary Hall
- New Cafeteria
- New Primary ICT Suite..



### School Communications Tools

We request all parents to sign up to Parent-Mail 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 69% have signed up to Parent-Mail and 32% have now signed up to use the ParentMail App.





## EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### EYFS Newsletter

Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception)

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS,

This term the Reception children have been busy exploring traditional fairy-tale stories, such as Goldilocks and the three bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children enjoyed porridge making and role playing the different characters from the stories. In addition, our class council were chosen this term. They are, **Aasma Sangarwal** and **Zubayr Adam**. Well done to you both! Additionally this term children have been introduced to free milk for those under the age of five in the EYFS which is funded by the UK government. In our school, this milk is provided by Cool Milk, the UK's leading school milk supplier. We have verbally informed all parents and so far no parents have said that their child has any allergies or problems to milk, however if you do not want your child to drink the milk, please inform the class teacher.



Nursery children had an opportunity to visit Hendon library. They enjoyed the tour and looked at the books independently. We would like to say thank you to our Nursery parents who accompanied us on this trip. Children were able to enact the traditional stories which we have been reading to them this term.



#### Our topic for spring term 2:

Allah makes things grow and change.

#### Reminders (Reception):

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

**Wednesdays:** Book change day Nursery and Reception.

## Primary

### Balloon Blow-up Experiment:

Children in Year 4 did a 'Balloon Blow-up Experiment' in Science. They learnt about gas and chemical reactions by discovering how to inflate a balloon using baking soda and vinegar. The aim of the experiment was to demonstrate the power of gas that is produced when amount of baking soda and vinegar are mixed. They witnessed a balloon being blown up by the gas created.



### Spooky Saga:

Our KS2 children participated in a 'Spooky Saga' story writing competition. Out of 33 children, 25 were awarded best story writers. Their stories are going to be published inshallah in the Young Writers book which is a collection of all the entries from different schools. We encourage parents to celebrate their achievements and encourage them in becoming great writers one day.

### RAF Museum:

Year 6 visited the RAF Museum as part of their work this term on the Second World War. They attended a coding workshop to experience what it is like to be an RAF pilot. The children had to navigate their way around a route using micro: bit technology in order to test their lightning reflexes and their coding skills. Finally, the children were taken around the museum in groups to see various aircrafts on display relating to the Second World War. They were able to see inside the cockpit of actual aircrafts, as well as understand the effects of the War on Britain in particular.







## Welcome

As Salam Alaykoum Dear Parents,

We've burst into the Spring term with lots of activities. Pupils have participated in a number of workshops and sessions in and around school. In February, we celebrated Internet Safety week through discussion and activities centred around the use of data and understanding consent online. This was further emphasised in a talk by our Safer Policing officer: PC Pain, who discussed the importance of staying safe online in an assembly.

A warm welcome to Mr Najam who will be working within the Key stage 4 Maths and Science departments.

## Secondary reminders

### Extra-Curriculum provision:

Science Club: Wednesday 3:15-4:15pm

Homework club: Thursday 3:15-4:15pm

Please ensure you have registered with the school office.

### Pupil timetables:

Kindly check your daughters school timetable and updates via the school diary.

### School uniform:

Kindly ensure pupils are in full school uniform including black shoes and a navy hijab. Any additional cardigans worn should be plain black.

## Events & Activities

### Work Experience afternoon: 29th January

The year 10's engaged in a support afternoon working with Ms Amreena, including aspirational talks focussing on high expectations and insights into the world of work from Ms Kauser and Dr Jo Fisher.

### Alan Senitt Seminar: 30th January

Pupils from year 10 have been working on a series of Community –based projects aiming to raise awareness of Social issues. Pupils delivered project presentations at Immanuel College led by Ms Saqiba.

### London Fire Brigade Workshop: 31 January

Year 8 pupils partook in a workshop with the London Fire Brigade, raising awareness of fire safety and the role of the fire brigade, led by Ms Salma.

### NHS Competition: Step into the NHS - 2019

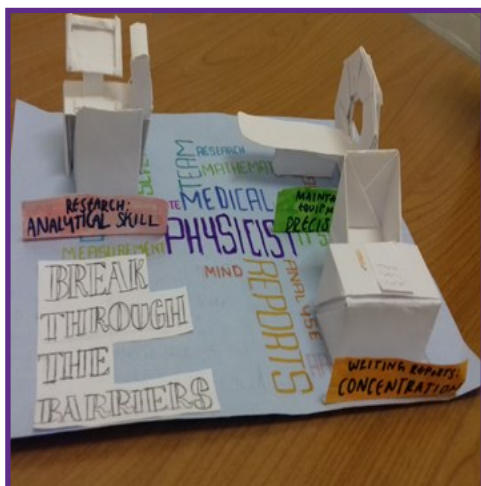
The year 8's have submitted entries to the NHS competition by researching and framing job descriptions and job adverts for chosen careers. There was a huge selection of careers researched, from Surgeons to Drama Therapists. Well done to all entrants; in particular, Hanna and Zohara who created physical job adverts with intricate paper designs. Good Luck!

### Poetry Escape Competition—Young Writers

Ms Zeina is currently promoting a poetry competition, aiming to support pupils to express their views on issues of Social Justice.

### Year 11 Focus

Good luck to our year 11 pupils who are focussing on the final run up to their GCSE exams.





### Extra Curricular Activities

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

**Science Club** - Every Wednesday after school.

**Kickboxing Club** - Every Friday after school

#### Upcoming after school Clubs:

♦ ICT Club

### Key Upcoming Dates:

**E-Safety Parent Workshop** - 6th March,  
9am—10am

**World Book Day** - 7th March, All Day



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



### PTFA Cake Sale:

The PTFA will be holding a cake sale competition this year to see who can raise the most money. The winning classes will receive a reward at the end of the academic year.

The competition is between:

**EYFS (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Years 1 and 2) and KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6)**

We would ask you to support the cake sales generously by donating towards it, either with food or money. So, get yourselves in competition mode and let the baking begin!

#### **Dates for the cake sales:**

**EYFS – 28/02/19**

**KS1 – 25/04/19**

**KS2 – 27/06/19**

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

Or come along to the next PTFA Coffee Morning on  
**12th March 19 - 9am - 10am @ Barnet Hill Café**