



Welcome to the first digital Barlby Bulletin.

To allow the school to keep parents and carers more informed, we will update this bulletin each half term.

We intend to use this newsletter to share important information and updates, but also some of the highlights of what staff and students have been working on.

It has been a pleasure to meet with so many parents and carers this half term and we look forward to speaking to you as the year unfolds.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the activities taking place within the school and hope you have a restful half term.

Mrs Gardner
Headteacher



New staff at Barlby

This term we have welcomed
Ms Gill - Pastoral Lead
Mrs Sanderson - Maths Teacher
Mrs C Apopoz - Science Teacher
Ms S Rickard - Behaviour Manager

After half term, we are welcoming
Mr T Cartmail - Maths Teacher
Miss A Hurdle - Science Technician

Student Leadership Update

LGBTQ+ Ambassadors

The School LGBTQ+ Ambassadors organised and delivered an amazing assembly to all students. This assembly focused on understanding the history of the LGBTQ+ movement. The students also used this as an opportunity to promote their after school club and the work that they are doing around the school.



The Student Leadership groups will be coming together after half term to discuss a range of ideas and plans for the school. These groups will be another opportunity for us to gather student voice.

Extra curricular clubs

The current extra curricular activities on offer are on the website;
<https://bhs.hslt.academy/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Barlby-High-School-Extra-Curricular-Activities-Spring-Term.pdf>

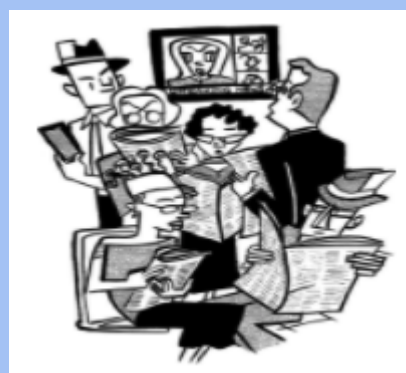
Next half term we will be introducing two new after school clubs:

Basketball Club - Dates and Times to be confirmed.
This club will be available for KS3 and KS4 students.

Media Circle

KS3 students are invited to become a reporter and critique media with the hope to create a Barlby Gazette.

This will be held each Tuesday 3pm-4:15pm in the Library.



Year 11 Info

Second Mocks to be held
14/3/22 - 25/3/22

Year 11 Study Launch Evening for all
Parent/Carers of Yr 11
Thursday 3/3/22 4.40pm start

Exams Update
Drama Exam 09/03/22
Summer exams 16/05/22 - 29/06/22

A prom committee meeting is planned for after half term, year 11 students to speak to Mrs Bramhill if they are interested in getting involved.



School Improvements

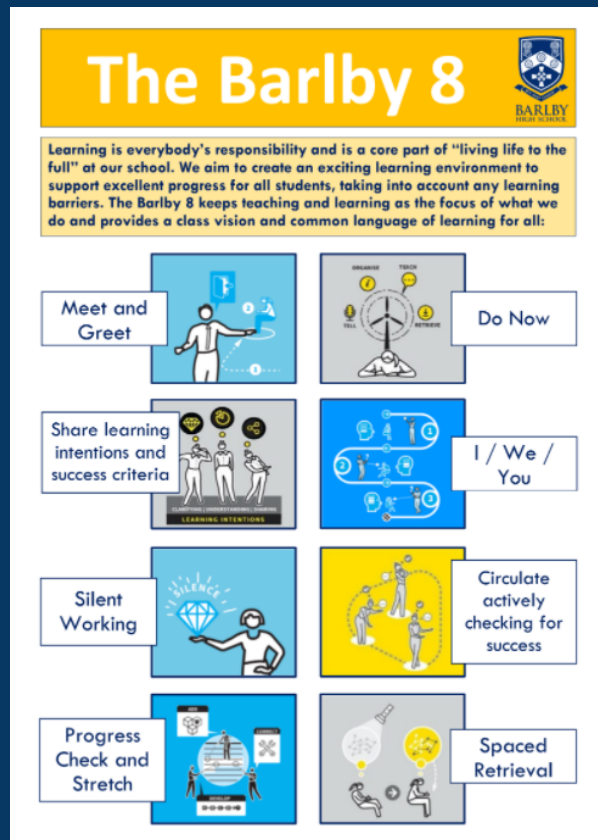
MFL peer review 8th March 2022. The focus will be on sequencing the curriculum and writing assessments.

Art peer review TBC March 2022. The review will focus on sequencing of the curriculum and Year 11 project based assessments.

Staff will continue to work on developing our new feedback model, with the next session taking place on the 23rd March.

Teaching staff have worked together to produce a structure to support teaching and learning in the classroom. This has been shared with students and is used throughout lessons. As we progress through the year we will continue to identify staff strengths and developments in these areas and support staff improvement, where needed.

We are launching a new behaviour model after half term.



Students have been voting on reward trip ideas in form time this week.

The reward event is being planned for the end of next half term, before the Easter break.

What will it be?

Trampolining, Bowling or a film afternoon are all being voted for

Things to celebrate



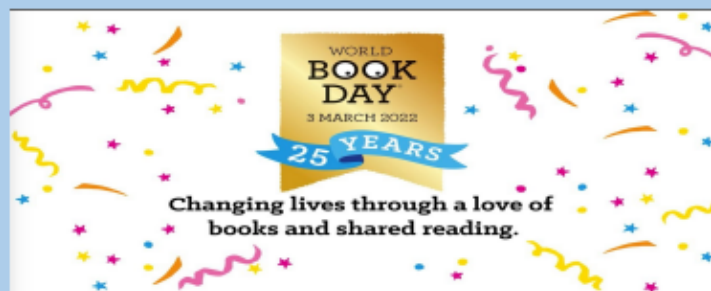
It's all happening in the library this month in prep for World Book Day

Harry Potter Event on 3rd February





To Celebrate 25 Years of
World Book Day
we are collecting books for
The Banana Box Project (Selby).
If you would like to donate books that
you have outgrown or no longer read
please bring them to the school library
between
14th February — 3rd March 2022



A Busy Start for Barlby Taster Menu

For me it has been a very exciting start to the Year 5 events at Barlby High School. Our primary schools have sent some brilliant talented and amazing Year 5s to join us at our fabulous events since September. So far our Year 5s from our feeder primary schools have worked with a huge number of Barlby High staff in a number of different subjects.

Our first event of the year took place in October and was an amazing maths and IC

T workshop where Year 5s explored shapes and patterns in maths followed by a coding exercise in ICT. Who knows? Maybe the next Steve Jobs or Stephen Hawkings were amongst the learners.



In November we enjoyed a Literacy and Drama day where the students created ghost stories and performed them in the school hall in the afternoon. Very creepy indeed. I haven't slept since!

Our latest event was the amazing

Franco-Fun Day where a group of year 5s with a particular interest in French and French culture joined us for an immersive and vibrant day. In the morning they ordered from and tried food from a French menu and actually made their own French cuisine (Croque monsieur) with our amazing Food technology team. I must say the aromas and hustle-bustle brought back memories of the Parisian streets. In the afternoon the MFL team taught the students French poetry and



nursery rhymes, a number of songs and played an amazing French bingo game. Our next event in April will be a Creative extravaganza where our Year 5s will experience technology and tools to create a keyring to remind them of their time with us. I very much look forward to seeing them all again soon.

Mr Rinaldi

Teacher Achievements

Louise Fillingham, Teacher of History, has been accepted onto the highly competitive TRACTION Teacher Fellowship scheme, funded by the University of Oxford's European Research Council.

This online programme of training and professional development provides research informed approaches to the teaching of race, belonging, migration and empire in secondary schools. TRACTION aims to build a teaching and learning community that can support the continued professional development of teachers. Fellows will be key research participants in the TRACTION project and vital members of the TRACTION community drawing upon their learning to act as ambassadors in the development of the platform. Fellows are encouraged to share teaching resources developed from their work on TRACTION and will be collaborating actively with other Fellows, stakeholders, Oxford academics and advisors. She is very excited to be taking part!



ISSP MASTERCLASS - SUCCESS!

Megan Hardcastle, English Teacher at Barlby High School, has been chosen to lead some of this year's Independent State School Partnership (ISSP) masterclasses.

Barlby School Enterprise Club



After learning about the significant impact plastic waste has on the environment, Barlby School Enterprise club are collecting and transforming plastic bottle tops into saleable products such as keyrings, coasters and clocks. They are using a plastic called HDPE, or high-density polyethylene, the plastic commonly used in milk bottles, bottle lids and shampoo bottles.

Please support them in their plea to help reduce plastic by collecting plastic bottle lids for the club to make things such as the clock in the photo.

Enterprise club have also been busy designing keyrings which they will be selling for school funds after the half term.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

As part of their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering Hector and Lydia have been helping to turn a small piece of unloved, unwanted land back into something useful. In three weeks, we have managed to pick up and clear a lot of rubbish, cut down a lot of brambles, mow the grass and start to clean the fencing.

Before.....



After.....



Next up more clearing, fence cleaning and wall painting before deciding what to use this space for.



Miss Hardcastle and the English Department ran a fantastic competition before Christmas, giving students the opportunity (if successful) to become young published authors.

'Twisted Tales' challenged students to flip the narrative and give villains a voice... telling their point of view in just 100 words. Bad guys get a lot of negative press, but are they really all evil? How much of our understanding of a story changes if we change the point of view? The competition inspired students in new ways, encouraging creativity and empathy in their writing.

Out of over 19,000 entries 16 of our students have been successful - meaning, their stories will be featured in the Young Writers Award's upcoming book. These students include:

Year 7: Rebecca Guest, Neve McDonagh, Courtney Blanchard, Isabella Brocklesby, Lincoln Winter, Herbie Starford, Esmee Crowther, Oscar Cooper, Mia Beeforth, Isabelle Carmichael, Rafferty Patrick.

Year 8: Carlos Ma, Harriet Patrick

Year 9: Oliver Bramhill, Lilia Greenwood

Year 10: Ella Pollitt

Other students who entered and were not successful are also busy redrafting and resubmitting, so that they have the chance to be published too. The English Department is extremely proud of these students and wants to encourage more to sign up to the next competition - there are exciting things to come...



High School Musical

The High School Musical production was a huge success. Thank you to all parents/carers, students and staff who enabled this production to go ahead. It was very popular this year with a production cast of 40 students and over the 2 nights over 250 tickets were sold. Thank you to everyone who came along!



Cast

Troy Bolton: Izzy Brown, **Gabriella Montez:** Charlotte Richardson, **Ryan Evans:** Charly Brown, **Sharpay Evans:** Elsie McLeod, **Chad Danforth:** Ella Pollitt, **Taylor McKessie:** Olivia Burnett, **Jack Scott:** Zac Bruton, **Kelsi Nielsen:** Thora Elston, **Zeke Baylor:** Hayden Winter, **Martha Cox:** Neve McDonagh, **Ms Darbus:** Freya McKeating, **Coach Bolton:** Josh Maddison, **Brainiacs:** Carlos Ma, Daniel Pickard, Courtney Blanchard, Natasha Burnett, Annie Greenwood, **Jocks:** Robyn Chambers, Elsie Bugg, Melissa Brisbane, Izzy Bradley, AJ Leng, Ruby Duffy, Olivia Wood, Megan Gill, Oliwia Jablonska, **Cheerleaders:** Eleanor Braithwaite, Amy Carter, Harriet Clewley, Phoebe Hart, Imogen Larard, Harriet Patrick, Roseanna Uttley, Laura-Rose McKie, **Thespians:** Eden Allison, Lily Lewis, Lily Torkington, Emily Farr, Lincoln Winter, Anabelle Taylor, Isabelle Carmichael, **Stage crew:** Aby Ayres, Natasha Fieldsend, Oliver Carmichael, Henry Farr, Toy Kelly, Rafferty Patrick, Harry Green.

Set: Mr Hamilton and Mrs Cressey, **Director:** Miss Horsley, **Assistant Directors:** Miss Hardcastle and Mr Redhead.

Key Dates

Monday 28th February	- Teacher Training Day
Thursday 3rd March	- Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening
Monday 7th March	- Year 11 group photo
W/c 14th March	- Year 11 Mocks
Wednesday 16th March	- Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening
Tuesday 29th March	- Year 8 Parent/Carer Evening
Thursday 31st March	- Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening

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