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OPEN LETTER: FUNDRAISING FOR LUANDA



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Dear All,

Thank you for sponsoring me in my 10 kilometre challenge run for

Luanda that I did over the Easter holidays. Through your generosity and support, we were able to raise over £900 for St. Michael's on-going work to improve the quality of life for people living in Luanda, Kenya.

The run was a challenge for me, and it made me think about the challenges that people face every day in their lives in Luanda – not running of course, but access to education, housing, food, health care and other essential things everyone needs.

This run has taught me about the people of Luanda, about the work St. Michael's does there and about the generosity of everyone who sponsored me.

Thank you for your support of my run for Luanda. It is such an important cause and I am very grateful for your donation.

Best regards,
Sophie Scholand
(Year 8)

READY, STEADY, BAKE!:
EASTER CAKE COMPETITION

Our Year 10 GCSE students competed in an Easter cake competition this year, and their cakes were both creative and delicious!

Congratulations to Sofia Pavarani who showed numerous complex skills with her pink Prosecco and sprinkle creation.

Also, congratulations are in order to Emma Kokuhennedige, who the judges said had made the best sponge in terms of taste and texture.



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SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 24th January 2019, Joanne Miranda in Year10 represented Barnet in the Middlesex Cross Country Championships as the number 1 runner for Barnet in the Intermediate (Yr10 and 11) girls race at Harrow School.

Joanne ran a fabulous race cruising home in 3rd place out of all Yr10 and Yr11 runners.

The top 6 finishers from each age group automatically qualify for the National competition.

Joanne competed in the Nationals and came in the top third out of over 300 competitors.

Barnet and St Michael's are so proud of you Joanne, you are a phenomenal talent.



DANCE



On the evening of 24th January our talented dancers took to the stage at East Barnet School and competed in the Barnet Dance Competition.

Their choreography, makeup and costume had been meticulously planned and rehearsed. They fought off tough competition and deservedly took first place.

They then went on to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games on the 12th March at the one and only Copper Box Arena, Olympic Park.

They came 8th out of 24 London Boroughs. This is an incredible testimony to the hard work, commitment and talent that these girls possess. Congratulations to Lauren, Natalie, Jace, Zoe, Hannah, Ylva, Glenise and Elaiza; enjoy creating these wonderful memories you'll treasure forever.

Barnet Dance Festival was a great success all credit to our talented KS3 and KS4 dancers who performed beautifully.

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NETBALL

Well done to our Netballers this season.

We have faced tough competition. Our Year 11 Netball team beat the Compton School convincingly. Unfortunately, we were defeated by Henrietta Barnet.

Our Year 10s beat a very strong and able Wren Academy team.

Our Years 7, 8, and 9 Netball teams put up a

valiant effort against tough Wren Academy teams and were narrowly beaten.

Our Years 8 and 9 teams were also narrowly beaten by Ashmole Academy.

Special thanks go to Ciara, Ava, and Matilda in Year 9, Olivia in Year 10, and Ciara, Isabelle, and Ugo in Year 12 for all their help and support with the training of our dedicated Netball teams.

BASKETBALL

A huge Thank You to Mr. Barrow for organising and running an extremely successful Basketball Trip for some of our exemplary PE students to the Copper Box in Stratford on the evening of Friday 22nd March 2019.

We are all amazed by the incredible talent that was exhibited and we all had so much fun!



GCSE P.E.

AQA Moderators came in for external GCSE PE moderation on 28th March 2019. They chose to moderate Swimming and Netball.

All the GCSE candidates performed to their best and we were very proud of them. We now wish them all the best with their PE theory exams.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tennis, Rounders and Badminton clubs are up and running this term.**
- **We will also be starting Football Club on Mondays after school run by a FA coach.**
- **Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 are all welcome. Starting Monday 13th May 4:00pm - 5:00pm Sports Hall.**



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ART TRIP: JULIA CLARK WORKSHOP

On Monday 11th February, I was given the opportunity to sample Julia's profession.

My classmates and I got the chance to create and bring home a unique basket made out of Willow. Mrs Bullivant introduced Julia Clark and then handed the floor over to her.

Julia began her talk by giving us a tour around her website and showing us exciting projects she has done such as her exhibition in Kew Gardens. Once she had acquainted us with her style of work and what her career as an artist is like, she then moved on to explain what we would be doing today.

The first step was to make a solid structure with steel wire. She demonstrated the technique and then let us try it by ourselves. We had to select three, thick pieces of wire from the centre of our table.

With the first piece of wire we twisted the ends together and then gradually twisted in the other two pieces in a 3D spherical shape.

Next, to ensure we had the best possible base for our basket, we took 3 more, thinner pieces of wire and wrapped them horizontally around the structure, bending them in and out of the original, thick wire. Following this, we had to make a hole in an area of the structure, after all it was meant to be a basket!

Julia then started handing out the soaking willow. The next step was to grab a rod of willow and weave it into the structure. The method for this was to simply follow the lines of wire, starting with the thicker lines and to do this until you could barely see the structure anymore. However, this left a lot of unattractive gaps and to cover then we, with the willow had to diagonally weave, hiding the gaps.



After this, we came to the end of our session and thanked Julia. Julia Clark's work is incredible, sometimes it can be very abstract and leave you to interpret what you want from it, although other times her work is practical, or very representational.

On Julia's website she showed us some different animal nests and cocoons and now reflecting on my own basket, I realise that nests greatly inspired me and the shape of my sculpture.

I learnt so much from this workshop but I think the thing that will stay with me the most, is living your dreams. Julia didn't pick a common career, she chose to do something that made her truly happy and because of how much she clearly loves her job it has made her a very successful woman.

I think the thing I had most difficulty with in the workshop was the initial structure. Without a good structure, your basket will fall to pieces and that is quite a daunting thing! The wire is easily manipulated so you can end up with a completely un-circular shape if you're not careful which I struggled with slightly in the beginning. I overcame that by keeping calm and taking my time. Here are my two favourite pieces of Julia's work:



By Elizabeth Moore

(Year 8)

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SCIENCE TRIP: SCIENCE MUSEUM



On the 15th May, all of year 7 went to the Science Museum.

The students explored the gallery, spent time in the Wonder Lab trying out lots of different activities designed to help them understand many of the scientific concepts they had been studying at school.

before we left we had a talk from one of the resident scientists. It was a great day out.



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