

SPRING TERM

Senior Leadership Message

This edition: Ms Qureshi, Associate Headteacher

Happy New Year to all our parents and carers.

Welcome to the first edition of our weekly newsletter which is intended to engage all our parents and community with a brief update on school life. This is supplementary to the news features on our website.

Barnhill staff began 2026 with valuable training focused on maximising learning in the classroom and strengthening both our curriculum and pastoral plans, all with the aim of raising achievement across every aspect of school life. As students returned to school on Tuesday, there was a real sense of energy and positivity around the school, bringing with them enthusiasm, excitement and a readiness to learn.

This term, lessons and assemblies will share a common theme of *'Learning like Champions'*. Students will be encouraged to reflect on the importance of a growth mindset and the value of continuous improvement, helping them to unlock their potential and strive to be the very best versions of themselves. Our teachers continue to create an inspiring and nurturing environment where your children can thrive, feel challenged and, most importantly, enjoy their learning.

Barnhill, groundbreaking research at CERN!

We are proud to share that Barnhill's Curriculum Leader of Science, **Ms Indra Ponnuraj** was one of 29 teachers across the United Kingdom to be selected to visit CERN in Switzerland this year, a testament to her commitment and passion for research in Physics to help us improve the world.

CERN is an international organisation established for the purpose of collaborative research into high-energy particles, using the world's largest and most complex instruments.

Ms Ponnuraj said *'Standing in the same room as Nobel prize winners and hearing about how to connect abstract concepts taught in physics lessons, to real experiments leading to fundamental discoveries was one of the most privileged moments in my career. She continued: 'I am excited to implement my learning into the curriculum at Barnhill and help to nurture the best scientists of the future.'*

#CERN visit is no small matter!

Key Dates

Coming Soon!

BGT: Barnhill's Got Talent

Thursday 29th January

Year 9 Parents' Evening from 4pm

Thursday 5th February

Year 12 Parents' Evening from 4pm

16th-20th February: Half Term

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March

We Will Rock You, curtain up 7pm

Thursday 26th March

Deep Learning Day (End of Term for students)

Barnhill in the Community

Last term we raised an impressive £1,476 for charity through bake sales, raffle prizes and themed uniform days. The funds have been allocated to **Children in Need** and the **Natest primary school** in South Africa desperately in need of funds to remain open and ensure children have access to education and can thrive within their community and beyond.

Head Students

Elections for student leadership in the Sixth Form took place last term. All candidates ran a very successful campaign to be elected, communicating their vision through promotional videos, posters and speeches. Bravo to all candidates, as everyone bought their very best to the community. The successful students are:

Head Students: **Sundus** [Y12] & **Richard** [Y12]

Khadijah [Y13] & **Ishaaq** [Y13]

Deputies:

Asiya [Y12] & **Mohamed M** [Y12]

Anzal [Y13] & **Izzy** [Y13]

The Student Leadership Team will hold the responsibility to represent the views of the school's student community and lead change for the betterment of the whole community.