BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents

Dear Parents / Carers,

Despite the teacher strike on Thursday, it has still been a very busy week at Barclay Academy with lots going on.

On Tuesday, military historian, Dan Hill, came into school to talk to Year 9 about the First World War. He brought with him a collection of artefacts from the trenches that the students were able to handle. On the same day, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students went on a trip to Pizza Express in Hitchin where they were able to make pizzas. This is a good local trip and I know that the students involved enjoyed it.

Next Friday afternoon, we will be holding a tea party to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. I cannot believe that it is less than a year since we did something similar for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee but it is important to mark this historic occasion. Donations of cakes would be most welcome.

Next Tuesday, there will be another day of national strike action. On this day, all Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be expected to attend school. All other year groups will receive online lessons for those subjects where their teacher is not striking. Year 11, 12 and 13 students need to be in school by 8.25am as usual.

Congratulations go to Harry in Year 12 who has won a place at the prestigious Sutton Trust Summer School at the University of Cambridge. This is an excellent opportunity and, hopefully, it will be the first of many going forward for our school.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

Y9 WWI Object Handling Experience

On Tuesday 25th April, we welcomed military historian Dan Hill into school to lead a range of sessions for our Year 9's on World War I. Students were shown how the war progressed by representing a number of significant sites on the Western Front before then being shown what a First World War 'Tommy' would have looked like, and what he would have experienced in the Trenches. Students were chosen to model the uniform of a First World War soldier as well as examples of gas masks. One area of particular excitement for the students was holding and pretending to fire, a Short, Magazine Lee Enfield rifle (or SMLE for short). Year 9 had a great experience, and we thank Dan for giving up his time to deliver this to them.

Bronze duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Last weekend, year 9 students completed their Bronze practice expedition. Over the two days, students had to carry everything they would need including tents and stoves. In the evening, students cooked their dinner before heading to bed. They did fantastically well, with the temperture dropping to 0°C overnight.

Pizza Express Visit

On Tuesday, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students attended a Pizza workshop at Pizza Express in Hitchin. Whilst at Pizza Express, students learnt about where the produce was grown, how pizzas were made, hygiene when working with food and finally, how to make a pizza. The students all kneaded their own dough, stretched it out to fit a pizza base, put the marinara sauce on and finished it with cheese on top. The students had fun making the pizzas and even more fun eating their pizzas.

Karting Club – Camberley

Well done to those who attended Camberley race meet with the karting club. Some fantastic results were celebrated by all over the weekend. Evan H received 1st in both class 15 and Rotax class 162, Josh P received 1st in class 12 MSUK, Oliver J received 1st in class 11 MSUK, Oliver C received 1st in class 14, Reece W received 3rd in class 14, Harley G received 4th in class 7, Leo G received 5th in class 11 and Cameron H-C received 6th place in class 11.

Y9 Spanish School Visit

On Thursday 15th April we welcomed 43 year 9 Spanish students and 4 teachers Colegio Nuestra Señora de la Paz –Cantabria, a Spanish Secondary School. 30 Barclay Academy Year 9 students took on the role of hosts for the day.

After an ice breaker speaking activity, students spent time in mixed groups, preparing a bilingual presentation about the differences and similarities between their schools. Each mixed group then presented their findings on stage to the rest of the group; Nuestra Señora students delivering in English and Barclay students delivering in Spanish.

The Spanish teachers judging the presentations were extremely impressed with all the participants. The day concluded with Spanish conversations and a game of football, before bidding farewell to our visitors.

Y9 thoroughly enjoyed the linguistic immersion day, while improving their speaking skills and forging new friendships. A special mention goes to Y13 Spanish students, Joseph and Kyle, who proved to be a wonderful addition providing support throughout the day.

Barclay Bistro Summer Menu

WEEK 1

	Classic Favourites MONDAY	EASTERN TUESDAY	Great British WEDNESDAY	SOUTHERN STYLE THURSDAY	Fish & Chips FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	CHICKEN STROGANOFF Rice	BEEF LASAGNE Homemade Garlic Bread	HONEY MUSTARD GLAZED GAMMON Roast Potatoes & Gravy	CHICKEN DOPIAZA Rice	CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH PIZZA, SAUSAGE OR FISHCAKE Chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	MUSHROOM STROGANOFF Rice	VEGETABLE & BEAN LASAGNE Homemade Garlic Bread	MACARONI CHEESE WITH A CRUNCHY TOPPING	PANEER & CHICKPEA CURRY Rice	CHIPOTLE QUORN TORTILLA
VEGETABLES	STEAMED BROCCOLI	GARDEN SALAD	SEASONAL VEGETABLES MIXED SALAD	CORIANDER & ONION SALAD	PEAS TOMATO SALSA
PASTA POTS	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL
JACKET POTATO	TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT	MIXED BERRY & APPLE CRUMBLE Custard	CORNFLAKE CRISPY CAKE	PEAR & COCOA SPONGE Custard	APPLE & CHOCOLATE PINWHEEL	CHEF SPECIAL
FRUIT	SELECTION OF FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY				
JELLY POTS	SELECTION OF JELLY POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				

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WEEK 3

	Classic Favourites MONDAY	EASTERN TUESDAY	Great British WEDNESDAY	SOUTHERN STYLE THURSDAY	Fish & Chips FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	BBQ CHICKEN FAJITA Vegetable Rice	BEEF & TOMATO RAGOUT Pasta	ROAST LEG OF PORK Roast Potatoes & Gravy	CHICKEN KORMA Rice	CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH, PIZZA, SAUSAGE OR FISHCAKE Chips & Peas
VEGETARIAN MEAL	FALAFEL & VEGETABLE FAJITA Vegetable Rice	PLANT BASED RAGOUT Pasta	ROAST BEETROOT, ONION & GOATS CHEESE PUFF PASTRY Roast Potatoes &Gravy	SQUASH, CHICKPEA & SPINACH KORMA Rice	VEGAN ONION BHAJI BURGER Chips
VEGETABLES	SPICED SLAW	SALAD	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	ONION SALAD	PEAS SLAW
PASTA POTS	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL
JACKET POTATO	TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT	APPLE & BERRY PIE Custard	WARM CHOCOLATE BROWNIE Chocolate Sauce	STICKY LEMON SPONGE Custard	SPICED APPLE SPONGE Cinnamon Custard	PEAR & COCOA SPONGE Custard
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MAIN MEAL	MACARONI CHEESE WITH A SELECTION OF TOPPINGS	SAUSAGE & MASH Gravy	ROAST TURKEY Roast Potatoes & Gravy	CARIBBEAN CHICKEN CURRY Rice	CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH, PIZZA, SAUSAGE OR FISHCAKE Chips & Peas
VEGETARIAN MEAL	MACARONI CHEESE WITH A SELECTION OF TOPPINGS	PLANT BASED SAUSAGE & MASH Gravy	ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH & EDAMAME BEAN WELLINGTON Roast Potatoes, Gravy	REGGAE REGGAE SWEET POTATO CURRY Rice	VEGAN FALAFEL BURGER Chips
VEGETABLES	SALAD	CARROTS & PEAS	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	GINGER FRIED GREENS	PEAS NAKED SLAW
PASTA POTS					
	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL
JACKET POTATO	TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT	JAM SPONGE Custard	PEAR & GINGER CRUMBLE Cinnamon Custard	CHOCOLATE SPONGE Chocolate Sauce	APPLE & BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE Custard	SYRUP SPONGE Custard
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Gardening Club

The Gardening Club and Mr Bickerstaff would like to extend thanks to the Vanstone Park Garden Centre in Codicote for their incredibly generous donation of a trolley full of plants for the school garden. A broad range of plants, flowers and edibles for the students to nurture and grow.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st May – May Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May – King Charles III Coronation Afternoon Tea
Monday 8th May – King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday
Friday 12th - Sunday 14th May – KS3 Football and Netball Sports Tour
Monday 15th May – Start of External Summer Exams for Year 11 & Year 13