

## SPRING TERM

### Message from the Headteacher

I would like to begin this message by thanking all parents, carers and families for their ongoing support of the school. It has been a very busy and rewarding half term, filled with many challenges and successes! However, we are only a successful school because we have the support of our community; and I always remind myself that this is why we are here.

I have been particularly impressed by the new Barnhill 'Hall of Fame' that has been introduced to help us celebrate the achievements of Barnhill students out of school. Recent additions include Daniel in year 11 who plays for Hayes and Yeading football club, winning the JPL League last season. Sara in year 7 who represents Hillingdon acrobatics club. she came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Mike Walker international fixture this year. Maci in year 8, who performed at Disneyland Paris with her dance group; 'J Crew'.

We have also had some notable staff success with Ms Ponnuraj, curriculum leader of science, representing only 29 teachers from Europe at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland. Miss Jumpp-Graham, who won an award for her work promoting the black Educators Conference'.

I hope these examples of 'going above and beyond' serve as an inspiration for both students and staff to really push themselves to become better learners and better citizens for our community.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please do make contact with us at the school.

*Mr J Jones*

### Diary Dates

**Y11 PPEs** run 23 Feb to 06 March

#### Parent Evenings:

**Y13 – 12 March**

**Y10 – 19 March**

**VIP from the World of Cricket** paid us a visit on Thursday this week. [Simon Hughes](#) is a former Championship professional cricketer who played for Middlesex CCC. Following retirement from playing, he stepped into the field of journalism and took up TV commentating, podcasting and writing. Selected students from Years 9 and 10 were invited to attend a very special coaching session and news will be uploaded to the website soon.

### Could this be music to your ears?

Hillingdon Music Service (HMS) work in partnership with schools providing opportunities for students to learn to play an instrument or join any one of their groups. Currently, they are offering piano and keyboard tuition, and a letter was sent home on behalf of HMS. If you have a budding musician or vocalist in your family, do explore what's on offer from the Hillingdon Music Service here [Music School and Ensembles programme - Hillingdon Council](#)

### Love is in the Air

Sixth Formers were dishing out 'sweet nothings' this week selling chocolates and pipe-cleaner flowers with messages purchased by students and staff. They were busy distributing their gifts on behalf of 'mystery' customers wanting to express their appreciation of a friend or colleague.

They also held a bake sale which attracted a huge amount of interest and was a sellout!

The monies raised will be shared between a charity (to be selected) and the sixth form prom.

### Community Initiatives

We have teamed up with '[ReFood](#)', an organisation that works in partnership with food outlets to turn food waste into fertiliser and gas. After half term, new bins will be available in school to ensure no food goes to waste and is used to help the environment.