



Barnwell Bytes

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HEADLINE

£5,500 Well Done!

**Sponsored Walk Record
Achieved.**

Headteachers Letter

Dear Parents

I hope you like the new format of Barnwell Bytes and do let me have your views when I next see you. All suggestions are very welcome.

We have made a good start to the new school year and I must thank you for sending your children back to school so well dressed and well equipped. It makes a big difference for us and they do look smart.

There are a lot of events at Barnwell this first half term and we will continue our normal practice this year. Events will be published through the parents calendar and through Bytes. We will also be writing to you personally when events such as Parents Evenings are coming up.

Finally, it has been very good to see so many Sixth Formers around the school this year. They add an energy and dimension to the life of the school that really benefits our community.

Mr R Westergreen-Thorne - Headteacher

Sponsored Walk Update

The final total is now in and this year we have raised a staggering **£5,500** through the Sponsored Walk.

A very big thank you to everyone for helping us raise such a total. It was a great day and it is nice to see such an amount going to the charities selected by the School Council.

We will split the money raised as follows:-

£2,000 to Cancer Research

£2,000 to Water Aid

£1,500 to School Funds

We will send off the cheques shortly and see if we can get someone in from one or both charities to be presented in an assembly.

Thanks again to everyone for their support and special mention to Stephen Coates in Year 10 and his family who again raised the most money this year.

Training Day

We have a staff Training Day on Monday 1 October when the school will be closed for students.



We normally have five such days each year and we have used two at the start of this term. We usually spread the other three days throughout the school year but this year all teachers have a new national performance management system.

The system needs to be started and clearly explained early in the school year. As a consequence, in line with most other secondary schools in the town, we are having a training day on 1 October to provide training for staff in the new system.

You will notice in the Parents Calendar that the other two days this year are in January and early in the Summer Term.

Bytes - The Future

A lot of you responded at the last Learning Review Day (LRD) by suggesting that we email Barnwell Bytes each fortnight. We have already collected a lot of email addresses from you.

Our plan is to start issuing Bytes to those who want it emailed in January and use the LRD in November to check email addresses.

Don't forget that in the meantime you can already download Bytes via our website at :-

www.Barnwell.herts.sch.uk



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AUTUMN TERM - BOYS PE CLUBS YR 7 - 13

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST CLUB 7:45 - 8:30			YR 10 B'BALL (WEST)		
LUNCH CLUB 12:50 - 1:00 1:05 - 1:50		YR 9 B'BALL (EAST) YR 8 B'BALL (WEST)	YR 10 B'BALL (EAST) YR 7 B'BALL (WEST) YR 8 & 11 HOCKEY (WEST)		YR 7 & 10 HOCKEY (WEST) YR 8,9 & 11 HOCKEY (EAST) YR 9 B'BALL (WEST)
AFTERSCHOOL CLUB 3:00 - 4:00	TRAMPOLINING YR 7 -13 (WEST LC/HALL) COST £1 Per Session WILDCATS FITNESS YR 8-13 (WEST) Cost £2.50 Per Session	WILDCATS FITNESS YR 8-13 (WEST) RUGBY ALL YEARS BREAK DANCE (WEST LC) GYM CLUB ALL YEARS	FOOTBALL ALL YEARS	WILDCATS FITNESS YR 8-13 (WEST) ARCHERY ALL YEARS WEST Cost £1 Per Session DANCE COMPANY	YR 11 & 6 TH FORM SOCIAL SESSION (WEST LC)

AUTUMN TERM - GIRLS PE CLUBS YR 7 - 13

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PE News

All PE extra curricular clubs are now up and running please encourage your children to come along and join in.

Fixture lists for this half term will be included in the next edition of Barnwell Bytes.



ICT Developments

The summer holidays saw a lot of new ICT developments on both campuses.

For example, those of you who know the West Campus will now see an extra ICT room in C13. Whilst on the East Campus we have a new room in P Block

In addition, we have doubled the size of the Sixth Form Computer suite and installed a lot more interactive whiteboards on the campuses.



Ogden Trust National Schools Business Competition

On Tuesday 17th July, 3 of our 6th form Business students travelled to Walton High School in Milton Keynes to take part in the 1st round of the Ogden Trust National Schools Business Competition.

The team members were Hannah Joyce, Abi Suckling and Matt Gamage who are all studying GCE Applied Business at Barnwell School.

They arrived at Walton High school for 10.00 am where they were given access to a computer room and then all of the 7 competing teams were given the task for the day. They were told that a restaurant business was failing; they were given details of the restaurants accounts and other

information about the area the restaurant was in and the clientele. They were allocated the day to research this task and put together a presentation on how they would save this business.



They presented to 6 independent judges who were looking for a number of criteria to be met including solutions to the restaurants problems, forward planning and presentation skills.

The Barnwell School team had put a lot of work into their solution and presentation and were voted the clear winners by a unanimous vote. They are now through to the second round of the competition which will take place in Oxford on the 27th September.



Family Learning Week

6th-14th October 2007

South Stevenage Extended Schools are offering a number of tasters in family learning week, come along and try something new with your child.

Tuesday 9th October 2007

Dads and lads circuit training 6.00-8.00pm at Barnwell East Campus

Big Chef Little Chef 6.30-8.30pm at Barnwell East Campus

Wednesday 10th October 2007

Autumn Nature Photography 6.00-8.30 pm at Barnwell West Campus

Surf Together 6.30-8.30 at The Heathcote School

All tasters are for one adult and one child - To book a place please contact:

Shelagh Mackey
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Phone: 01438 222500
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Courses at Barnwell School for September 2007

Maintain and upgrade your PC



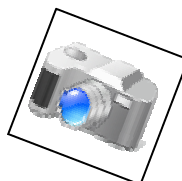
Learn PC repair from the monitor to the mouse. Starts Monday 24th September 7.00-9.00 pm for 10 weeks

Digital Photography for all

Learn how to get the most from your camera. Starts Monday 24th September 7.00-9.00pm for 10 weeks

Digital Photography for improvers.

Improve your skills by learning advanced skills. Starts Tuesday 25th September 7.00-9.00 pm for 10 weeks



ICT Skills for life

Learn some useful computing skills to help your children do well at school.

Starts Thursday 27th September 7.00-9.00pm for 10 weeks

Flavours of the Orient

Learn to cook authentic Oriental cuisine for you and your family. Starts Thursday 27th September 7.00-9.00pm for 5 weeks



To book a course please contact Adult and community learning on 01462 424239 or enrol online at www.nhc.ac.uk.

Learning Review Day

A reminder that our first Learning Review Day this year is on Friday 9 November.

Prior to the day we will be asking all staff about the attitude to learning and standard of work of all students.

We will then be able to pass this on to you on the day.

Do make a note in your diary.



School Shop

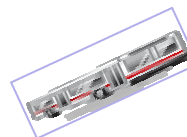
A reminder that the shops is open for students every break and lunchtime.

Parents can send their children in with requests for uniform at these times. Alternatively, you can pop in to reception at any time during the school day or contact us by phone or email to arrange a purchase.



Minibus

This year we have two minibus drivers to cover the movement between the two campuses for students.



After a few inevitable teething problems in co-ordinating the trips the system is now running well.

One change this year is that the departure and arrive point on the West Campus has moved to outside the Leisure Centre. This provides an easier and safer pedestrian route for students.

MID-DAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

2 hours per day, term time only £7.65 per hour

Are you interested in taking responsibility for the welfare and supervision of pupils at lunchtime?

Are you available from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm each school day?

Do you have experience of working with children?

We are looking for people to join a team, working alongside teaching staff. You may be the person we are looking for.

Full details and application forms available from the school.



Bikeability Training from an experienced local cyclist and Mum

"Learning how to cycle properly makes cycling much more enjoyable and safer for everyone - children, adults and other road users"

CTC the UK's national cyclists' organisation
Individual and Group lessons available.
Tina Walker 01438 235881 - www.cycleinstructor.co.uk



Advertising Space

If you would like to place an advertisement in Barnwell Bytes then please contact Mrs Julie Coyte on 01438 222500 or e.mail j.coyte@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

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We have record numbers in the Sixth Form this year and it has given a real buzz to the school community.

Our extra numbers has meant that we can offer extra courses as this year sees the following additions to the list of courses on offer to our students:-

BTEC National Health and Social Care

A Level Media Studies

A Level Sociology

A Level Government and Politics.

A Level Applied Science