

# BEP NEWSLETTER

2nd edition

*Barnfield Education—educating the future today*

**March, 2016**

## Welcome message

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the second edition of BEP Newsletter—a publication of Barnfield education project. This edition as well as this month is very important particularly, as it carries the news of Barnfield Hub 2nd Anniversary and of course, the birth of BEP education project. It was during the 1st anniversary of Barnfield Hub that parents and Barnfield residents showed an overwhelming interest in the education of their children as they trooped into the then UCAN education stand to register their children. This increasing demand from Barnfield residents and the entire community provided a springboard to what we have today as BEP education. The partnership between Friends of Barnfield (FOB) and BEP in the provision of Barnfield Hub for education purposes specifically the Saturday school has been amazing and very positive—Thank you very much Friends of Barnfield!

BEP congratulates the management of FOB for working effectively with Barnfield Big Local, The Royal Borough of Greenwich and other external partners to bring about transformation to Barnfield estate and the lives of young people in Barnfield. We wish you a happy 2nd Year anniversary. I would also like to congratulate Joel for winning the world book day challenge and getting his nominated book "Noughts and Crosses" published in this edition as a reward for his hard work. At BEP we encourage children to expand their knowledge by reading extensively. It's really interesting to see children getting so involve in book reviews. A big thank you to all secondary students who took part in the challenge.

This year, with current changes to the National Curriculum in both Primary and Secondary school, it will be academically challenging to all students. From the replacement of levels with scores in Primary school to the changes in Secondary Curriculum, it is very clear that students will need sufficient out of school support in order to cope effectively with these changes and perform well in exams. To provide more information on this and how BEP planned to support students in primary and secondary school, we are inviting ALL parents to attend our parents' evening on the 12th March 2016 at 12:30pm. It will be appreciated if you could attend this meeting. Once again, happy celebration to Friends of Barnfield.

*From BEP Co-ordinator.*

## Our success so far

The success of this provision so far has surpassed expectations. Working in partnership with mainstream schools to track student's performance is paying dividend. This is evident as one of our secondary students won a Gold Certificate at the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge Competition in 2015 and was asked by his mainstream school Maths teacher to present the Gold Certificate to our Saturday school in recognition of his progress and achievement since attending the provision.



**BEP location— Barnfield Hub**

## Parents Evening.

Parents' evening will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00. All parents are invited to attend.

## Easter Break/Booster classes.

Saturday School will close on 19<sup>th</sup> March and will resume on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**SATs 2016 Booster classes**  
**Wed 6th & Fri 8th April from 10am—12noon**

## Barnfield Hub 2nd Anniversary

The Friends of Barnfield will be Celebrating Barnfield Hub 2nd Anniversary on the 26th March 2016. There will be stalls, food, music and craft activities. Please submit your interest to hire a table.

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## Important information to parents

### Attendance

Please be reminded that once your child register with us, they are expected to attend Saturday school every weekend. You will still be charged if your child is absent, however we may discretionary waver the contribution if your child is off due to illness, this will be assess on a case by case basis. Unauthorised absence is not permitted in any form; if your child is not able to attend for any reason including sickness please, ring the school office and report your son/ daughter's absence. Regarding punctuality, BEP takes punctuality very seriously, therefore; we are appealing to all parents to remind their children to get to class on time, classes starts 10:00am prompt!

Recently, we've noticed that some students attend Saturday school without their notebooks and pencil case; this is not acceptable! Your child must come to school with correct equipment. Primary students must bring the recommended textbooks plus notebooks and a complete pencil case—parents should endeavour to provide all necessary resources to their children.

### Reporting absence

To report your child's absence by calling of emailing the contacts above, please make sure you leave a message by 9:30am, we require (i) Child's name (ii) Child's year group (iii) Reason for absence

### Contact details

Please ensure we have the correct contact details for you in case we need to contact in case of an emergency.

The name of parent/carer

The address where the child is staying

Full contact details for the adult responsible for your child.

### Keeping us informed of child progress

Please ensure that we have you child latest school report on file so we can give your child full support to help them improve in their school work and grades.

### Bravo to BEP! We have a new fancy WEBSITE

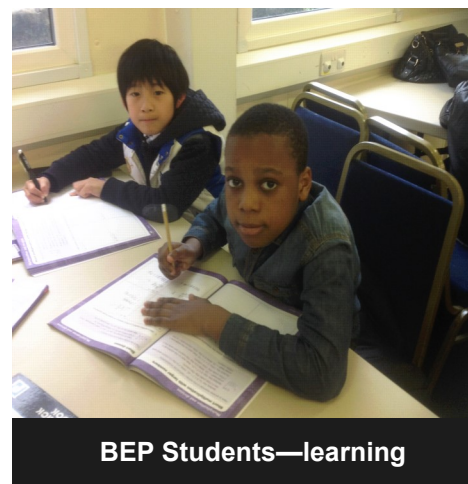
designed by our talented in-house team, after months of working extremely to design a website that sets the standard in the industry, we are proud to announce that we have branded and launched our new website!

After some careful research and taking into consideration the feedback that we had received from parents, we set about planning to build our new website. The site has been designed with the visitor flow in mind, ensuring that it's easy to navigate around for teachers, parents and students alike.

Deon Parent *"When I was asked to build the website my vision was to create a website that is simple yet iconic and unforgettable. I really feel that we have achieved this with this stunning, easy to use, functional website".*

The site will also be getting even more incredible over the coming months so watch this space!

***The new website has facilities for teachers and student to communicate homework, peer to peer interaction and lots more, please login and check out Microsoft Office 365, you will be amaze!***



### Bank Details

**Account Name: Barnfield Education**

**Ltd Bank Name: Barclays Bank**

**Account number: 20430242**

**Sort code: 202963**

### Payment reference:

please quote your child's name.



## Secondary Section

*We will be running Easter revision sessions, GCSE and A-Level exams preparatory classes prior to summer exams. Watch out for dates!*

### **Nominated book for World Book Day is: Noughts and Crosses.**

Noughts and Crosses is an award winning non-fiction dystopian novel that portrays the reversed roles of racial discrimination in the 1950s America. However, the discrimination in the book was hyperbolized for a far more edgy and disturbing demeanor.

The white people in this story are subbed nought due to the lack of colour/melanin in their skin given that nought means zero. These people were slaves to the Crosses (black people, who are subbed crosses due to the word cross being the opposite of nought) due to their low population and inferiority to the Crosses. The height of the Crosses in the economy causes a war between the Liberation Militia, a Nought terrorist group, and the Cross Government. As the conflict between the two races intensifies so does the act of violence by the terrorist against the rich crosses.

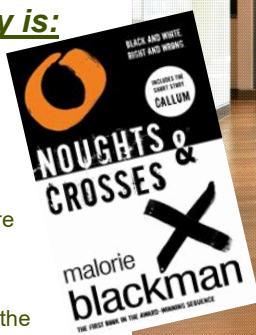
In this book a pale skin male by the name of Callum McGregor falls for his dark skin childhood friend, Persephone Hadley, who happens to be the Prime Minister's daughter. With their families being the complete opposite they find it hard to see each other. However, discrimination and the pressure from the Government will not stop them because their bond is unbreakable.

This novel was written to address the preconceptions that exist in society regarding race, this is based on the fact that as majority members of society there are issues that are not seen because they may not necessarily be seen as important and that's the reason the author turned the table by representing a race that is seen as inferior by the current society as the prominent race in the novel.

I wouldn't recommend this book for people below the age of 13 because of certain contents. Personally I found this novel intriguing as the representation of the different races in the novel has given me the opportunity to look at issues from a perspective that I might not have done before, a real eye opener.

Apart from that enjoy the noughts and crosses series whilst you still can as it is an interesting book and you can learn a lot about society.

**Written by Joel—BEP Student**



## Primary Section

**In order to provide effective and efficient teaching to your child, we strongly recommend Scholastic National Curriculum practice book for Math & English.**

### SATs test 2016

As you may be aware, there have been national changes to the end of year assessments for KS1 and KS2. We no longer use levels as a measure of pupil progress. Instead, the children will receive a score out of 100 for each subject.

For KS2, the tests start early May and KS1 will complete the tests during the month of May. At the end of Year 6, children will sit test in: Reading, Maths, Spelling, punctuation and grammar. These tests will be both set and marked externally, and the results will be used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment. Children will sit three papers in Maths. Paper 1: Arithmetic, 30 minutes, Paper 2 & 3: Reasoning, 40 minutes per paper.

Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types. E.g. Multiple choice, true or false etc.

We will be providing booster classes for children over the Easter period to ensure they are ready for these tests. You can help your child by:

- Making sure they read every day at home.
- Make sure they attend booster classes.
- Make sure they complete any homework set.
- Make sure they attend Saturday school every week.

## BEP parents association

### The concept of P.A.S.S. (Parents Accountable for students' success)

This initiative will enable parents to get involve in their children's learning. By making sure that all parents provide all resources and equipment needed by their children for learning. Members of PASS visit the school on Saturday during lesson to see how learning takes place. They are responsible for spreading the news and supporting other parents who are not supportive of their children's education.

### The use of inter-generational approach

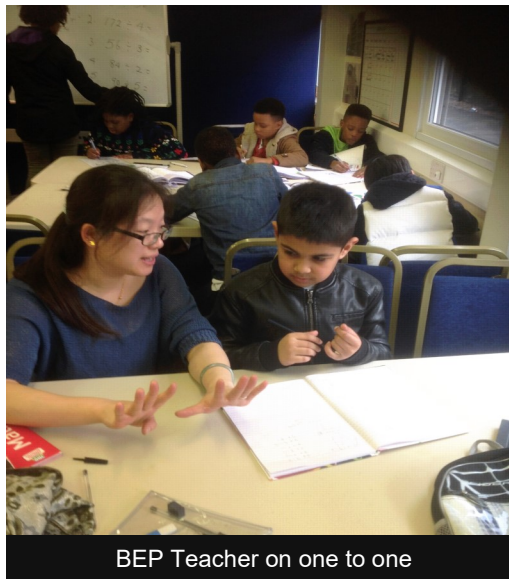
This initiative help parents to learn some basic computer skills from our most able students. Students who are bright with excellent IT and computer skills are selected to teach parents. Students are not allocated to teach their biological parents but other parents to ensure inter-transfer of knowledge from one generation to another. The parents will also have the opportunity of teaching the students some key skills. For example, vocational skills like cooking and baking. We focus on these two skills for now.

If your child is attending our Saturday school, we strongly encourage you to join BEP parents association.

For more information on joining please contact us by phone, by email or come to the school office on Saturday and talk to the admin officer.



BEP students in class learning



BEP Teacher on one to one

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services

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