

Dear Parents/Carers

Can it really only be five weeks to Christmas? It has been a busy time in school since half term with mock exams for KS4 and the auditions for the Christmas show for KS3. In our PRIDE lessons, students have been discussing anti-bullying during the national campaign 'Change Starts with Us'. We have linked this to a scheme of learning on kindness which we encourage all members of our school community to demonstrate.



Year 11 students have been 'tasting' sixth form lessons this week and experiencing life as a sixth former. This is part of our preparation to help all year 11 students for the transition from KS4 to KS5

We wish you a happy and relaxing weekend.

Mrs Anderson - Assistant Head

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 27th November - Rock Challenge Rehearsals - Middle Campus

Thursday 28th November - The Play that Goes Wrong Year 9 Drama trip

w/c 2nd December - Year 12 & 13 Mock Exams

Tuesday 3rd December - Year 7 Parents Evening



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'

Frankie L - ANC Harry S - EB Anya M - ML Dylan B - JM Daniel G - AMW Stacey P - ER Ardi J - JM Mariah T - SAH Olivia A - RAW Malackey A-H - PPE Anisa A - DD Erin R - CS Kayleigh-Mai A-T - PN Daniel W - ANC Daniel B - JEL Ty Lee - PN Melek B - LCA William O - TRT Katie B - SB Branwen R - DFA Ama A - SAH Gabriel A - RC Jack B - DD Ashton W - RC Deni B - JME Bayleigh W - ER Amelia J - JM

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:

Logan A - KP Stanley M - BI Mckanzie W - RFR Charlize H - RAW Jude A - DFA Deavion-AntwonS-S—DFA Taylor K - RAW Rhianna J - RFR Bayleigh W - ER Natasha W - HR Edward T - DD Aimee W - SC Keane S - SGO Rehan S - JME Holly K - RFR Lenny B - SC Ella S - DFA Kai R - CS Gabriel L - RFR Frankie M - GW





Word of the Week



'Imperative'

(Adjective)

Of vital importance; crucial.

Sentences containing the word 'imperative'...

- Water is **imperative** for survival.
- It was **imperative** that everyone understood the rules so that this would not happen again.

Synonyms

- authoritative
- vital
- important
- significant

Use this word, or the similar words in MFL correctly in your work in any subject this week for a **#WOW Credit**.

Similar words in MFL...

-  imperativo
-  impératif
-  notwendig

Creative and Media

ALL ABOARD FOR ARTSMARK!

The story continues...

On Monday 18th November, visiting artist and cultural provider Anji Archer returned to Barnwell to continue to develop the Arts First Action Research project with Barnwell students. They worked collaboratively with the artist, Miss Clark and Ms Pellen, to refine their expertise in precision, collaboration and creativity.

This work has been designed to celebrate our cross-curricular citizenship PRIDE ethos, whilst developing an ability to summarise, explain, justify, evaluate and analyse throughout the artistic process. We are working towards an Art installation in 2020, to coincide with the Hertfordshire Year of Culture.

Stay tuned for the next update on our progress in January!





This Week's PE News



FRIDAY - Y7-9 TABLE TENNIS - A big THANK YOU to all those who took part in our Yr7-9 table tennis competitions last week in aid of [#bbcchildreninneed2019](https://www.bbcchildreninneed.org.uk)



TUESDAY - Y8&9 BASKETBALL - First fixture of the year for our Year 8 & 9 combined team vs [@MarriottsPE](https://www.marriotts.co.uk) Not the result we were looking for but school debuts for 2 players and plenty of positives to take forward to the next match. [#TeamBarnwell](https://www.facebook.com/team.barnwell) [#growthmindset](https://www.growthmindset.com)

WEDNESDAY - TABLE TENNIS Awesome effort from Team Barnwell at today's district championships for U12 girls, for U13 boys and for U16 boys [#alwaysimproving](https://www.alwaysimproving.com) [#barnwellpride](https://www.barnwellpride.com)



THURSDAY - **BASKETBALL** - U12 and U14 HSG @[stevenageSFT](https://www.instagram.com/stevenagesft) district champions. Outstanding attitudes and performances from all of these girls today [#teambarnwell](https://www.instagram.com/teambarnwell) [#barnwellpride](https://www.instagram.com/barnwellpride)



THURSDAY - **Y11 LEADERSHIP** - A special thank you to these Y11 sports studies students who officiated the [@stevenageSFT](https://www.instagram.com/stevenagesft) district girls basketball tournament with confidence and competence [#rolemodels](https://www.instagram.com/rolemodels)



Let's Celebrate Success!

Huge "CONGRATULATIONS" to William L in Year 9 who is now a UK Record holder in Archery.

William broke this record back in July this year, but it was finally ratified and the certificate awarded to him this week.



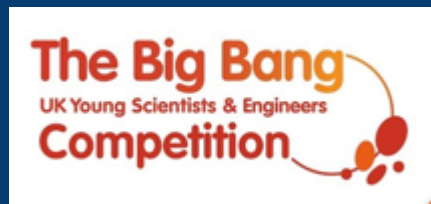
#PRIDE

Let's Celebrate Success!

We would like to celebrate your child's outside achievements in school.

If you would like your child's outside achievements celebrated and recognised by the school, please email details, with photo's if possible, to v.pettifer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk





The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition

Two of our amazing students are through to the national final of The Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers competition!

A huge “WELL DONE” to Callum-Mac D and Marko B both in Year 9 who investigated how gears affect the speed of a Lego Robot.

Callum-Mac and Marko will now compete in the final in March 2020 at The Big Bang Fair at Birmingham’s NEC.



#PRIDE



Exam Certificates



GCSE certificates for Summer 2019 can now be collected by Sixth Formers from the Barnwell Exams Office.

GCSE, A Level and BTEC certificates for students who have now left Barnwell, are now available for collection from Barnwell Upper reception.

If you have older children who left in July, please pass this information on.

Please could you ensure that ex-students email v.pettifer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk before coming to the school so we can ensure that your certificates are waiting on reception, otherwise we cannot guarantee collection at that time.

Please be aware that the Exams Office is only required to keep certificates for 1 year from the date of issue.

The cost of replacing certificates is upwards of £45 per certificate and varies between exam boards, so is therefore in the best interests of ex-students to collect their certificates to keep safe for college, university and job applications.

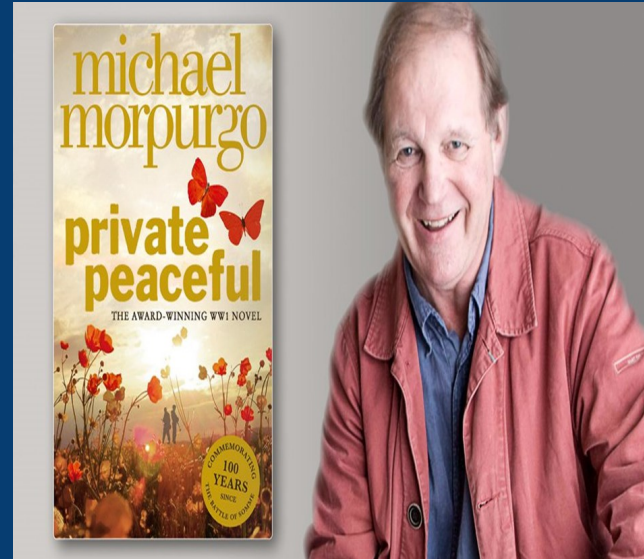


Author of the Month

Michael Morpurgo

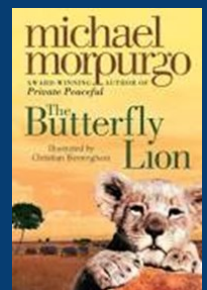
Michael Morpurgo is a British writer and author of over one hundred books, mostly for children, many of which have given many prizes and awards. .

Michael is a famous and award-winning English author and poet who is known best for children's novels including *Private Peaceful*, *War Horse*, and *The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips*.



Interesting Facts about Michael Morpurgo

- Michael Morpurgo was born in St Albans, Hertfordshire on October 5th, 1943.
- He set up “Farms for City Children” charity with his wife Clare in 1976 after leaving his job as a teacher that he held for ten years.
- Michael Morpurgo has written over 120 books. His 100th book, *Private Peaceful*, was first published in 2003 and was adapted into a play in 2004 which was later revived in 2014.
- He became a primary school teacher in Kent after graduating from the university of London.
- Many of Michael Morpurgo's books have been adapted. Film versions have been made of *Friend or Foe*, *Private Peaceful*, and *Why the Whales Came* – which was also adapted to a stage play. *My Friend Walter*, *Purple Penguins* and *Out of the Ashes* were also adapted for TV. *War Horse*, one of Michael's bestselling novels, has been adapted as a radio broadcast and stage play.
- *War Horse* was also adapted into a 2011 British film directed by the world-famous director, Steven Spielberg.
- Michael Morpurgo has revealed that he writes all of his books in exercise books. He also doesn't work from a desk, instead choosing to write sitting on his bed, propped up with pillows.
- His favourite animal is the elephant and he enjoys reading works by his favourite authors, including Rudyard Kipling, Robert Louis Stevenson and Ted Hughes.





Help from YC Hertfordshire

Deal with today and plan for tomorrow...

YC Hertfordshire Personal Advisers are here for you

If you want to see a Personal Adviser in school:

Drop in to the Upper LRC at lunchtime on

Monday 18th November

Monday 25th November

Monday 2nd December

Monday 9th December

Monday 16th December

Personal Adviser in your school is:

Emma Bumpus

Individual Careers Appointments regarding options post-16 can be organised through your Head of Year, Form Tutor or visiting the LRC.

If you want to speak to someone out of school, visit...

www.ychertfordshire.org >Advice and Support

...to find details of your local YC Hertfordshire One Stop Shop or Centre, where you directly message a Personal Adviser

www.ychertfordshire.org

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Extra Curricular Activities

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Extra-curricular sport and physical activity Autumn term 2019 – Middle Campus



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning (8.00-8.25am)		Just Dance CA (Hall)		Just Dance HF (Hall) Table tennis CHA (Hall)	
Lunch (12.30-1.00pm)	Table Tennis SGO (Hall)	Y7 Basketball CHA (gym)	Volleyball RFR (hall)	Table Tennis RFR (Hall)	Y8&9 Basketball CHA (gym)
After school (3.00-4.00pm)	Y7,8&9 Netball HF/KHU (courts)	Y7 Football SGO (field) Y8&9 Basketball RFR (gym) Girls Football CA (field)	Y8 Football SGO (field) Y7 Basketball CHA (gym) Trampolining JEL (upper hall)	Y9 Football SGO (field)	Rugby CHA & SGO (field)

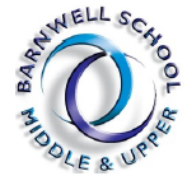


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GET INVOLVED

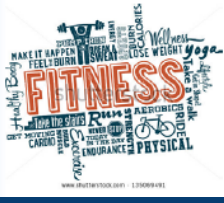


ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Extra-curricular sport and physical activity Autumn term 2019 – Upper Campus



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning (8.00-8.25am)					
Lunch (12.30-1.00pm)	Y11 Football CHA (LC)		Y10 Football RC (LC)		
After school (3.00-4.00pm)	Y11 Sports Leaders CHA (D4)	Duke of Edinburgh JEL	Seniors football KNE (field) Y10 Basketball AL (LC) Trampolining JEL (hall)	Y10 Football RC (field) Seniors Basketball AL (LC) Y10 & Seniors Netball JEL (courts)	Y11 BTEC Intervention KNE (LRC) MPA (C4) CTEC Intervention JEL (B1)



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Extra Curricular Activities

Science Enrichment – Middle Campus



When?			Where?	What?
Week 1 & 2	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Lab 3	LEGO Robots
Week 1 & 2	Wednesday	Period 7	Lab 1	STEM club
Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 1	Eco-schools
Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 3	Geek club



Science Enrichment – Upper Campus



When?			Where?	Who?
Week 1	Tuesday	Period 7	D14	Y Band
Week 1	Thursday	Period 7	D14	X Band
Week 1	Everyday	Lunchtime	Homework drop in D14	Anyone
Week 2	Wednesday	Period 7	D14	Triple Science
Week 1 & 2	Tuesday	Period 7	D11	Applied Science
Week 1 & 2	Wednesday	Period 7	D17	A level Biology



Extra Curricular Activities

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Lunchtime	Middle School		DJ Club in MSM2 (EB and sixth form)	Bollywood Dance Club (<u>SAH</u>) H8			
Afterschool Open to all Upper & Middle School students unless indicated 3:15 – 4:30 <u>Underlined = Invitation Only</u>			<u>Year 9 Accelerate Dance Company (KB) H8 (Invite Only)</u> <u>Year 8 Elevate Dance Company (COP) H9 (Invite Only)</u> Choir/Vocal Group (EB) MSM1 Upper School Drama Club (JLJ) M1 Summer Production Feb – July (all faculty staff) Middle School Hall	Rock Challenge Sept - Feb (KB/COP/EAB) Middle School Hall Summer Production Feb – July (all faculty staff) Middle School Hall <u>Year 8&9 G&T Band (EB)</u> Y7 Pantomime acting rehearsals: Oct-Dec (JLJ) G1	Summer Production Feb – July (all faculty staff) Middle School Hall <u>Year 9 G&T Drama (EAB) G1 – Invite only</u>		
		Drama	Music	Dance	All Arts		

Clubs will commence week beginning 23rd September

STEM Club is changing.....

....Just as fun and challenging, but with more choice and plenty of opportunities for reward.

All year groups welcome, 7-13

CREST award opportunities – run your own investigation, as an individual, or part of a team at **Bronze, Silver or Gold** Level and gain recognition for your work.



Enter the Big Bang Competition with your project, for more opportunities to win.



Wednesdays 3pm-4.15pm in Lab 1



Lunch Pass available – please ask at the science office

Years 7-9



LEGO ROBOTS CLUB

Tuesday lunch times – 12.45-1.15pm in Lab 3



If you are good at building Lego or simple programming tasks, come and try this club.

We enter competitions where Lego robots have to be able to perform different challenges under timed conditions.

See Mr. Lund or Mrs. Butterfield for details



For students in Years 7, 8 and 9

Thursday lunchtimes in H1

Students can bring their packed lunch or see Art Department to get a queue jump pass.

Theme of the fortnight is 'Day of the Dead'.





Barnwell Cooking Club

Starts November 7th

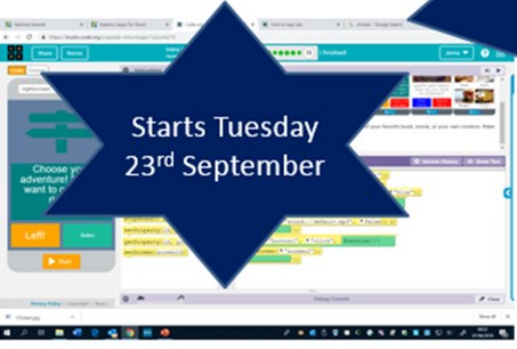
3.05 – 4.30pm (Middle)
If you require an information letter, please see Mr. Mendelsohn in H5

Come to Apps for Good club!

- Work together to design and build an app that solves a problem.
- Back up your idea with market research and consult users.
- Design and create an app prototype and pitch it.



Where: N10
 Day: Tuesday
 Time: 12.30-1.15pm
 Get you queue jumper for lunch from Mrs Maynard



Starts Tuesday
 23rd September



Meet New Friends



FOR ALL
YEAR
GROUPS

5 – a – side football

Where? – Middle (Y7 pitch)

When? – Thursday

What do I need?

- Boots
- PE Kit
- Shin Pads

If you do not have the above kit, you will not be allowed to play

Format?

Small sided games; team sizes are dependent on numbers.

You can create your own teams prior to the day, if you want

FLAG FOOTBALL

Every Tuesday
(Middle Campus)

Come and try something new!
Branched off American Football, Flag Football is a highly tactical but thoroughly enjoyable team game.

PE Kit and boots are compulsory

All year groups are welcome

Any questions, please see Mr Goodman in the PE Department

Mouth guards will also be required



Lunch pass available

Bollywood Dance Club

Wednesday Lunchtimes 12.45 - 1.15pm

H8 (Dance Studio) with Miss Ahmed

All students welcome! 😊

BREAKFAST CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week on Barnwell Upper Campus, students have been engaging with an NSBP innovation programme. This programme hopes to see 25% of the school's population access bagels throughout the school day with classroom bagels.

We have delivered over 1000 bagels this week to students. Students have fed back how much they benefited from classroom bagels. Teachers have fed back that students have not only enjoyed eating the bagels, but it has increased engagement in lessons.

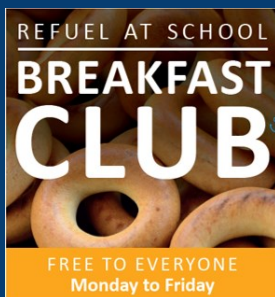
This highlights the importance of students eating Breakfast and throughout the school day to fuel their learning.

We look forward to meeting more students next week.

Best Wishes,
Magic Breakfast Club Staff

Location: LRC

Time: 8am - 8.25am



What BREAKFAST is available?

Bagels
Porridge
Cheerios,
Shreddies
Cornflakes
Rice Crispies

ALLERGY ALERT

If your child has an allergy, can we please ask that your child makes Breakfast staff aware.

Please make contact for ingredient content on specific items.

Thank You

MUDDY MAYHEM 5K Obstacle Course



Saturday 29th Feb 2020

Knebworth Park, Stevenage, SG1 2AX



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Fundraising at Barnwell School



Our school community actively supports the school by raising money to benefit the school environment and enhancing every student's education.

We hope to raise £25,000 through our current fundraising campaign to generate funds to replace our school minibus. To help with this campaign, we intend to run a rolling calendar of fundraising events to be enjoyed by parents, staff and students.

As a school, we understand that with increasingly busy lifestyles it is not always easy to commit to events and activities, so we have also set up a donation scheme on Schoolcomms for our current fundraising campaign.

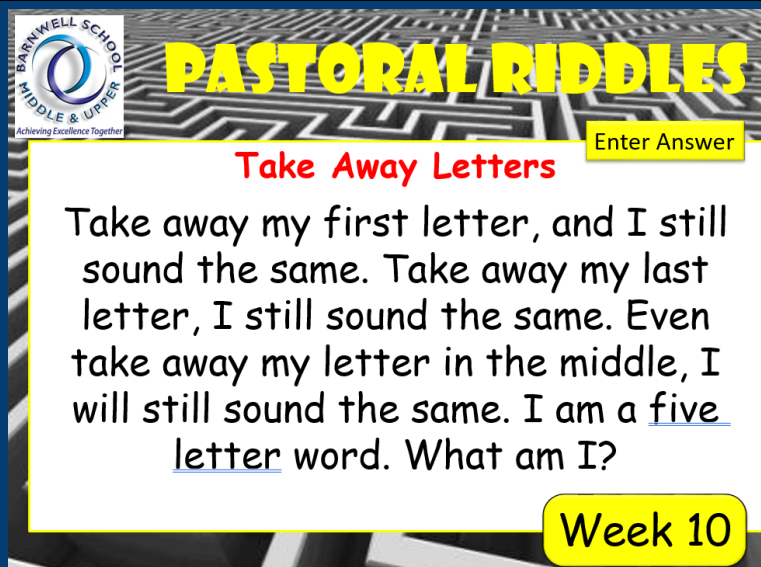
You can donate by going to the School Bus Donation page by using the [Schoolgateway Link Click Here](#)

Details for setting up a schoolgateway account can be found on the Barnwell website <https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/parents-info/communications/>

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Schools activities, we are always on the look-out for new and enthusiastic people to join our Parent Partnership.

If you are interested in becoming involved or would like to suggest new fundraising ideas please contact us by e-mail: communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

Thank you, in advance, for your support.



PASTORAL RIDDLES

Enter Answer

Take Away Letters

Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. I am a five letter word. What am I?

Week 10

Look out for the answer in Edition 51

The answer to last weeks riddle was "18 - count the number of the letters in the digit"



The Young Women's Group



This term-time group provides a safe, social space for young women aged 13-16 to get together, share experiences and have fun. From encouraging health and emotional wellbeing to building communication skills, this project will encourage you to set personal goals and provides support as you work towards them.

Have an opinion? Join the conversation! Have your say about the things that matter to you and build confidence as you take part in discussions about current concerns, e.g. the impact of social media on body image, online safety, bullying and sex and relationships.

Venue:
Bowes Lyon Young People's Centre, St Georges Way, SG1 1XY

When: Wednesdays

Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm

For all young women in Stevenage aged 13-16



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 @Steveange Team



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Do you have an old working bike?



We are currently seeking **fully 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



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 line, orange, yellow, green, blue, green), 'YOU' (second line, red, purple, blue), 'TEACHERS' (third line, purple, orange, blue, pink, green, orange), and 'AND STAFF' (bottom line, yellow, red, green, blue, pink, purple).

THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF

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](#)



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