

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th April 2024



Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday.

This week has been very busy with Culture Week. Thank you to Mrs Moore and Mrs Rogers-Ezewuiké for organising this event and for putting together all the activities. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about other countries and cultures.



Yesterday evening, a group of 20 Year 7 – 11 students went to the Olympic Park in East London to watch a professional basketball match. They watched the London Lions beat Surrey Scorchers 97-85. I am sure everyone had a great time!

Well done to all the Year 11 students who did their Spanish speaking exam this week. Mrs Thomas was very pleased with how it all went and she was very proud of her students. This signalled the start of the examination season. Where has the time gone?

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Executive Principal

CULTURAL WEEK



This week marked our First ever Culture Week to celebrate diversity and raise awareness within our school community.



CULTURAL WEEK

Throughout the week, departments organised a range of short activities or lessons linked to the concept of culture. Here are some highlights:

In English lessons Y7-Y10 students have been busy creating poems around the theme of culture. The winners of the poetry competition will be announced next week.

The Y10 Food Tech class prepared mouth watering Jollof Rice – a dish representing the culinary heritage of West Africa.

In drama, our Y7 students worked on the musical ‘Hairspray’ (Musical covering the themes of racism, bias, identity)

During form time, students had the opportunity to engage in discussions about identity and racism. These sessions hopefully encouraged self-reflection and empathy.

To conclude this vibrant week, today was our non-uniform day. Students and staff had the opportunity to wear their respective cultural outfits, showcasing the richness of our diverse backgrounds. More pictures to follow next week.

We believe that celebrating culture fosters understanding, respect and unity, and we look forward to making it an annual tradition at Barclay Academy



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY



On Friday morning, Year 10 Geography students made a return visit to the Barclay pond to see how the tadpoles had developed and what else they could find in our own little ecosystem. We took magnifying glasses to examine some of the samples from our pond-dipping exercise and then were able to examine some of them under a microscope back in the classroom, thanks to the Science department!



BASKETBALL TRIP



ATHLETICS



It was a great first meet for our Year 8 and Year 10 Athletics teams. It was great to see lots of faces considering it was the first week back and with no time for practice. Well done to all that were involved in Wednesday's meet. Some special mentions go to Ava in Year 8 who placed first in the shot-put competition and 2nd in the 1500m. Liam in Year 8 came away with 2nd in Javelin and 3rd in the 1500m. Felicity in Year 8 also did very well, coming 1st in the triple jump. Unathi and Janice in Year 10 came 2nd in the 200m and 100m. Well done boys. Overall, it was a great first meet and look forward to seeing what the athletic season brings. We look forward to seeing the Year 7 and Year 9 next Wednesday. Information has gone out to parents, please check school comms. Athletics club will start on Tuesday 24th of April.

BARCLAY COMMUNITY AWARD

Arianna. D-F has been assisting with canvassing and learning about political engagement outside of school. Experiencing and learning about social issues.

Jason. A, has taken time in the Easter holidays to go litter picking in the local community. Well done Jason!

KARTING CLUB

Whiton Mill: Saturday 13th April - Sunday 14th April 2024

Saturday (Day 1):

Saturday was an excellent day overall this was slightly counteracted by a major engine failure where one of the MSUK motors decided to make a rapid disassembly of itself shoving the connecting rod through the crankcase ruining Henri S's race, literally drove it to destruction, must have been too quick, oh well just the fun of motorsport, we got both drivers in the kart backout on the track by Heat number three, However other than that downer the kart team had a relatively successful day with people pulling in good results and our newest novice Charlie S had his first go out this weekend just gone.

Results Overall (Day 1):

Class 11 (MSUK)(N):

Charlie S (Best lap): 1:02.81

Class 11 MUSK/NatSKA:

Charlie W (NatSKA): 1st ~ (Best lap: 57.39)

Joshua H (MSUK): 1st ~ (Best lap: 58.53)

Henri S (MSUK): 2nd ~ (Best lap: 1:02.49)

Class 12 MUSK/NatSKA:

Oliver J (MSUK): 1st ~ (Best lap: 1:02.99)

Matthew P (NatSKA): 3rd ~ (Best lap: 58.04)

Class 15 (Junior Rotax):

Evan H: 2nd ~ (Best lap: 48.08)



KARTING CLUB

Sunday(Day 2):

Sunday brought more success with a win across three separate racing classes and one win being narrowly missed out due to a five second penalty in Heat 2 class 15 due to track limits. However other than that one minor fault the team had an almighty day controlling each race flawlessly or pushing through the field in a matter of a few laps being aggressive but yet clean and smooth. And also some of the newer drivers are showing improvement over the course of the two days of racing. Mega day for the Barclay Kart Team yet again.

Results Overall (Day 2):

Class 11 (MSUK)(N):

Charlie S (Best lap):

Class 11 MUSK/NatSKA:

Charlie W (NatSKA): 1st ~ (Best lap: 57.21)

Joshua H (MSUK): 1st ~ (Best lap: 59.63)

Henri S (MSUK): 2nd ~ (Best lap: 1:00.59)

Class 12 MUSK/NatSKA:

Oliver J (MSUK): 1st ~ (Best lap: 1:00.55)

Matthew P (NatSKA): 4th ~ (Best lap: 58.39)

Class 15 (Junior Rotax):

Evan H: 2nd ~ (Best lap: 47.89)



Barclay Academy PTA presents

£5 PER
PERSON
ADULTS ONLY

QUIZ NIGHT

BARCLAY SCHOOL
6:30 FOR 7PM START

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2024

TEAMS OF UP TO 8 / CASH BAR WITH DRINKS AND SNACKS
TICKETS ON SCHOOL GATEWAY



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following students for being invited to Feast Thursday with Dr Laban. To celebrate the recent win for the Year 7 Football team, they have won Feast Thursday this week!

Year 7

Drue L 7ZEU2
Annelise S 7ATH1
Beemai W 7APO1
Miller H 7APO1

Year 8

Joseph C 8HER1
Lois W 8APO
Ellie H 8ZEU2

Year 9

Dani L 9APO2
Jedidiah K 9HER2
Shalom C 9HER2
Natalia S 9ZEU1

Year 10

Aron M 10APO2
Ben S 10ZEUS
Dylan W 10APO2

PRE – LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Barclay Academy's Second Hand Uniform Shop opening time is Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

Please email admin@barclay.futureacademies.org to check stock levels with the size, requirements and arrange an appointment, which will be on Wednesday between 1.30-3pm to collect. Anyone that would like to donate old reusable uniform please hand into Reception.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term

Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th June – Year 12 Visit to Krakow, Poland

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