

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy Barnwell week!

A team of historians from Knebworth House visited the school this week to deliver very interesting workshops on the Suffragette movement to Year 9 students. We also had our Year 9 parents evening which was extremely well attended. A gentle reminder that all options forms for this year group need to be in now (deadline was 15.3.19).



On Thursday the maths department celebrated Pi day! We were treated to a very impressive array of Pi t-shirts from subject staff, as you will see on the mathematics page of the newsletter!

Today is Red Nose day and in true Barnwell tradition students have been wearing red nose t-shirts and Disney themed items. Money raised today will go to this magnificent charity.

The first week of staff thank you messages from parents has been a great success. Over 60 nominations have been made and Mr Roberts has personally delivered Certificates of Appreciation to each staff member.

Finally, well done to the four KS3 students who were accompanied by Mr Reavell and Mrs Butterfield to the final of the Big Bang competition in Birmingham.

Mrs Latta - Assistant Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 20th March

Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam

Maths Fest, County Competition - Middle

Thursday 21st March

Year 10 Parents Evening

Friday 22nd March

Year 9 Anna Freud Workshop

Monday 25th March

Year 11 Choreography Exam

Tuesday 26th March

Year 11 "Up the Anti"



This week we celebrate the following students, who have the most PRIDE points for demonstrating our school values

Celebrating Student Achievement

'Passionate, Resilient, Innovative, Determined, Empathetic'.

Lexi M - HF Tarliia S - JH Kristian M - IC Tegan B - JH Harry S - EB Luke C - ND Mollie M - LB
Liam F - SAH Kelis R - HR Jovi H - DL Dante S - DL Luke W - DL Michaela W - ND
Harry L - PN Piotr Z - FWH

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:

Holly K - JH Alessio T - SOC Jessica P - SOC Eloise B - JH Lillie-Rose D - KP
Lola G - GW Imogen S - HF Kamila S - HF Kaya R - HF Archie D - BI
Dylan B - BI Phoebe D - BI Luke H - ANC





Incessantly (adverb)



Constantly and without
interruption

Synonyms

- endlessly
- ceaselessly
- Non-stop

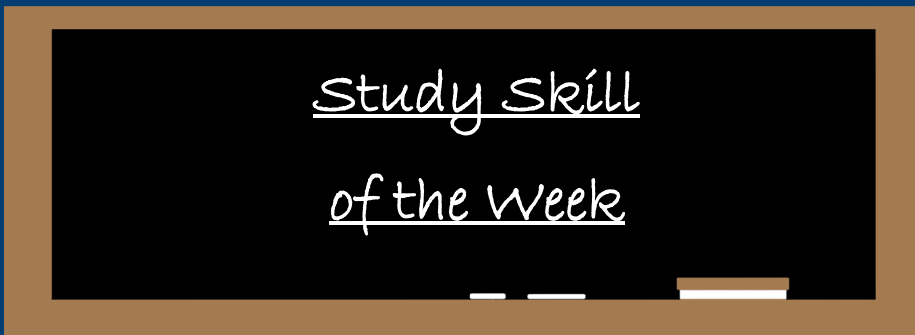
Antonyms

- Occasionally
- Infrequently
- Sometimes

Sentences containing the adverb 'incessantly'

The lightning was flickering **incessantly**, but she heard no thunder.

As he chatted **incessantly** during the lesson, he was given a PLLD.



Memory Skills



An amazing Marathon Effort

Two members of our school community have been training hard and will be taking on the challenge of the London Marathon on 28th April.

June Owen – Upper Campus Kitchen Queen has been training hard after deferring her 2018 entry due to injury. June is raising awareness and money for the British Lung Foundation.

Donations can be made by visiting her just giving page below:

[https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/
fundraiser-display/
showROFundraiserPage?
userUrl=JuneOwen&pageUrl=2](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=JuneOwen&pageUrl=2)



Julia Bunting – Parent Partnership member will be running her 3rd London Marathon and is raising awareness and funds for Papyrus, the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide www.papyrus-uk.org.

To donate on Julia's giving page please click below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/julia-bunting6>

Year 7 Maths Challenge

On Tuesday two teams of Year 7 students took part in the Year 7 maths challenge that was organised by Herts for Learning. The event started at 4pm and was held at Marriott's School. They were accompanied by Mr Harris and Mr Naicker from the maths department.



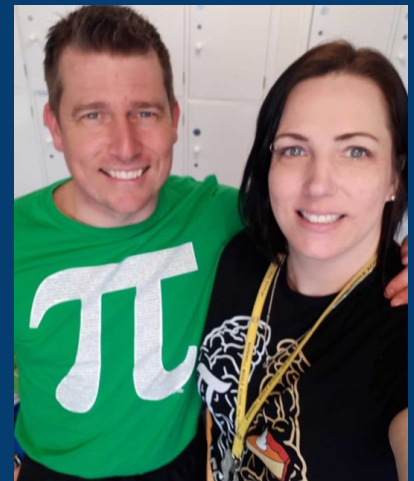
The students worked as a team to answer several rounds of problem-solving questions within very tight time frames. We are very proud of our budding mathematicians as they came 6th and 13th. All students really enjoyed the event. Well done to all who took part!

Mr Harris - Maths Department



Pi Day in the Maths Department

On Thursday 14th March the maths department celebrated pi day. In KS3 students competed to recall the greatest number of digits for pi that they could. Great fun was had.



Here are some pi facts for you:

- 1: It took 1,000 years to prove pi irrational.
- 2: The first people to refer to the ratio between the diameter and circumference of a circle were the Ancient Egyptians.
- 3: "I prefer pi" is a palindrome.
- 4: Albert Einstein was born on Pi Day, 1879.
- 5: 22/7 is sometimes used to estimate pi.
- 6: The first major Pi Day celebration was in 1988.
- 7: Pi has been calculated past the two-quadrillionth digit.
- 8: P and pi are both the 16th letters in their alphabets.
- 9: You can likely find your phone number in pi. Here's the site that searches for it: <http://angio.net/pi/>. I found mine!
- 10: And the one that completely blows my mind: 3.14 backwards is PIE!

Eco Schools Update

On Thursday our Eco-Schools team, accompanied by Mrs Butterfield and Mr Reavell, competed at the national finals of the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham with their water saving project.

Unfortunately, no trophies were brought home this time, but the team did really well against some stiff competition.

The level of work and the quality of the project was amazing.

A huge well done to the team for making it to the finals, we are very proud of you all!



#PRIDE

PE News

Year 9 Girls came 3rd at the **Emerging Schools Netball Tournament**
[#teambarnwell](#)



#PRIDE

PE and school sport is about so much more than just physical health. So please encourage your children to sign up to this term's extra curricular sports.

Timetables are available below:

[Click here for Middle School Extra Curricular Sports Timetable](#)

[Click here for Upper School Extra Curricular Sports Timetable](#)

exercise NOT ONLY
 CHANGES YOUR BODY.
 IT CHANGES YOUR MIND,
 YOUR ATTITUDE AND
 YOUR MOOD.

Rehearsal Schedules for



Please click on the links below:

[Actors & Singers Rehearsal Schedule](#)

And

[Chicago Dancers Rehearsal Schedule](#)



Barnwell School Allotment

Barnwell School are excited to announce we have been successful in our application for a small grant from Stevenage Community Trust to develop an old allotment area into a functioning and working allotment space for our students.

An allotment comes with many benefits, including improved wellbeing and healthy lifestyle. Not to mention the satisfaction of growing your own produce.



We are keen to invite and work alongside the local community to make this allotment a success.

If you have either the skills, experience, equipment, knowledge and or time to support this project, we would love to hear from you via the google doc below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/>

[e/1FAIpQLSdj_cexBiASKVK4qdtnlZUAJU7wuUE9mPzYoEAnaZDhX4](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdj_cexBiASKVK4qdtnlZUAJU7wuUE9mPzYoEAnaZDhX4)

[2aAw/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdj_cexBiASKVK4qdtnlZUAJU7wuUE9mPzYoEAnaZDhX4/2aAw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Take the Time to Thank a Member of Staff

As a new initiative, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to recognise the hard work individual members of staff put in on a daily basis to ensure your children thrive academically and pastorally.

The Barnwell Staff Thank You scheme will run throughout the year and will be available to access via newsletters and our new school website.

Staff that are nominated will be personally recognised in school.

Please click the picture below to be directed to a simple on-line form to register your nomination.

A graphic with the text 'THANK YOU TEACHERS AND STAFF' in large, colorful, block letters. The letters are arranged in four rows: 'THANK' (top row, orange, yellow, green, blue, green), 'YOU' (second row, red, purple, blue), 'TEACHERS' (third row, purple, orange, blue, pink, green, orange), and 'AND STAFF' (bottom row, yellow, red, green, blue, pink, purple).

THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF

Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Open Day

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Site are hosting an open day at **Longfield Training Centre** on **Sat 13th April 11am – 4pm**. There will be a host of activities taking place, with Fire demos, Air Ambulance, 'Req's their fire dog in attendance, bouncy castle, meet the super heroes, teddy bear parachute jumps, BBQ, Ice Cream van and much much more.



Working in partnership with Trading Standards, Resilience and Herts Police

HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

LONGFIELD OPEN DAY

Longfield, Hitchin Road, SG1 4AE (FREE ADMISSION)

SAT 13TH APRIL 2019 11AM - 4PM

Attendees include Essex & Herts Air Ambulance & other agencies

Bring your teddy bear for a parachute jump (Operational calls permitting) Come and meet your super heroes, Fire Investigation dog, smoke experience, rescue demonstrations, bouncy castle, children's driving experience, BBQ, drone demo and more.

WORKING TO PROTECT. ACTING TO SAVE.
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire

Sponsored Readathon

The sponsored Readathon is still going on!
Please encourage your children to sign up to the
Read for Good Readathon.



WARNING!
Books can
seriously
change lives!

Join our sponsored read and
YOU can change lives too!

Start date: Tuesday 5th March
Sponsor money in by: Tuesday 23rd April
Organiser: _____

 readforgood.org

Watch the
following video
for more
information:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2vUPYpaZK4&feature=youtu.be>



Free Breakfast!

Monday to Friday from 8am - 8.25am

The Barnwell Breakfast Club on both middle and upper campus is still going well. In the first week we saw over 70 students!

Students have thoroughly enjoyed attending. We hope to see lots more new faces over the coming weeks.

Students will be able to receive this free breakfast between
8-8.25am.

This will be based in LRC and supported by a member of staff.

We would like everyone to have the opportunity to access this provision, therefore the same school expectations are required as per the code of conduct.

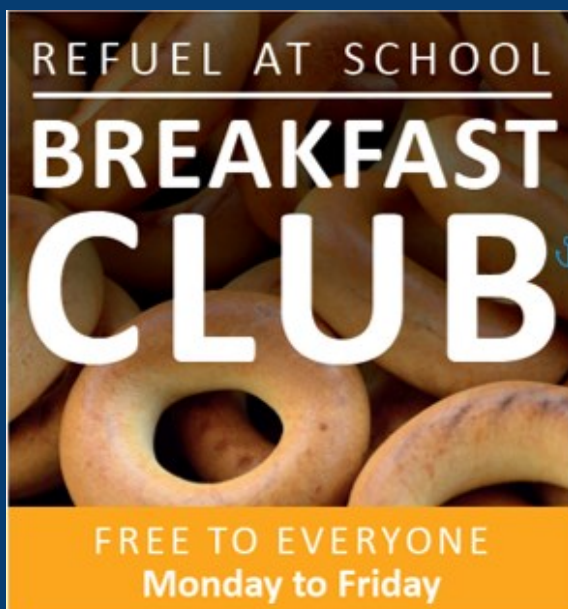
Students must sign in and out of the breakfast programme.

All students must take responsibility for organising their breakfast.

Students are encouraged to ask a member of staff for support if required.

Students are responsible for clearing up after themselves.

Students must not take food out of LRC.



Mercedes-Benz

Apprenticeships

Mercedes Benz recruit and train apprentices for their franchised sites, with vacancies available throughout the whole of the UK. Apprentices train as Light Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle or Semi-skilled Technicians or for those wishing to gain skills in a sales or customer service role they have Retail Parts Advisor or Customer Service Specialist.

To find out more and make an application, please visit their website:
www.mercedes-benztraining.co.uk/apprenticeships

**Mercedes Benz are particularly looking to promote Women in STEM
If you are a young women with a passion to understand how vehicles work
then they want to hear from you.**

**“Let us dispel the myths of what a day in the life of a technician looks like
Let us share the benefits of launching a career with a globally recognised
brand”**

To speak with one of their team, call 01908 301496 or e:mail them at
mb.apprentice.academy@daimler.com

[Click here for the Mercedes Benz
Apprenticeship Programme](#)



Apprenticeships - Continued



Wates Group Limited have the contract for the towns five year redevelopment project and have an apprenticeship opportunity at their site office in Stevenage.

If you are interested in applying, please click on the link below:

https://bedford.justapply.co.uk/102598-business_administrator_apprentice.html



After seeing the exceptional quality of many apprentices following their training, MI5 are investing in growing their apprenticeship programmes. Initially they will begin offering more apprenticeships in technology, but hope to expand their apprenticeships into other areas including commercial and operational roles, in due course.

Applications for their Degree Apprenticeships in London and Greater Manchester are now open for joiners in September 2019 and open in early 2019 for their Level 3 Infrastructure Technician Apprenticeship.

For more information click below:

https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/opportunities/school-leavers?adhoc_referrer=011904013042

Apprenticeship Drop-ins at North Hertfordshire College

At Hart Learning & Development, the apprenticeship arm of North Hertfordshire College, we are excited to announce that we are launching monthly “Apprenticeship Drop-In’s”. These sessions will run from 3.30pm – 5pm on the first Thursday of every month at our Stevenage campus.

Launch:

We are launching the Drop-in’s on **Thursday 7th March 2019** in **National Apprenticeship Week**. We are now open for bookings for employers to have a stand to promote their organisation at the launch event and subsequent drop-in’s and also for school parties to book groups in to attend.

Purpose:

These Drop-in’s will welcome:

- those wishing to learn more about apprenticeships
- those looking for vacancies to apply for
- those wishing to advertise for an apprentice
- those wishing to discover our apprenticeship offer, costs and processes

Attendees:

Potential apprentices

- We would like to encourage students from our local schools who may wish to explore apprenticeships as an option.
- We will have all our current vacancies available for attendees to look through
- We will offer support with CV’s and applying for vacancies using our recruitment tool – “Get My First Job”

Potential employers

- We will discuss our apprenticeship offer with clients
- We will enable employers to promote their apprenticeship programmes
- We will introduce employers to those interested in their vacancies

If you would like to attend the launch event or subsequent drop-ins, please contact enquiries@hartld.co.uk

Barnwell Kart Club

About Us

The Kart club meets in term time, on Wednesday nights from 17.30 - 19.30, during March to November in the Tech Block of the Upper Campus. We break for the winter between November and March as it's too cold and wet to race but during



this time we will usually meet up to have a meal, go bowling or go to the cinema, we also discuss future events, race meetings and fundraising events. This is a family club so a parent needs to be on site and at race meetings to keep an eye on their child, it's also a good chance to get to know each other socially as we spend a lot of time together on race days.

Wednesday club nights are spent either checking the karts following a race meeting, preparing the karts and loading them onto the trailer for the next race, learning about the track and talking about fundraising or other club details. Parents and children will also be taught how to maintain and fix the karts.

Racing

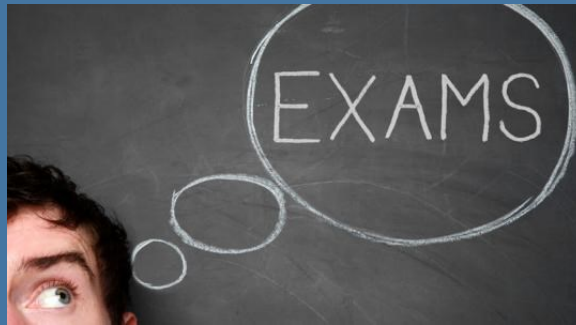
We race in NatSKA - The National Schools Karting Association. The competition year starts in September and finishes in June the following year with a break from November to March. There are 10-12 race meetings per year with some of them being quite a distance away. The karting year ends in June with 'The Nationals' which take place over 3 days. If attending you will need to either camp or stay in a hotel, this is optional and not club funded but group accommodation will be discussed nearer the time. The days are long when we go to races and leaving home at 5am is not unusual so it is important that you and your child show a commitment to the club if they want to race.



If you are interested in becoming the next formula 1 champion come along on a Wednesday evening and join us. For further information please email b.hull@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

If Lewis Hamilton can do it so can you!

Mr Hull, Team Leader



Please help prepare students by ensuring that they are aware of the following rules:

- Any pencil cases brought into exams MUST be see through
- All written work MUST be in BLACK biro only
- Mobile phones MUST be switched off and handed in at the start of the exam and exchanged for a raffle ticket and can be collected after the exam has ended
- No watches of any kind are allowed in the exams and must also be handed in and exchanged for a raffle ticket
- Any water bottles brought into the exam must be clear plastic bottles and all labels must be removed before entering

With the Summer exam season fast approaching, it's important that students and parents read the Examinations Student Handbook.

This can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/students/examinations/>

Summer 2019 Exams Contingency Day

Summer exam timetables have now been sent out, but please be aware that candidates must remain available until Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke a contingency plan.



Show My Homework

Parents should log in weekly to check:

- What homework has been set.
- Students have handed in on time.
- Did homework meet expectation?
- Get reminders / updates from teachers.

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Research shows that student progress is more rapid when parents log in at least once a week!

Parents can check their login details by emailing d.smith@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

Download the free app to your mobile / device!

Monthly prize draw for parents regularly logging-in.

Barnwell School

M I D D L E & U P P E R

Achieving Excellence Together

Barnwell Social Media

If you aren't already, please make sure you follow our social media accounts below for the latest Barnwell news:



Twitter:

@BarnwellSchool
@Barnwell_PE
@Barnwell6thForm
@GOBarnwell
@BarnwellY7Adv
@Barnwell_Ski



Instagram

@barnwellperformingarts
@Barnwellfood|

facebook

@Barnwell School (Official)

Stand By Me Teen Bereavement Support Group

If you feel your child would benefit from some bereavement counselling, referrals can now be made for the June group programme. Referrals are accepted from parents or carers however if you would like support with this process, please contact your child's Head of College or Head of Year.



Teen Bereavement Group Programme June 2019



PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

Referrals are now being accepted for the 2019 Summer Teen Bereavement Group

Who is it for?

11- 16 year olds living in North Herts or Stevenage who have bereaved of a significant relationship at anytime in their childhood

Details

The therapeutic group programme takes place weekly over 6 consecutive weeks for between 90 mins and 2 hours

Find out more

Referrals from parents and carers are welcomed

CONTACT

E: info@stand-by-me.org.uk Mob: 07469 255139

Free School Meals

Your child could get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).



Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes 5 mins and in most cases we can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

[Click here for information about how to apply](#)



Barnwell have invested in the award winning resource, GCSEPod, to help your child reach their goals!

Join the thousands of parents encouraging their children to use GCSEPod to support learning, homework and revision.

[Click Here to Find Out More](#)

School Closure Notification System

Hertfordshire County Council operate a Schools Closure Notification System for advising parents should schools have to close for any reason. This system is operated by Everbridge and parents are able to register with Everbridge to receive emails and/or texts sent by schools.

Once registered parents can sign up for any school in Hertfordshire, primary or secondary.

To register please click on the link below:

[Click Here to Register](#)

This link will direct you to the sign up page where you should click on the 'sign up' button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than five minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change your mobile number or email address.

Parents/carers are urged to sign up for this service as we will be contacting Everbridge as soon as a decision is made to close the school for whatever reason, such as heavy snow. The system will only be used for School Closures or other serious issues and is a supplement to information currently provided via the Herts Direct website and local radio stations. Our website will also be updated regularly.



Half Fare Bus Travel for 11-18 Year Old's

To get a SaverCard, you will need to:

- be **11-18 years old**
- be in **full-time education**
- live in **Hertfordshire**
- pay a fee of **£15**.

To apply, click on the link below:
<https://savercards.hertfordshire.gov.uk/>

