

Dear Parents/Carers

I have to start by congratulating several staff teams this week for their immense hard work and dedication in supporting and developing our students.

Firstly, the Expressive Arts team for putting together the outstanding summer show Chicago. The quality of the shows continue to improve year on year so thank you and well done.

Secondly to Team PE for running another successful Duke of Edinburgh expedition. All students participated fully and coped well with the hot conditions last week.

Finally, Team Science for taking all of the Year 8 students out on their annual field trips and for facilitating a visit to the Big Bang festival showcasing STEM developments.

All staff involved have stated that the students have been a credit to the school and deserve to be praised for their enthusiasm, engagement and commitment throughout.

As ever we have a busy run up to the end of term. Transition events are well under way with two Year 9 into 10 days and two Year 11 into 12 having already taken place and we welcome our new Year 6 into 7 students and families to Barnwell next week.

Can I please ask you to keep your eyes on social media for arrangements for the last week of term which will include Sports Day, Community Day, Race for Life and Barnfest.

After all of the activities over the last few and next few weeks, I know students and staff will have earned a well-deserved summer holiday.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Roberts—Head of School



Dates for the Diary

Monday 8th July

New Intake Evening

Tuesday 9th July

Barcelona Trip Information Evening

Wednesday 10th & 11th July

Year 9 Transition Days at Upper Campus

Thursday 11th July

New Intake Day



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'

Diya L - FWH Harry S - EB Ashton W - NHA Zoe P - PN Blu A - GW Lewis B - JME Hadley S - LB
 Jamie K - RPA Callum B - BI Hollie C - DSM Katie P - ER Kiera C - SAH Kelis R - HR Ollie C - EB
 Daniel B - EPO Liam C - LB Timmy J - ANC Mia C - RPA Mason L - LB Callum-Mac D - FWH
 Shaun O - ANC Freddie F - SAH Grace P - ER Lola G - GW Owen P-P - HR Abigail G - HR Fi G - DD

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:

Favour O - JME Kai R - FWH Grace H - DD Jack B - DD Ishe F - SC Keane S - RPA
 Mckenzie W - JH Anna N - RPA Leo W - ANC Luke H - ANC Anisa A - DD
 Max U - EB Skye S - EPO Tia C - EPO Alfie L - HR Esther S - GW Sasha W - DD
 Rocco W - SC Elliott W - RPA Lily R - RPA Jade M - EPO Layla B - DD Logan A - KP





melancholy
(noun)
a feeling of sadness.






Sentences containing the word 'melancholy'...

- Sally was full of **melancholy** after the argument.
- **Melancholy** hit me like a truck.

Synonyms

- sorrow
- gloom
- unhappiness
- desolation

Similar words in MFL...

-  melancolía (f)
-  mélancolie (f)
-  Melancholie (f)



Study Skill
of the Week



Using Online Resources



Maths News

Dear Parents or Guardians



Following the Year 10 mathematics mock exam, class teachers have identified specific skills gaps that your child needs to improve before their return to school in September. In order to address this, we will be providing every student with a personalised maths summer passport. The passport requires students to watch specific mathswatch clips, complete the questions asked as part of the clip and then reflect upon their progress. We would also ask that you sign the document when each task has been completed. Each student will be given six tasks to complete, one for each week of the holidays. I am aware that students are on holiday but as they are about to enter the most important academic year of their lives, we are hoping that this intervention will set them up for a flying start to year 11.

In order to access mathswatch login to <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>, usernames must be all lower case and will look like this 15bowlessh@barnwell.herts.sch.uk. Initially their password is set to Password99 but they need to change that when they first login. To access a clip, they must click on video, select GCSE or KS3, enter the clip number on the search bar and then click on the video to watch it. They will need to pause the video at certain points so that they can answer practice questions. Answers are provided when they restart the video. Students can use a mobile phone to watch the clip however it will be easier to see on a normal computer.

Summer passports need to be returned at the start of term in September so that we can monitor the reflections for each skill.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Warm regards

Ms Bowles

Head of Maths Faculty



Maths News - continued

Over the Easter holidays all KS3 students were asked to take a photograph that was connected to maths in some way. Two weeks ago Mr Roberts presented the winners in each year with their trophies and the overall winner was announced.

The winning entries were taken by:

Year 7 1st - William C, 2nd - Jamie W, 3rd - Nathan O

Year 8 1st - James M, 2nd - Emily C, 3rd - Toby G

Year 9 1st - Amy G, 2nd - Brandon M, 3rd - Abigail G



The overall winner, William C, was presented with the Grant Stevenson Memorial Plaque (pictured left).





The Big Bang Fair Eastern

On Thursday, some of our students attended the Big Bang Fair Eastern at the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield. This fair is for secondary school students aged 11-18 and aims to inspire our future scientists and engineers at a regional and local level.



Taylah J, Kaira S, George B, Matthew H presented their project about the classroom of the future with solar cells in the windows. (pictured left)

Ardi J, Ayla S, Branwen R, Megan M and Jack W presented their project about reducing plastic use in the school. (pictured right)

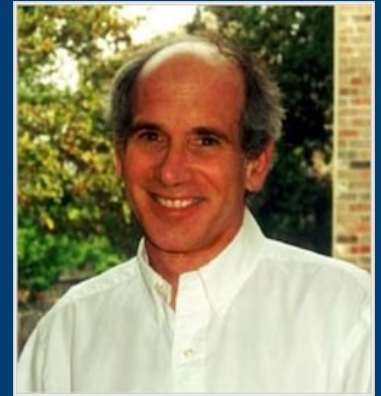


And the winners were.... Marko B and Callum-Mac D who presented their project about gear ratios increasing speed with their Lego robot. (pictured left and right)



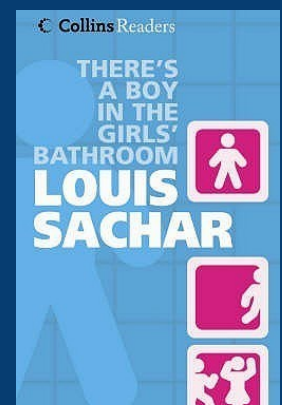
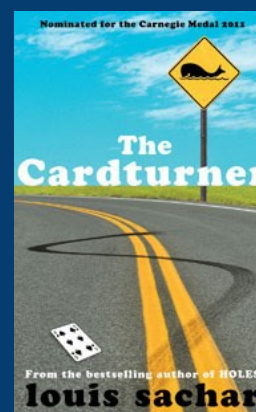
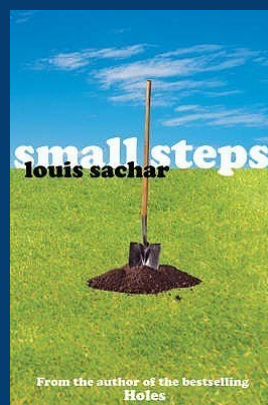
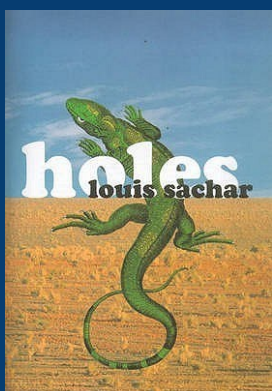
All the students spoke to judges and moderators and made a very good impression with their communication skills and application of science and technology.

LRC's
Author of the Month
July 2019
Louis Sachar



- He is married to Carla Askew, and they have a daughter called Sherre.
- Louis Sachar's best known book is called *Holes*. It won the 1999 Newbery Medal, and it was made into a film in 2003.
- *Small Steps*, published in 2006, continues some of the story lines started in *Holes*.
- He writes for about two hours every day.
- He enjoys playing bridge (which makes an appearance in Sachar's book called *The Cardturner*), skiing and going for walks with his dog.
- Some of his favourite authors are: E. B. White, Margaret Atwood, E.L. Doctorow and J.D. Salinger.
- He had a dog called Watson.
- *Holes* has sold more than 8 million copies.

- Louis Sachar was born on 20th March 1954 in East Meadow, New York.
- He went to Antioch College and the University of California, Berkeley.
- After graduating in 1976, Louis began working in a sweater warehouse during the day and writing his children's book, *Sideways Stories From Wayside School*, at night.
- Louis decided to study the law, and in the 1980s he did part-time legal work as well as continuing to write books for children.
- In 1989 he became a full-time writer.



POLITE NOTICE FROM THE LRC

Please can students return or renew all library books at either Middle or Upper campus before Thursday 18th July.

Thank you.



Year 11 School Prom

This Year's Prom to celebrate the completion of GCSEs for year 11 took place at the beautiful Letchworth Hall Hotel.

Students enjoyed a three-course meal, followed by delights such as a photo booth and candyfloss stall whilst they danced the night away.

They all looked amazing in their glamorous outfits, with Francis U and Evie S walking away with Prom King and Queen (shown below).



Creative Learning Summer Show

We are delighted to invite you to our Creative Learning Summer Show on Friday 12th July, 15.30-19.00 on Barnwell Upper Campus to see a display of students work.

CREATIVE LEARNING
SUMMER ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION
FINE ART - PHOTOGRAPHY - MEDIA - 3D DESIGN - PRODUCT DESIGN - FOOD & NUTRITION
BARNWELL SCHOOL
UPPER SCHOOL CAMPUS HALL
FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2019
1530-1900



#PRIDE

**New Reads
Summer 2019**
Visit the LRC to borrow these
and other summer reads

EMERY LOAD
Open Road Summer

THE CHAOS OF NOW
Erin Lange

David Walliams
FING

Jacqueline Wilson
MY MUM TRACY BEAKER

THE TATTOOIST AT AUSCHWITZ
HEATHER MORRIS

THINGS WE SEE WITHOUT YOU
PETER BOGHIANI

FLOORED
WHEN SEVEN LIVES COLLIDE

J.K. ROWLING
FANTASTIC BEASTS
ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

ANGIE THOMAS
ON THE COME UP

David Walliams
ICE MONSTER

OPEN HOLLANDS MYSTERY

LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE

BREAKFAST CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been delighted to welcome the year 9 students on upper campus this week. Over the transition period, each form group will have the opportunity to engage with Breakfast Club during form time. This will give students the opportunity to see and taste the benefits of Breakfast Club.

We would like to apologise to those students who attended Breakfast Club on middle campus this week and were unable to have breakfast, we hope this will never happen again!

Next week we will be sharing information about Breakfast Club to our new Year 7's and their parents on Monday 8th July. We look forward to welcoming them along to Barnwell School.

We look forward to seeing students at Breakfast Club again next week.

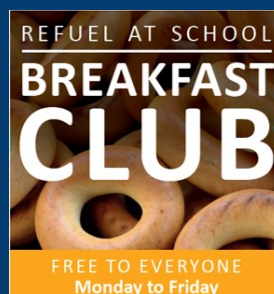
Breakfast Club Staff

Location: LRC

Time: 8am - 8.25am

Food Available:

Bagels, Cheerios, Shreddies, Cornflakes, Rice Crispies





Calling all families in Hertfordshire

Do you use services for children and young people?

We've created a survey to help us make sure we are giving the right information to families. We want to know what services families are using and how you might have found out about them.

Services you might have used include: counselling, local groups, clubs and activities, health services and parenting courses.

If you are a parent, grandparent or carer please complete the survey before Sunday 14 July using the QR code below or via:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirstsurvey



News from Norths Herts DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally)

Advice and support for children/ young people.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>
Online support for any child

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Online support for young people who may be struggling with every day issues.

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/>

Offer support around bereavement.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Service for young people to get advice and support online.

<https://www.hertssunflower.org/herts-sunflower.aspx>

Advice and support for anyone concerned around Domestic Abuse.

<https://annakaharris.com/mindfulness-for-children/>

Online activities for breathing and relaxation ,including visualisation recordings.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bk_qU7l-fcU

Stories for children to relax and meditate to.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/podcasts-and-videos/podcasts-for-your-wellbeing>

Podcasts to listen to when experiencing feelings of stress & anxiety.



If you know any useful websites or Apps please let me know on;

d.hansen@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk

Advice and support for Adults or over 18.

<https://www.livingwithadhd.co.uk/>
Information and online support on ADHD.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Online support for parents of young people , who may be struggling with every day issues.

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/>

Offer support around bereavement.

<http://www.add-vance.org/>

Information and support around ADHD and Autism.

<https://www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk/>

Guidance and support For any one that is a carer within Hertfordshire.

<https://www.hertssunflower.org/herts-sunflower.aspx>

Advice and support for anyone concerned around Domestic Abuse.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bk_qU7l-fcU

Stories for children to relax and meditate to.

<http://www.familiesinfoocus.co.uk/>

This charity offers free workshops/ courses for parents/ Carers. They cover a wide range of issues. They offer regular meetings at the Phoenix centre, The Hyde, SG2

Alternatively contact Samaritans (24 hours a day)free on 116

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Achieving quality outcomes

Natural Flair Coaching Ltd
Presents

Natural Steps to Stronger, Safer Families

*A Protective Behaviours Approach
To Emotional Wellbeing*

A interactive and fun 6 week course, providing a safe place to explore feelings, be heard and understood.

Topics covered include:

- What it means to feel safe - how do we know?
- Feelings, Thoughts, Behaviours and how they link
- Problem solving and resilience skills
- How to support our child's worries
- Why do we get triggered? Our 'unwritten rules'
- How to build & maintain an effective support network
- Communicating effectively with our family
- Strategies to stay in control of our emotions
- What is behind anger and how this impacts behaviour
- Choices and consequences

VENUE: The Oak Suite - Peartree Spring School, Hydean Way, Stevenage

DATE: Tuesday 10th September 2019 for 6 weeks 9.30-11.30am



**Natural Flair
Coaching Ltd**

This fun and inspiring parenting programme develops confidence, resilience and emotional wellbeing – packed full of strategies to use straight away.

Funded by:

Hertfordshire County Council – Family Services Commissioning

Spaces are limited – Parents need to be referred onto this

course or can self refer with a specific parenting need

For more information or to book a space please call

01992 446 051

Email: admin@natural-flair.com

Course reference NF-L5D

A DSPL2 free evening workshop for parent/carers

Delivered by ADHD/Autism Specialist Trainers from ADD-vance



DSPL2 are pleased to present

Understanding ADHD for Parent/Carers

This 2-hour workshop is designed to meet the needs of parent/carers to help them build on existing skills in supporting children with ADHD

The workshop will take place between 6 pm - 8 pm on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 At The Oak Suite, Peartree Spring Primary School Hydean Way, Stevenage SG2 9GG

To book, please email d.hansen@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk Places are limited, so please do book early to avoid disappointment

Please note that this course is only open to Stevenage, Knebworth, Datchworth, Benington, Walkern, Aston and Graveley parent/carers

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Who is this workshop for?

Parent/carers of children/young people aged 5 –14 with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

What are the Learning Outcomes?

The workshop is designed to help parent/carers:

- Understand what is ADHD
- Describe common myths and facts about ADHD
- Recognise the diagnostic criteria for ADHD
- Identify strengths and difficulties faced by a child with ADHD
- Discover top tips

What methods will be used at the workshop?

Presentation and small group work

What will be provided?

- Light refreshments
- Workshop learning pack

When and where will the workshops take place?

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Peartree Spring Primary School
Hydean Way
Stevenage
SG2 9GG

On Tuesday 22nd October 2019, from 6 pm to 8 pm

How do I book a place?

Please book via d.hansen@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk We will then confirm your booking

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A DSPL2 free evening workshop for parent/carers

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DSPL2 are pleased to present

Understanding Sensory Needs for Parent/Carers

This 2-hour workshop is designed to meet the needs of parent/carers to help them build on existing skills in supporting children with sensory differences

The workshop will take place between 6 pm - 8 pm on Thursday 24th October 2019 at The Oak Suite, Peartree Spring Primary School Hydean Way, Stevenage SG2 9GG

To book, please email d.hansen@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk Places are limited, so please do book early to avoid disappointment

Please note that this course is only open to Stevenage, Knebworth, Datchworth, Benington, Walkern, Aston and Graveley parent/carers

DSPL | Delivering Special Provision Locally
Achieving quality outcomes

Who is this workshop for?

Parent/carers of children/young people aged 5 –14 with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Autism. This workshop is also relevant for parent/carers of children without a diagnosis but who may be experiencing sensory difficulties

What are the Learning Outcomes?

The workshop is designed to help parent/carers:

- Understand the sensory system
- Understand and recognise sensory differences in children
- Identify some strengths and difficulties faced by children with sensory difficulties
- Discover some top tips for supporting sensory differences at home

What methods will be used at the workshop?

Presentation and small group work

What will be provided?

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Barnwell Turns 60!



Calling all ex-students:

As we prepare to celebrate Barnwell School's
60th birthday,
we'd like anyone with old Barnwell photographs to share
them with us.

Please email contributions to:

communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk



Advance Warning:

May Bank Holiday 2020

Has Been Changed for VE Day Anniversary

Advance warning the May Day Bank Holiday will be moved to a Friday next year to fall on the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

The day will move from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May in 2020, the same day in 1945 that victory was secured in Europe in the Second World War.



SHEPHALL FETE, Shephall Green

SATURDAY 6th JULY From 1pm – 4pm

A great afternoon out, lots of sideshows and stalls for all the Family at reasonable prices!

Do you have an old working bike?



We are currently seeking old working bikes that are suitable for young people over the height of 4ft 10.

If you have a functioning bike that you would like to donate, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Miss Sayer – s.sayer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk



Clubs

Modern Foreign Languages

Wednesday's 12.35 in L1 on Middle Campus



MFL club- a place to learn and enjoy European culture. Games, quizzes, food and theme days. Come to MFL club and experience languages in a fun way!



Coding Club

Coding Club takes place on Thursday lunchtimes in the IT & CS Suite.

If you are interested in developing your coding skills, please come along.



New for Summer: Extra Curricular Sports on Middle Campus

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.

Timetable available on the link below:

Extra Curricular Sports Timetable Summer 2019

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRENGTHENS THE MIND & THE BODY

EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING
Our brains release endorphins during exercise, which help improve our mood, sleep, and energy levels.

MEMORY
Exercise boosts the area of the brain in charge of verbal memory and learning.

HEART, VEINS, ARTERIES
The heart is a muscle. Exercise helps it become stronger and more efficient, aids in keeping our veins and arteries clear, and decreases the levels of harmful cholesterol and fats in our blood.

LUNGS
Working out increases lung capacity, so that our lungs can draw more oxygen into our bodies while releasing more carbon dioxide.

BONES
Being physically active increases bone density, which helps prevent osteoporosis.

BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS
When we exercise, the glucose in our bloodstream is used by our muscles which makes it less likely that sugar will build up in the blood.

ATTENTION
Being physically active increases our ability to pay attention.

SOCIAL SKILLS
Physical activity most of the time involves participation in a team, which enhances leadership and empathy skills.

WEIGHT CONTROL
Regular exercise helps us remain fit and control our weight.

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 lines: 'THANK' (top), 'YOU' (second), 'TEACHERS' (third), and 'AND STAFF' (bottom). Each letter is a different color, creating a vibrant rainbow effect.

THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF



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)

Uniform Donations Required



Do you have any outgrown good quality School Uniform and PE kit that you could donate to other Barnwell families?

If so, please send them into school for the attention of Shelagh MacKey.

Any help would be so much appreciated.

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, GSCEPod, 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](#)