

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th March 2024



Dear Parents / Carers

I am not sure where the time has gone but here we are at the end of another term!

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Karen Thorman is continuing in her role as a parent governor. She is joined by Mrs Lisa Bullock who replaces Mr Peter Webber. I would like to thank Peter for all the support he has given the school during his time as a parent governor.



We have had an excellent run of sporting achievements recently and the term has ended on a high with two further victories! On Monday, the Year 7 boys' football team beat Barnwell 3-1 securing their place as league champions. Yesterday, our Year 8 basketball team won a very tight game against Hitchin Boys. Barclay's 26-24 victory meant that we also won the league. Well done to everyone involved.

As always, please remember to buy any items of school uniform that need replacing over the Easter holidays. We do not want to see additional piercings appear when we get back. Students should only have an ear stud in each ear.

School will return at normal time – 8.25am – on Monday 15th April.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban
Executive Principal

YEAR 11 REVISION RETREAT



Last week, year 11 students attended a 3-day revision retreat in Sussex. The retreat consisted of intensive small group teaching of English and maths as well as taking part in outdoor adventurous activities. Students engaged enthusiastically throughout and all were impressed with the attitude displayed.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE ARDELEY FARM

Seth A, Ali A, Thomas B, Annabelle W, Kenny L and Tommy W all work very hard with a hands-on work experience at Ardeley Farm. Here is a little run down of some of the activities the students got stuck into.

Day 1.

Eighty sheep were waiting to have lambs. The students fed, cleaned, laid hay for bedding. New lambs were carried to the field to be with the ewes. Transferring woodchip in wheelbarrows to the vegetable patch after weeding. Then a trip to the orchards to remove branches and trees to a pile ready for the woodcutter.



Day 3.

A day for cutting grass, feeding hamsters and rabbits. After lunch, the students were kept busy planting 12 trees between them. The students were excited to collect the eggs from the chicken houses. They all mucked in with cleaning and feeding the chickens. Followed by processing the eggs, these were washed, graded, stamped and dated. They continued to clear the orchard. The highlight was feeding milk to the little lambs.

Day 2.

Students split into three teams where they cleaned and fed the alpacas and goats. The students had fun taking 4 Nambion Black goats for a walk. They stopped at every tree for a nibble. After they carried 4 metal panels to erect in the goat field to stop them getting out.



Day 4/ 5.

Another full day of hard work with cleaning and feeding the ram and lambs in the rural area. Cleaned out the new born lamb pen and returning to the sheep pen to carry more baby lambs to the field.

We would like to send a big thanks to Ardeley Farm for their support.

WELLBEING



We are extremely pleased and very proud to say that Barclay Academy have achieved the Emotional Mental Wellbeing in Schools Mark. We have been awarded 'Effective' with elements of 'Advanced'.

This achievement is recognition for us all and well deserved. It acknowledges our continued commitment and dedication to our staff, students and families wellbeing.

This isn't possible without all of our hard work, student engagement and parent partnership, thank you one and all.

GARDENING CLUB

Last week the Garden Club took some students to plant a wildflower meadow and bulbs at the front of Lister hospital. This is their second visit and they are forging great links and representing all that is best about Barclay. Well done! Tilly, Lilly, Keira, Joseph, Lea, Noah and Tyler.

SPORT



The Year 7 Football Team had won their league after a comfortable win against Barnwell. The game finished 3-1 with the goals coming from Dylan, Hadley and Bobby.

The team had started positively by putting Barnwell under a lot of pressure. The boys had shown some great link up play and directness to threaten the backline. Their persistence had paid off after Dylan had scored an impressive goal. He had cut in from range and fired the ball over the goalkeeper. The boys added a second after Dylan had gone on an impressive run and played the ball across the face of goal. Hadley made no mistake to tap the ball in. That was his third goal in three games. The team were in control for the majority of the first half. The back line and Louie had done well to deny the opposition. Barnwell pulled a goal back towards the end of the first half after a mix-up. The boys went into half-time knowing half the job was done. The team had controlled the second half with the opposition not testing the goalkeeper. Viktor, Rio and Hadley had made some impressive tackles and headers to frustrate Barnwell. The team had to work hard to create opportunities to shoot. When they did, it did not work out. The boys had won a corner and it led to a scramble in the box. The ball had fallen perfectly for Bobby who had smashed the ball home to score the boys' third. Shortly after, the referee blew the whistle to indicate full time. The boys were ecstatic, as they knew a win would mean they won the league. This was a fantastic achievement for the boys. They have worked hard all season and have grown as individuals and as a team. Mr Dawe is really pleased with how much the team have progressed. The team is looking forward to playing 11 a side next season. This will be against some of the best teams in the district.

Player of the match: Viktor

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Viktor: He produced an excellent performance to help shut out Barnwell. Viktor did a great job in managing his teammates. His decision-making and execution of the ball was impressive.

Player of the competition

Dylan: He has consistently shown how much of an asset he is for the team. It can be argued that he could be in contention to be player of the match for every game he is involved in. His contribution has played a significant role in the team's success this season.

SPORT

The Year 8 Basketball Boys team faced Hitchin Boys School, in a top of the table clash. Both teams had played 3, won 3, with the team who won the fixture earning the right to call themselves League Champions.

Barclay had a great start in the first quarter. Some excellent defending, particularly from Ethan, led to Barclay preventing Hitchin scoring any points, whilst excellent offence, with Owen passing the ball really well and Hulk making some good drives meant that Barclay had 10 points on the board.

However, Barclay were well aware that Hitchin had the capability to quickly erase the deficit, and that was certainly what happened. Though we were playing well, with Zachary and Reece showing great heart and determination to come up with crucial interceptions, Hitchin bought the deficit back to 14-8 to Barclay at Half-Time.

In the second half Barclay once again extended the lead, before Hitchin fought back in a game that was living up to the top of the table expectations! In fact with 8 second to go, Hitchin had bought the score back to 24-24. However, quick thinking by Owen meant that the ball was then passed to Zachary, who then passed to Viktor, who then found Brodie, who amazingly scored a 2 point jump shot on the buzzer, to win the game and with that the league title!

Whilst all 10 players deserve special mention for their play, the player of the game award has to go to Brodie for his last second game and league winning basket!



BARCLAY COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY AWARD BARCLAY ACADEMY

This week we held our first after-school litter pick. We were blown away with all the participants and their dedication to look after and improve the school environment we all share. They have all been awarded their community awards and will get merits and certificates allocated individually and toward their house/form point totals.

Thanks to Jemima, Max, Alex, Thomas, Miller, Kudzai, Sana, Vania, Aylin, Korya, Charlie, Matthew, Abigal, Ubuhle, Elizabeth, Tommy, James, Ellie, Jerrel, Vlad, Victoria, Ruhan, Owen, Ishaq, Chase, Keagan, Dani, Georgie, Naman, Alexis, Sophie, Temi Femi

Easter Egg collection for Lister Hospital Children's ward



We have to extend our thanks to students, parents and staff who have contributed to our Easter egg collection for the children's ward at Lister hospital. This picture is from Tuesday afternoon and has grown since. Students will be delivering these in person. Thanks to Mrs. Moore for organising, communicating and achieving this wonderful drive to link up with our wider Stevenage community.



Barclay Academy PTA presents

£5 PER
PERSON
ADULTS ONLY

QUIZ NIGHT

BARCLAY SCHOOL
6:30 FOR 7PM START

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2024

TEAMS OF UP TO 8 / CASH BAR WITH DRINKS AND SNACKS
TICKETS ON SCHOOL GATEWAY



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for being invited to Feast Thursday with Dr Laban. To celebrate the recent win for the Year 7 Football team, they have won Feast Thursday this week!

Harrison H
Alfie B
Viktor K
Freddie H
Rio M

Olly O
Ralphie L
Dylan D
Louie I
Frimpong A

Hadley N
Joshua H
Bobby J
Ronnie F
Oliver F

PRE – LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Barclay Academy's Second Hand Uniform Shop opening time is Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

Please email admin@barclay.futureacademies.org to check stock levels with the size, requirements and arrange an appointment, which will be on Wednesday between 1.30-3pm to collect. Anyone that would like to donate old reusable uniform please hand into Reception.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15th April – Start of Summer Term

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term

Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th June – Year 12 Visit to Krakow, Poland

ONLINE SAFETY COURSE FOR PARENTS

Here is the link to the courses for parents.

<https://nationalcollege.com/courses/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-11-14>

<https://nationalcollege.com/courses/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-14-18>