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## Student Awarded Gold Bursary for Athletics



**T**alented Barnhill Year 11 student, Jack Kirby has been awarded a gold bursary for Athletics. Only six such bursaries are made locally each year and he is in stellar company (one of the other six was a paralympic double gold medal winner at London 2012).

The local council announced this year's gold Gold Bursary winners at the Mayor's Sports Awards Ceremony at the Civic Centre on 22 January. The Gold Bursary is designed to provide support to an athlete with huge sporting potential to represent Great Britain in the 2014 Commonwealth Games, 2016 Olympics and Paralympics, sports specific World Championships or similar international events.

Not just a great honour, the award will partly help fund Jack's athletics for this year. The modest student is currently the number one hurdler in his age group in the UK. Last year he ran 8.01s for the indoor 60m hurdles (only 0.12s away from the UK national record.) At his most recent competition (the London Youth Games at Lee Valley) he ran under 8 seconds, the sixth fastest time in history!

Jack's next event is the National Indoor Championships at Birmingham during half term where he hopes to improve his times.

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# Headteacher's Letter



Dear Families

## Chinese New Year

As I write this letter, a billion people in China are celebrating their New Year – the year of the Snake.

Due to its role in the Garden of Eden, snakes are often seen as evil. I have always thought they have had a raw deal. Snakes are ingenious creatures and have a far better reputation in the Far East. Being born in the year of the Snake, for example, means that you will possess great wisdom and perception, although also be jealous and suspicious.

What is interesting is that 20 years ago, few of us knew about the Chinese New Year, yet alone the virtues of the different horoscope signs. We now live in a truly global age, connected to people thousands of miles away by the click of the mouse. This is a great opportunity, but also means students today are competing on a world stage. It is not enough to be as good as your peers in Hayes, London or the UK. We have to compete with people from around the world. And the key to doing that is to get the best possible qualifications at school to help you on your journey.

## Qualifications

This is a theme that Michael Gove, Education Secretary, has been talking about for the last three years. He has made many changes to the education system very quickly, some of which have been welcome, and others less so.

One area that has been in the news recently are exams. Mr Gove believes in a traditional 1950s approach, with no coursework and one big exam at the end of two years of study. He wants to introduce this at 18 with major changes to A-Levels, and, until his U-turn last week, at 16 with his "EBCs".

I believe that such exams are not right for all students. They work well for some, but mean others do not get the grades they deserve. Many students get nervous in exams or have an "off day". In most kinds of training, it is accepted that you get credits as you go along, either through exams, coursework or on the job assessment leading to an overall qualification at the end. I am therefore pleased that he has stepped back from "EBCs", and hope he will do the same for A-Levels.

## KS4 Options

This is the time of year when students in Years 8, 9 and 10 choose options for September. Unlike Mr Gove, we have not said that all students should follow a purely Academic curriculum. We are maintaining a broad range of options. Those students for whom academic subjects are right can follow that pathway. Those students who want to do practical subjects and vocational courses developing skills in other ways can follow that pathway. The curriculum will continue to be shaped around what is right for each individual, rather than what officials in Westminster deem to be right. What is crucial

however, is that whichever pathway is chosen, students achieve their best possible grades, and therefore are able to compete on the world stage.

## Behaviour Outside School

One other issue I need to raise is behaviour outside school. The vast majority of Barnhill students behave responsibly on the way to and from school. However, particularly with the snow, a small minority of students were involved with anti-social behaviour that upset members of the public and was damaging to the reputation of the school. I have dealt with the individuals concerned.

However, this is an important reminder that behaviour outside school is as important as behaviour inside school. I would therefore ask all families to stress the importance of respectful, considerate behaviour to members of the public, on the journey to and from school.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a good half term break.

*Robert Lobatto  
Headteacher*



**Following complaints from local residents and other road users, parents/carers are gently reminded not to drop-off or collect students by double parking adjacent to the school gates.**

**Please use caution when arriving and pulling away and refrain from turning manoeuvres outside school.**



**A** group of Year 8 pupils have been invited to take part in a challenge and competition to design a Dragster car.

Initially they have carried out exciting Science experiments such as Hydrogen gas as fuel and water / steam pressure to propel the car.

These activities have been led by Mr Janar, Mr Macaulay and Mrs Ganesham. These pupils will be designing and making different prototypes cars in the Technology Dept. led by Mr Sillitoe, Miss Carter and Mr Jackson. There will be a competition for the most fuel efficient cars. Watch this space!



**The past half term has been an extremely busy but productive time for Barnhill's Leadership Academy students.**

Since its formation in September 34 students have become members; each volunteering and leading at events and competitions in and out of Barnhill.

Since January many of the students have played a key role in the running and organisation of four Sportshall athletics events

for both Primary and Secondary Schools around Hillingdon. Many students have also undertaken leadership roles at Barnhill's Cluster primary schools for a taster week where they coached students ranging from Reception to Year 6 in Disability Athletics with the assistance of Mr Barzyk.

In addition, ten students were chosen to help at a Panathlon Event which involves disability sports before Christmas and

performed so well they were invited to be involved with the West London Finals which was a massive success.

They have now been invited to lead at another event in June. Thank you to Mrs Brennan, Mr Reid, Mr Barzyk, Ms Richard and the whole PE department for help and providing transport which allows the students to access these leadership opportunities.

### Leadership Academy Students:

*Louis Hampton Jones  
Jade Thompson  
Sam Lark  
Razia Ahmadi  
Jamie Grey  
Sinn'Kaye Christie  
Lauren Joannou  
May Aboul Hassan  
Kumaran Dharma  
Sarushan Siventhira*

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Hannah Creed  
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Yasmine Ferguson*

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Saampave Sanmuhanathan  
Sangavi Sanmuhanathan  
Tooba Yaqoobi  
Louise Butler  
Billy Moone  
Amir Hassan  
Lillie Canavan*

## Over £300 raised for Orphans in Need

A group of Year 11 students ran a charity event just before Christmas to raise funds for Orphans in Need. They raised a fantastic £307.90 which will be used for medical supplies in orphanages around the world.

**Well done to Nimo Hassan (11.5), Nadia Atiq (11.2), Ravneet Kaur (11.4), and Yasmin Ismail (11.9).**



# International Languages Taster Day

**The Modern Foreign Languages Department held an International Languages Taster Day for students and staff on 23 January.**

Forty students from Years 7 and 8 had to make the difficult decision of deciding which language to opt for: Japanese, Russian, Portuguese, Latin or French.

## Fun Presentations

Teachers pulled out all the stops with fun presentations on culture and history, music and games. Some even turned to cooking to bring authenticity to the classroom, encouraging students and staff to sample typical Russian and French delights - the French "galette de roi" was particularly tasty! Quelle saveur!

## Tasty Treats

The tasty treats didn't stop there - the canteen also offered International cuisine including: Spanish chicken and chorizo, patatas bravas, French omelette and much more. ¡Qué delicioso!

Back in the classroom, students and staff in the Japanese session were particularly amused by some of the gadgets used in Japanese homes whilst those in the Russian class could be heard singing along to traditional Russian songs. Whether singing, laughing or eating, everybody involved enjoyed the afternoon and said what fun they had:

## More Sessions Soon

Following positive feedback the Languages Department hopes to organise similar events in the future with a view to opening these up to the whole school community. If you are interested, please keep an eye out for information on the school website.

## What they said

*"I enjoyed this session as I learnt some fascinating facts about Japan"*  
(Sherihan 8B)

*"I learnt a lot about Russia's history as well as the language"*  
(Sabid 8A)

*"I enjoyed it as I've always wanted to learn a language like Latin"*  
(Granit 7A)

*"I really enjoyed the session in Latin. The lady is a very good teacher and explains difficult concepts simply."*  
(Ms Scott, Maths CSO)





CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK



**F**or the last 2-3 months 8A and 8O have been collecting pennies for Cancer Research UK.

However no pennies collected were from their own pockets but found on floors and streets. Sounds a bit trumpy but it's paid off! We have raised an astonishing £16 which is amazing. 1,600 wasted pennies! Many people today throw money away like it's worth nothing. But it is worth something,

it could change someone's life. If you collected all the pennies people threw away you'd be a billionaire.

We as a form are proud to be helping such a great charity and hope the money we have raised has helped lives and will go to good use. Don't throw away money!

*Irfana, Zainab, Daniel, Stevie, Jemini, Ricky, and Jordan*



The Languages Department is offering Year 9 students the opportunity to visit Barcelona for one week from Monday 8 July.

This is an opportunity to experience culture and Spanish life.

Visits will include: Barcelona's Nou Camp, Parc Guell, Port Aventura (waterpark), general sightseeing, etc.

There are limited places - so get in quick!  
*Details with Miss Summers.*

## Hillingdon Maths Society Royal Institution Masterclasses 2013-

Congratulations to the four Gifted and Talented students who have been chosen to attend these Maths Masterclasses on Saturday mornings. Aaranjah Vickneswaran (9.9), Faduma Osman (9.2), Sohaib Mohammed (9.8) and Habibullah Ahmadi (9.6) will spend the time being introduced to aspects of Maths use in the real world. They will be introduced to topics such as Rocket

Science, Robotics and the Enigma Project.

There will be a final presentations afternoon for students and parents to attend which will be presented by The Mayor on 16 March.

Congratulations from the Mathematics Department!

# Engineering Assembly

**A**s part of our links with with the wider community we invited a local aerospace engineering company to promote engineering and career paths and opportunities to Barnhill students.

*The talk was led by Neil Broad of FSL Aerospace Ltd and these are the views of one Year 9 student:*



“Before I attended the engineering assembly I already had some knowledge about planes. Whilst I was there I learnt how planes were built and I was also told about the type of things an engineer does.

They also showed me some pictures of the very first plane to pictures of concept planes that were yet to be built.

I learnt some of the materials used to make aircraft and how much it would cost and how long certain aircraft took to build. I wasn't too sure about engineering but after the presentation I changed my mind and now want to become an engineer”

### BTEC Chinatown Trip

**O**n 28 January eighty-six BTEC Creative Design students went to London's Chinatown to look at the Chinese New Year street decorations.

The trip was intended to give the students an insight of how other cultures celebrate events similar to ours in terms of food, costumes and decorations.

The BTEC students will be using the information gathered from the trip for the current assignment based on 'Celebrations' and this will also be used for the 'Creative Design BTEC Show' on the 26 March.

We had fun with the camera and took lots of pictures around Chinatown!



Requires School Support Assistants for immediate start:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	10.30am-11.05am (First Break) 12.55pm-1.40pm (Second Break)
Wednesday	10.15am-10.50am (First Break) 12.30pm-1.15pm (Second Break)



7 hours per week, Term Time Only

Duties are to work as part of a team to ensure thorough supervision of students during both breaks in the various sections of the school.

**Scale 1 Pt6 £2410—Pt8 £2519  
paid on a monthly basis.**

If you are interested please make contact with the school reception for further details and an application form.

Barnhill Community High is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant is required to undergo Enhanced CRB clearance

## Reading

**Both Reading Champions and Reading Stars are off to a fabulous start this year. Reading Champions, now in its third year at Barnhill, has over 30 year 7 boys attending regularly.**

They work in teams and meet with their mentors every Tuesday during afternoon registration. This year's mentors are Mr Cairns, Mr Cole, Mr Duffy, Mr Dutta, Mr Forde, Mr Jackson, Mr McNay, Mr Pilkington, Mr Watts, and Mr Willis. The boys and their mentors recently celebrated the autumn term results, with Shabeer Hussain from the green team winning the most individual reading points and the yellow team taking the trophy for most team points.

Reading Stars, new to Barnhill this year, currently has over 20 year 8 boys attending meetings every Friday during afternoon registration. Their mentors are Mr Coughlin, Mr Edwards, Mr McComb, Mr McFadyen, Mr McNab, and Mr Shepherd. They, too, recently celebrated their hard work during the autumn term, with Hritik Sehgal earning the top individual spot, and the blue team winning the team trophy with 639 points.

Congratulations to all the boys and their mentors.

# Reading Champions





**T**he Year 8s have made a great start to the term with their first rugby victory against Stockley, winning 55 - 10.

Great performances were displayed by all the boys. However, exceptional performances were shown by Arnel, Mohamed Botan, Ellis and Nikhil.

Well done boys!



### HOUSE COMPETITION 2012-13

latest points standings after Reading Champions

Green	Blue	Orange	Red	Yellow	Purple
298	205	242	66	115	220

### Future House Competitions

**February**

Music Talent Competition  
Drama Talent Competition.

**March**

Barnhill Easter Egg Hunt Competition

## Barnhill Triumph in Sports Hall Athletics

**O**n 29 January Barnhill hosted the South Hillingdon Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Championships.

The competition was for Year 7 and 8 boys and girls. They were scored as four separate teams and included schools from Barnhill, Swakeleys and Hewens College. The competition was a mixture of running, shot putt, standing and vertical jumps, speed bounce and triple jump.

The Barnhill teams performed extremely well and represented the school demonstrating great sportsmanship throughout all the sports.

The overall scores were very close and the Year 7 and 8 boys teams both won and the year 7 and 8 girls were narrowly beaten into second behind some very strong teams from Swakeleys. Overall all who took part were a credit to the school and the boys now go on to the Hillingdon Finals.

### Year 7 Girls

*Roni Claxton, Catherine Trevallion-Perrior, Jessica Buckingham, Kirsty Newell, Tarawat Ahamadi, Elhan Ismail and Danielle Gabriel*

### Year 7 Boys

*Bradley Payne, Jayden Gibson, Harry Meehan, Harley Randall, Liam Farren, Ross Girard, and O'Shane Harris*

### Year 8 Girls

*Billie Norris, Morgan Neckles, Jodie O'Neill and Kimberley Canillas*

### Year 8 Boys

*Jamie Bryce, Aman Muhammed, Luke Miller, Arale Mohamed, David Morgans, Sami Radjimi, Yusuf Aliabdi and Stan McLoughlin.*



## Students and Parents Rocking



Some of our younger students and their parents have recently taken part in an exciting Rock Climbing program at Brunel University as part of the Sky Sports for Living program. Pictured is Aaron Philips scurrying

up an inverted climb being ably belayed by his Father. We look forward to further successful sessions.

Well done to all students and their brave parents!

## Barnhill represented in Mini Marathon Trial

**O**n Saturday 2 February, ten students from Barnhill took part in the Hillingdon Trial for the London Mini Marathon to be held in April.

The course was held around the Ruislip Lido and the conditions were not ideal and at one point very muddy. The pupils had to run 3 miles which consisted two laps around the path of the Lido.

First up were the girls, the

team consisted of Jessica Buckingham, Kirsty Newell, Kally Pender, Hamda Ali, Jodie O'Neill and Billie Norris. They all did extremely well on a very long course, even though they were racing older girls this did not put them off. The best of the girls was Jessica Buckingham who came 10th and now must wait to see if she will gain a place in the London Mini Marathon.

Next were the boys of

Bradley Payne, George Newell, Paul Smith and Liam Farren. All performed well and similar to the girls they were racing much older boys than themselves. First home was Bradley Payne who also 10th overall and he must wait to see if he is selected for the London Mini Marathon.

All pupils represented the school well and did the school proud, well done to all who took part.

**Uniform for the Summer Term Begins: Monday 15 April 2013**

	 <b>Yes</b>		 <b>Yes</b>
Purple Summer Polo Year 7 & 8		White Summer Polo Year 9 & 10	
	 <b>Yes</b>		 <b>Yes</b>
Purple Summer Polo with Jumper Year 7 & 8		White Summer Polo with Jumper Year 9 & 10	

**Uniform which cannot be worn in the Summer Term**

	 <b>NO</b>		 <b>NO</b>
Shirt and Tie Year 7 & 8		Shirt and Tie Year 9 & 10	
	 <b>NO</b>		 <b>NO</b>
Purple Summer Polo with NON school wear Year 7 & 8		White Summer Polo with NON school hoody Year 9 & 10	

### Marshall confirms her place

**O**n Thursday 31 January four of Barnhill's finest athletes were selected to represent Hillingdon in the Middlesex Schools Cross Country at Harrow School.

The course was extremely tough and very muddy, made even harder by the change in weather climate over the last few weeks.

First to race was Bradley Payne in the year 7 boys race. Bradley started well and found himself in the top 15 but suffered in the 2nd half of the race but still finished a very creditable 26th out of over 100 boys.

Next up was Kirsty Newell who although being the smallest in the race by some way was not scared

off by the tough opposition. Kirsty finished 70th and represented the school well in her first competition of this quality.

Next up was Osee Senga in the combined year 8 and 9 boys race. After a very physical start Osee found himself to the back of the field and then was playing catch up for the majority of the race. Osee worked hard to move up and finished in 52nd place.

Last of the Barnhill students was Courtney Marshall in the year 8 and 9 girls race. She made a good start but was still some way off the lead group. Courtney gradually made her way through the field and with



250m to go she found herself in 7th. Courtney produced a big sprint finish and showed her strength against the other girls to snatch 4th place on the line. Courtney has now qualified for the English Schools Cross Country representing Middlesex on the 16th March.

### Year 9 football

**T**he year 9 boys with the help of their Manager Mr McComb have progressed into the semi-finals of the Hillingdon shield.

However, the hard work has only just begun as it is going to be a big step up to successfully get through the semi-finals and the final. Nevertheless, with everybody pushing each other at training and with everybody fighting for a place in the semi-final squad there is a great chance for the boys to reach the final and hopefully be crowned the 2013 Hillingdon champions.

Just a reminder that the year 9 boy's football training is every Thursday and existing and new boys are very welcome to attend. Also, ensure you bring trainers and football boots as training could be on either the astro pitch or the football field.

## 6th Form Football

**Just before Christmas Barnhill's 6th Form students played their first football match in a number of years.**

On the day we were beaten by a more organised Haydon team 4-1 who have had the benefit of playing together for a number of years. Barnhill however performed admirably considering the team have only been training together since mid-November with many playing their first

competitive game for the school. Players performing well were Kooshin Baakar, Michael Pearce, Matthew Hawkes, Ryan Gittens and Jamil Vitale. All boys involved in 6th Form Football have shown excellent commitment with over 30 boys training on a regular basis since the team was formed in November. With more games coming up we invite all sixth formers to come out and give training a go no matter

what levels of experience they may have.

Training will take place on Wednesday Afternoons after school for both Year 11 and 6th Form Students on either the astro turf or the pitch so boys should come prepared for both. Shin guards are compulsory and students won't be allowed to train without these.

For any questions please contact Mr Coughlan or Mr McComb.

## Jake Makes National Semi-finals

Just last week on 2 February, Jake Callingham won his National Schoolboys Quarter-final with a majority points decision win over a student from Trowbridge ABC, the Western Counties Champion in a close bout of counter punchers

The 1st & 2nd rounds were close but with Jake always pushing his opponent back in the last, Jake changed tactics and forced the action and led off with with some good attacks which sealed his win.

The semi-final is on 16 February.



## IMPORTANT DATES

## CONTACT DETAILS

### Spring Term 2013

*18 to 22 Feb inclusive - Half Term*

- 7 Mar KS4 Options Evening (Year 8)
- 13 Mar Festival of Dance
- 14 Mar KS4 Parents' Evening (Years 9-11)
- 21 Mar KS4 Interview Day (Years 9-11)
- 26 Mar Creative Design BTEC Show
- 27 Mar Showcase Event
- 28 Mar Last Day of Term

### Summer Term 2013

- 15 Apr First Day of Term
- 19 Apr On Track for Success Day
- 6 May Bank Holiday
- 23 May Showcase
- 27 to 31 May inclusive - Half Term*
- 11 Jun Sports Award Ceremony
- 21 Jun Year 13 Prom
- 28 Jun Year 11 Prom
- 1 Jul INSET Day, school closed to students
- 4 Jul Creative Design Summer Show
- 5 Jul Sports Day
- 9 Jul Year 7 Induction Day
- 15/16/17 Jul - School Production
- 19 Jul Last Day of Term

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