



Barnwell Bytes

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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents

Welcome to a new academic year at Barnwell.

I am looking forward to a very successful year and will have plenty of opportunities to meet you at the many academic, sporting and artistic events we have in our calendar.

The end of last term saw a large number of events and activities and we have attempted to capture some of them in the articles in this edition of **Bytes**.

Do remember that you should receive every Week One Friday the latest edition of **Bytes** via your children. In addition, an electronic version is always available on our website.

Once again, welcome back to the new school year and thank you for your support with your children's education.

Mr R Westergreen-Thorne - Headteacher

Rain didn't stop play on Barnwell's Charity Day

A grey drizzly day didn't stop the fun, thrills and spills of the Charity Day.

The range of activities suited every taste with both staff and students really getting into the spirit of things. The hair and nails stall was very busy with lots of girls wanting to be pampered and boys sporting yellow, red and gold hairstyle's. *Mr Wells* and *Mr Salisbury* did a grand job of cooking the burgers and sausages on the BBQ.

The temporary tattoo stall did exceptionally well as did the bouncy activities including an army assault, bungee run, demolition ball and the old faithful bouncy castle. The PE staff were kept busy matching their skills against the students in the Penalty Shoot Out. The total amount raised for the chosen charities will be totted up and be shown in the next edition of **Bytes**.

HEADLINE

Welcome Back For The
New Academic Year
And To Our New
Middle and Upper
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Maths Dept offers website help

The maths department has subscribed to a new website that will help students with all areas of maths.

The *MyMaths* site includes games, interactive powerpoint presentations and booster kits that aid students as they approach important exams.

The web address is www.mymaths.co.uk

User id: **Barnwell**

Password: **green**

On this website you will find a huge variety of resources for students studying maths at KS3, KS4 and KS5 and statistics at KS4.

Parents Notes....



Dates for your Diary

Tue 9th Sept	Y12 Parents Information Evening
Tue 16th Sept	Prospective Parents Evening - students finish at 12:05pm
Wed 17th Sept	School begins at 11:10am
Tue 23rd Sept	School Photo's
Thu 25th Sept	Open Evening East Campus
Thu 9th Oct	Y9 Last 9 Months Evening
Mon 13th Oct	Training Day—No students.
Fri 24th Oct	Learning Review Day

Uniform and Equipment

Please make sure all students are fully equipped and dressed in the correct uniform for the new academic year.

The School Shop has been open throughout the Summer Holidays and both uniform and equipment are still available. Please see the website for details of costs and sizes.

Reading Tip

Limit your children's TV viewing in an effort to make time for other activities, such as reading. But never use TV as a reward for reading, or a



Website Wonders....



Barnwell's Website has undergone some extensive additions recently and will continue to do so. Please forward your views and ideas to us by emailing us on:

Web-Admin@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

Core Learning BBQ hailed a success

The Core Learning BBQ that took place in the last week of term was a huge success.



Students, parents and staff joined in the fun which included a bouncy castle, games on the grass and lots of food. Thanks to those of you that came along and helped make the event such a success. We look forward to seeing you at the next

Core Learning event!

Sponsored Walk

Almost all the money has now been collected. A big thank you to everyone for your support in raising the money. We will announce the total raised in the next edition of **Bytes** along with details of the sum from Charity Day.



Spotlight on....

Mr Fitzpatrick

Deputy Headteacher

I drive: An MG, Jaguar And a Renault

Movie heaven: Die Hard & James Bond

Comfort eating: Biscuits

If I have time to myself: I clean my cars

You wouldn't know it, but I am good at: Sewing

When I was a child I wanted to: Be a farmer

I wish I'd never worn: short trousers when I was a scout

My spare cash goes on: Cars

It's not fashionable but I like: Cars with big engines

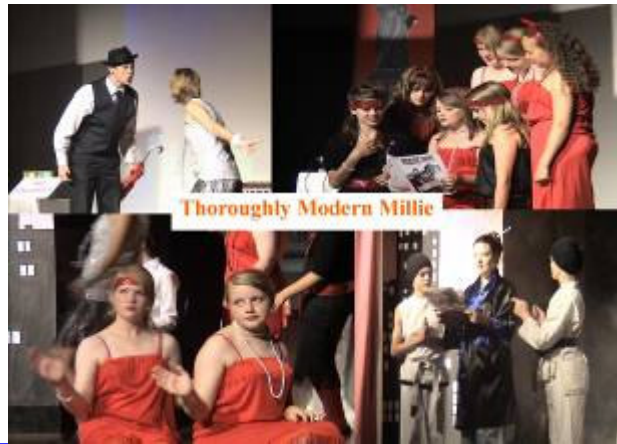
If I were The Prime Minister I would: Build more roads.



Summer Spectacular a Success

Last year's Summer production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, Barnwell's very own version of the 1967 comedy by *Richard Morris*, was an unprecedented success with fantastic work on and off stage from pupils, staff and crew.

Congratulations to *Mrs Jenkins*, artistic director, and another huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this challenging show a reality. This year's extra-curricular programme in the Performing Arts promises to be just as spectacular so make sure that you get involved!



The Sun Shines on Sports Day

A wonderful sunny day presented itself for the Barnwell Sports Day this year. The students behaved very well and the atmosphere was great as the houses battled it out for the number one spot. The results gave the houses points as follows:

West Campus

Blue	250
Yellow	200
Purple	150
Red	100
Green	50

East Campus

Red	250
Green	200
Blue	150
Purple	100



Tripping The Light Fantastic

The two Year 11 Prom's both went smoothly at the end of last year with the young ladies and gentlemen preened and gleamed on their respective evenings. East Campus students had their Friday 11th July whilst the West Campus students partied on Friday 18th July.

The students looked fantastic as they stepped from the limousines before going into the Novotel for the three course sit down meal.

The students were presented with a teddy bear and a sweet cone at their tables before they ate heartily and then danced the night away courtesy of a band and a disco.

The staff that attended to say farewell to many of the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the evening's were proclaimed a success by one and all.



**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**



Adult Community Learning

Courses at Barnwell September 2008



Internet and Email — Barnwell West

Want to learn the ins and outs of using the Internet and creating an Email account? If so this course will guide you through the basics of the World Wide Web.

Starts: **Tuesday 16th September 7pm-9pm** for 6 weeks (course code KP066)

Powerpoint Presentations - Barnwell West

If you want to work with Powerpoint but not sure where to start, this course will show you the steps required to make an impressive, high quality presentation.

Starts: **Tuesday 23rd September 6pm-8pm** for 10 weeks (course code KP068)

Finance First - Barnwell West

Do financial matters send you in a spin? Learn the basics of finance, from different types of savings accounts to inflation rates plus much more.

Starts: **Thursday 25th September 7pm-9pm** for 10 weeks (course code KP021)

Easy Caribbean Cookery - Barnwell West

Spice up your cookery and make dull meal times a thing of the past with Caribbean cookery. This easy to follow course will introduce you to some fabulous and fiery food.

Starts: **Thursday 25th September 7pm-9pm** for 5 weeks (course code KP086)

PC Problems and Trouble Shooting - Barnwell West

If your computer is causing you a headache and you don't know how to fix it why not try our trouble shooting course to help you solve all your problems.

Starts: **Thursday 25th September 7pm-9pm** for 10 weeks (course code KPI38)

**To enquire about any of the above courses including costs and booking, please contact
adult learning on 01462 650271 and quote the relevant code.**

www.nhc.co.uk