Friern Barnet School Newsletter 'Enjoy and Excel'

Summer 2, 2023

https://www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/



Dear Parent/Carer

This is the end to another academic year. Although everyone is tired and looking forward to a break there has been a lot to celebrate and enjoy over the year. This includes the summer festival that we held on 13 July. This felt like one big happy community event, and I would like to give special thanks to the students and the performing arts team for putting on a great show. A little bit of Glastonbury, including the rain, came to Friern Barnet. We have also had quite a few trips out to celebrate the end of the year.

You will be glad to hear that it looks like there is an end to the teacher strikes. It seems that the Government has accepted the pay rises recommended by the Pay Body and is giving schools more money to fund them. All unions, poised for more strikes in the autumn, seem to be willing to accept this new money.

Term starts again for year 7 students on Tuesday 5 September and all other students on Wednesday 6 September. When we return all students should be in full uniform and have all the necessary equipment. We will remind parents and carers of our expectations as the new term approaches. In the meantime, have a great summer. I look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

I leave you with some words from Emily Bronte:

'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight'

All soft and still and fair;

The solemn hour of midnight

Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere

Simon Horne Head Teacher

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If you require a copy of our newsletter in large print please contact the main office on 020 83682777

Attendance

Attendance matters

Attendance is an incredibly important part of ensuring the continued academic success of our students. We look forward to your continued support.

Here is a reminder about the expectations of attendance for the school year.

Late Arrivals

Parents and carers, we need your help encouraging your child to leave home in sufficient time to ensure that they arrive to school by 8:30am to avoid being late! Students arriving between 8:40am – 9:00am must go to their form class to be registered.

Students arriving after 9:00am

Students arriving after 9:00am will go directly to Student Services to sign in before receiving a late slip.

Arrivals after 9:00am will be classed as unauthorised absences and six in a four week period will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) being issued.

Please Note:

Absences can only be authorised by the school. Calling the school informs us of why your child is absent and the school will decide which code is appropriate. Medical evidence will need to be provided in order to avoid receiving a FPN before or after a school holiday.

Back gate

Please note, the back gate on Crescent Road shuts at 8.40am until the end of the school day. Students who arrive after 8:40am will be asked to walk around to the front entrance on Hemington Avenue.

Monitoring your child's attendance on Firefly

To help you keep track of your child/children's attendance, you can monitor attendance, lates, authorised and unauthorised absences on Firefly.

Attendance procedures

If your child has a cough or a cold, please send them to school with tissues and a water bottle. We will contact home and offer a paracetamol if required.

If your child is sick and unable to attend school, please call student services before 8:45am.

If your child has a medical appointment during the day, please inform student services of the appointment in advance and supply them with a copy of the appointment letter/appointment card. **Missing registration should be avoided.**

Have a wonderful break.

Mr J Robinson, Assistant Head Teacher

Governor Information



Do you want to become involved in your child's school?

If so, have you thought about becoming a school governor?

What do governors do?

Governors are a critical friend who provide strategic leadership to the school, with the overarching aim of ensuring the wellbeing of the students and enabling all of them to achieve to the best of their ability.

Governors are responsible for:

- Developing a vision and strategy for the school
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent
- Holding the school to account to ensure that every student has the best possible education
- Engaging with students, staff, parents and the community to understand their views

There are no specific qualifications or requirements to the role – every governing board needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills, and experiences.

There are several transferrable skills that people have which the board can benefit from, i.e., HR, marketing and public relations, finance or local knowledge.

If anyone is interested in becoming a governor of Friern Barnet School, please email j.canavan@friern.barnet.sch.uk (the clerk to the Governors) for an application form or for more information.

Creative Arts

Tuition



1-1 Instrument Tuition

Thank you to those who have booked for next term. The new timetable will be available outside the music room and added onto Firefly. For more information please contact the Creative Arts office.



LAMDA

If your child is interested in doing LAMDA, please email Mrs Barber at h.barber@friern.barnet.sch.uk for further information.

Creative Arts continued



Follow us on: @friernbarnetschool and @fbs_dance

The Creative Arts Faculty have had a busy and successful year this year.

We decided to put on another Summer Festival, a great time was had by all despite having to move the festival indoors due to the weather. The festival offered a blend of music and dance, with a fantastic array of students showing us their dazzling dance numbers and music skills in the main hall. There was a sense of community, with many members of staff and students coming together to run the stalls. People enjoyed the face painting and henna stalls too.



Creative Arts continued



We also had this years final LAMDA exams, with students entering from Grade 1 up to grade 5. Results are due over the summer, so good luck to all the students who took a grade.

Step Live Festival

Step Live Festival took place on Tuesday 4 July at Cadogan Hall. Dancers across London took to one of London's most prestigious stages for Step Live Festival, an annual celebration of dance.

All of the students that were involved in the performance are part of Step into Dance, a Royal Academy of Dance programme in partnership with the Jack Petchey Foundation.

Our students were fantastic!





English

Read all about it......

FBS TRUMPET



A group of students have come together to create a student newsletter. It provides an opportunity for students to find out about all the activities and fun stuff that goes on at FBS, as well as interesting articles and information. The FBS Trumpet is about celebrating student achievements as well as sharing information about what's going on. We welcome contributions from students in any year group. All you need to do is submit a feature to your English teacher. Enjoy the read! FBS Trumpet — Friern Barnet School (fireflycloud.net)

Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Challenge 2023



The Reading Agency and Barnet Libraries, in collaboration with the Youth Sport Trust, are excited to introduce Ready, Set, Readl Summer Reading Challenge 2023 This year, we are celebrating sport, play, and physical activity through reading, and we invite you to encourage your students to take part.

Combining free access to books at local libraries with a programme of events to take part in during the summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge is the perfect way to support your students' learning and remedy the reading 'dip' during the holidays.

Surveys showed that for children who took part in 2022:

- 77% read more over the summer holidays
 75% improved their reading skills
 71% felt more confident about their reading

How it works:

Children aged 4 to 12 can sign up at any Barnet library from **Saturday 8 July** and throughout the summer holidays.

They will need to borrow and read 6 books from the library to participate in the challenge. Every book they read will take them to the next level on their way to becoming a reading champion!

Reading eBooks via the <u>Libby app</u> or listening to eAudiobooks on the <u>Borrowbox app</u> also counts towards the challenge.

Summer Reading Challenge for Year 7 students

Events | Barnet Council

During staffed hours at the library, children will collect stickers and rewards on their reading journey. When they reach the finish line, they will receive a special certificate and a winner's medal.

Next steps:

- . All primary schools will receive an email from us with information templates for their emails and newsletters. They will also receive details about our virtual assembly and a powerpoint presentation for their own use.
- . Schools can also inform their parents and carers about our newsletter for families. This is the best way to keep up to date about all our services including exciting new books, events, and the latest news about the
- Schools and families can also keep up to date with the challenge and summer activities via our website, and they can follow us on Twitter and Facebook

For more information, contact Barnet Libraries at SRC@barnet.gov.uk

Resources Request

From September, Year 9 pupils will be designing and making cross-body bags using recycled clothing, particularly denim, workwear clothing and jackets. The material in these items of clothing are usually tough and hardwearing, making them suitable for transformation into bags. Belts and ties will also be used to make the straps.

If you are having a clear out and can donate any items of clothing that are made from denim-style, corduroy or other hard wearing fabric, or old ties & belts, I will happily take them off your hands.

Please contact Mrs Snowball (a.snowball@friern.barnet.sch.uk) if you can help in any way





This project was inspired by a trip to Camden Market. Pupils will be making bags similar to the ones below







Cargo pocket used for the front and 2 ties use for the sides and handle

LRC

LGBT Drawing Competition!!

Congratulations to Daniela, Year 9, who won the Pride drawing competition.

We are running a drawing, painting or mixed media competition on any aspect of LGBT as part of Pride Month.

The winning drawing will be shown in the FBS newsletter and displayed in the LRC.

A cash prize will also be included!

All entries should be handed in to Ms Paul in the LRC by 30th June



Summer student activity

Have a go at the following activities, students who can prove they have finished some of the activities will win a prize. Good luck!!

Ms Paul, LRC Manager

Student Reading Activity

Roll a dice and complete an activity in one of the boxes next to the number rolled. Cross out each activity after you complete it. If no dice are available, write numbers 1-6 on small strips of paper. Then place them in a bowl. Pull out the papers one at a time and complete an activity on the board. Put each number back in the bowl until you have pulled it out 3 times and completed all the activities on that row.

Can you complete all the activities?					
•	Read a mystery novel and stop halfway through to make a prediction about the ending	Read an AR book that also has a movie version and then watch the movie	Read a funny AR book		
••	Read a book about a person who has your dream job	Read a book about a food you have never eaten	Read a book about your favorite thing to do in the summer		
•••	Read a book about sports	Read a book about animals	Read a book to a family member		
••	Read a book while eating your favorite snack	Read a book outside	Read a book with an interesting cover		
**	Read with a flashlight	Read a book about a fantasy world	Read a book with a one-word title		
•••	Read a scary story or mystery	Read a book about summer	Read a book about a person who changed the world		

The Guardian Foundation



A group of students from Years 7 to 10 attended a very exciting onsite workshop called 'Behind the headlines' at the Guardian newspaper in July. Students attended a two-hour workshop where they gained an insight into what it is like to work at a national news organisation. Students joined a workshop called 'Fake or Real' where they wrote and produced fake or real presentations. They also learned about the Guardian and its history, and imagined and planned what news might look like in the future.



Mathematics





Congratulations to Nathan (8A), Conor (8B) and Ollie (7D) who achieved a Gold Award in the recent UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. Nathan has also earned a place in the Junior Kangaroo 2023 follow-on round on the 14 June.

Also, congratulations to the Silver Award winners who were Davide (8E), Abdullah (8B), Emma (8C), Zhenya (7B), Baqer (7D), Maggie (7A), Ali (7A) and Rayan (7D).

Further congratulations to the Bronze Award winners who were Taliyah (7E), Avantika (7B), Ihsan (7F), Martin (7D), Hudson (7F), Corrina (7E), Brian (7D), Cleo (7A), Maya (7E), Kiara (7F), Thomas (7B), Mathilda (7B), Lewis (7E), Jaden (7D) Leonardo (8C), Callum (8A), Olivia (8A), Albert (8C), Farman (8B), Maksym (8E), Kamelia (8C), Chloe (8C), Miraj (8E), Murad (8B), Paulina (8B) and Zara (8A).

This is a huge achievement for all of them, their families and the school.

STEM

Industrial Bronze Project

We had two Year 9 teams take part in a STEM project and the celebration event took place on 28 June at London Bridge, hosted by Jacobs.

Over 12 weeks students have had to show resilience, communication, time management skills and the ability to complete their own research.

At the event they showcased their projects to the other schools with the day ending with a prize giving.

Well done to both teams.

Team 1: Evie, Lyra, Mai, Rosie E, Lily, Cemre

Team 2: Graeme, Sindi, Evin, Orges, Zahir, Sumaya

Awards were given to Team 2, they came second and picked up the Innovation Award and were also chosen by their

peers for the Peoples Choice Award.







SHURE Competition

Our talented students, Tara (7A) and Abdullah (8B), have emerged as the winners of SHURE Competition! This prestigious event challenged participants to utilise microbits for coding, experimenting, and exploring new innovation.

Tara and Abdullah's remarkable achievement not only showcases their exceptional talent and dedication but also brings immense pride to our school. Well done!

Resilient Schools Information

Looking after your mental health through the school holidays:

Remember to download the **Kooth** app onto your phone if you need online support

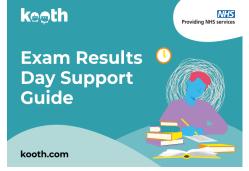
- 1. If you or someone you know is struggling, then please speak to an adult and/or book an appointment with your GP. Remember it is OK to not be OK, it is not a sign of weakness! Ask for help.
- 2. You can also access lots of support via Firefly, go to Resources on Firefly => Resilient Schools => Mental Health Support
- 3. Take a look at our school website for support with mental health and wellbeing: <u>Support for Mental Health and Wellbeing Friern Barnet</u> (leaflet can be found in different languages)

Stay safe and know that there is lots of support available if you need it.



The holiday period can be difficult for some. If you need support during the summer break, or if someone you know needs extra mental wellbeing support during the holiday season Kooth is still available.

Go to <u>kooth.com</u> to chat to a practitioner today or to find out more about support.



Kooth exam results day support brochure 2022.pdf - Google Drive

Wellbeing for parents/carers



Guidance for parents



Keeping your child safe online

Please refer to our school website where parents can access useful websites on how to keep your child safe:

E-Safety - Keeping your child safe - Friern Barnet

Sports Day

We were at New River Stadium on 15 June, in the sunshine, for this year's Sports Day. Students took part in football, sprint races, relays, long jump, high jump, javelin and shot putt.



The day was a wonderful mixture of competition and fun.

Barnet Athletics Championships

On 5 July we took 45 students to the Barnet Athletics Championships at the StoneX Stadium. This is an annual event where all 30 schools in Barnet attend, bringing only their best athletes. Our students preformed brilliantly and well done to the following students who produced some truly special performances:

<u>Year 7</u> Kiara - 4 th in 100m sprint	<u>Year 9</u> Rene - silver in 100m sprint	<u>Year 10</u> Zailia - bronze in 200 sprint	<u>Relay</u> Y9 boys - silver
Year 8	Hayato - 4 th in 300m sprint	Liza - gold in the shot put	Y9 girls - bronze
Nazar - 4 th in the long jump	Darshan - silver in the javelin	Liza - silver in the discus	Y10 girls - bronze
Pedro - 4th in 100m sprint	Troy - gold in the long jump	Wisdom - gold in the long jump	
Hannah - (top 5) in shot	Evie - silver in the triple jump	Krysiah - gold in the long triple	
	Rene - (top 5) in long jump	Daniel - 6th in the 100m sprint	
	Zahir - silver (joint) in high jump		
	(entered in Year 10 competition)		

High Achievers Awards for Summer 2023



		Art					
Corrina	Megan	Wiktoria	Elasia				
7E	8C	9F	10C				
	Business						
			Rejana				
			10F				
	Com	nuting	101				
Maggie	Computing Maggie Khalia Graeme						
7A	8C	9B					
//	80	Computer Science					
		Computer Science	Burak				
			10A				
	Da	ance					
Jazzy	Ana	Cienna	Jacob				
7C	8C	9A	10E				
	Design and	d Technology					
Lai	Andreea	Maisie	Carmen				
7C	8E	9E	10D				
		ama					
Ishani	Ashley	Deimantas	Emily				
7D	, 8A	9C	, 10A				
		glish	-3				
Georgia	Serxho	Lily	Leo				
	8D	, 9F					
7D			10B				
	Film	Studies					
			Maya				
			10D				
		ench					
Raha	Sidem	Andreia Maise	Alex				
7A	8C	9A	10A				
	Geography						
Leilani	Emma	Cole	Farhaan				
7B	8C	9B	10D				
	His	story					
Nahayat	Nirvana	Caiden	Luca				
7F	8C	9В	10F				
	Learnin	g Support					
Josh	Christos	James	Kara				
7F	8D	9E	10C				
		ematics	200				
Rayan	Kamelia	Rosie	Maya				
7D	8C	9E	10A				
	Media Studies						
			Natalia				
			10F				
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High Achievers Awards for Summer 2023



		Music			
Cleo	Conor	Denys	Kaan		
7A	8B	9A	10A		
PE					
Ava	Chloe	Tuana	Olivia		
7E	8C	9B	10F		
Mohamed	Miraj	Andrii	Tobias		
7E	8E	9E	10A		
	Religio	ous Studies			
Ali	Leonardo	Lyra	Nikodem		
7A	8C	9B	10F		
	S	cience			
Kiara	David	Mai			
7F	8E	9A			
Combined Science					
			Matteo		
			10D		
	В	iology			
			Katie		
			10B		
	C	Chemistry			
			Jenny		
			10E		
	Physics				
			Krysiah		
			10C		
		panish			
Ruby	Niah	Diljin	Youssef		
7F	8F	9D	10F		

Useful information

School Shop

Parents/carers can buy revision guides, stationery items, tickets for school shows, and school ties on our School Shop.

Please click on the link for further information: School Shop



Useful information continued



We use the Firefly Parent Portal to inform parents /carers about their child's learning, progress and achievements. We are expecting all our parents to activate an account so that they can access a range of information which will keep them updated on essential matters about school.

Firefly allows Parents to:

- View your child's electronic school report
- View your child's timetable including their current and next lessons
- View your child's home learning
- Keep your personal contact details up to date

Please click on the link for further information on how to activate your Firefly account:

Firefly Parent Portal - Friern Barnet

Canteen

The canteen is open at the following times:

Breakfast: 8.15am – 8.40am **Break**: 11.00am – 11.20am

Lunch: Key Stage 3: 12.20pm - 12.55pm and Key Stage 4: 1.20pm - 1.55pm

Topping up lunch accounts - school dinner money needs to be added via ParentPay before 10.30am to allow students to be able to buy lunch on the same day. We recommend topping up over the weekend as ParentPay can be busy on Monday mornings sometimes causing delays with payments. You can also set up a free email alert: Click on the link for further information (follow instructions for free email alerts as text message alerts are charged at 6p each): https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4410756555025-How-to-set-alerts#how-to-set-alerts-0-0

Just a reminder, when making payments can we ask you not to use the 'Bank Transfer' payment method as this can take up to 7 days to clear which then delays money going onto your child's lunch account. The best way is to add money to the basket and check out using either 'Visa' or 'Other Payment Methods'. Click on the link below for further information: https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4410737893649-How-to-pay-with-credit-or-debit-card

Daily spend limit— there is a default daily spend limit of £3.50 and no food costing above that limit can be bought. This limit can only be changed by emailing school@friern.barnet.sch.uk

Students on Free School Meals can spend up to £2.55 a day. Parents/Carers are welcome to top up their lunch accounts.

Help - if your child needs help with their pin code, finger print or they have been told they do not have sufficient funds on their account, please remind them to come to the main office so we can help them as we do not want anyone to go hungry.

Celebration events

Jack Petchey Achievement Award celebration

The Jack Petchey Achievement Awards are all about celebrating young people's achievements – however big or small.

Congratulations to Joseph, Violet and Kamelia who were awarded a Jack Petchey Achievement Award at the artsdepot on 4 July.









Year 11 Prize Giving

We had our Year 11 Prize Giving on 11 May, well done to all the winners!



News and events continued

Trips

Some of the trips students have been on this term.

Wicked

We arranged a trip for EAP students to see a performance of Wicked on Tuesday 11 July 2023.



Year 10 reward trip to Babylon Park on 18 July



Ski trip

During the Easter break, 47 students and 5 staff travelled by coach to Passo Tonale Milano, in Italy, for 5 days of skiing and sampled the delights of Italian hospitality and culture. It was an incredible experience and everyone brought back some wonderful memories.



Year 11 Prom

Prom was held at Forty Hall on 20 June and students joined us to celebrate the end of year exams and making it through to the end of their time at FBS. The evening started at 6.30pm with photographs and buffet. Later students and staff headed to the dance floor to enjoy the music. There was lots of glitz, glamour and fun—an evening to remember!

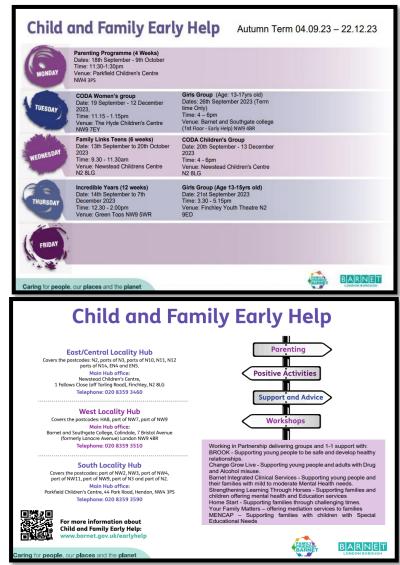












Activities during the summer holidays

BACE Holidays stands for Barnet. Active. Creative. Engaging. Holidays!

Click on the link to view their brochure:

Barnet 0-19 Early Help Service - BACE Holidays









Summer of Spurs returns! Free football and multi-sport activities on offer throughout the school holidays (tottenhamhotspur.com)

A big thank you from Friern Barnet School

We would like to say thank you to Minka from Floralika florists for the beautiful flowers she provides to FBS throughout the year.







OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 20 September 2023

For students transferring to Year 7 in September 2024 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Head Teacher talks at 5.45pm and 6.45pm

(Last admission at 7:30pm)

We are a small, inclusive, mixed comprehensive school.

Our high expectations for academic success coupled with our strength in performing and visual arts enable students to develop a love of learning, leading to fulfilled personal and social lives.

Come along to see and feel our unique blend of strengths and qualities.

Car access and parking via Crescent Road entrance only.

There is no entrance to the school via Hemington Avenue.

Tel: 020 8368 2777 | school@friern.barnet.sch.uk

HEAD TEACHER: MR S HORNE | HEMINGTON AVENUE | LONDON | N11 3LS

To purchase a locker for the school year, please click the link: www.locker.rentals



Reminders and notices

Dates to Remember

Thursday 24 August GCSE Results Day, refer to the website for further information

Monday 4 September Staff Development Day

Tuesday 5 September Year 7 students start school and Year 11 Kick Start meetings

Wednesday 6 September All students in for the start of the autumn term

Wednesday 13 September Years 7 and 10 individual school photographs

Wednesday 20 September Open Evening

Monday 25 September Flu vaccinations

Monday 23 - Friday 26 October Half term holidays

Tuesday 31 October Year 11 group photograph
Wednesday 22 November Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20 December Last day of the autumn term

Thursday 21 December Staff Development Day

Please click on the link for term dates: link

From Student Services

Absence

Please report your child's absence each day by 8.45am, clearly stating their name, form class and reason for absence. You can either call 020 8368 2777 and press Option 1 'To report your child absent' or email: attendance@friern.barnet.sch.uk

For medical or other appointments during the school day, notification is required **in advance**. Routine appointments/check-ups should be made out of school hours wherever possible.

Non-medical absences

Permission for all non-medical absences must be authorised by Mr Robinson, Assistant Head Teacher. Please fill in a leave of absence form and email it, in advance, to school@friern.barnet.sch.uk

Hemington Avenue

Reminder if you are dropping off or collecting your child by car please use the back entrance on Crescent Road. Only use Hemington Avenue if you are on foot.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that students are not allowed to use their mobile phones whilst at school. Thank you for your support with this clear school rule.



Wishing you a restful break.

Contact Details

Please let us know by emailing school@friern.barnet.sch.uk if you have changed any contact details or moved house as soon as possible.

ParentPay contact details

If your mobile number or email address has changed, please up date your details on ParentPay so you do not miss out on any important information.

Follow FBS on Twitter and Instagram



