



# THE BARCLAY SCHOOL

## Weekly News

9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been usually busy as we return from the half term break. As you can see below, there have been a number of extra events as we remember the centenary of the end of World War I. We were delighted to welcome 25 year 4s from Almond Hill to our Art department on Tuesday. Mrs Bishop lead them in making ceramic poppies. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the poppies will be displayed next week when they emerge from the kiln. Today, I've invited our many uniformed cadets into school wearing their uniform. They are proudly wearing full uniform, as you can see from the photo below. I am looking forward to Sunday's remembrance ceremony at 10.30 am in the Old Town. I hope there will be a good number of pupils in school uniform joining me in the procession and ceremony at the Bowling Green. I know that many of you will also be there to line the High Street in a fitting memory of all those who have and do serve our country so bravely. Next week we will have Remembrance assemblies for all of our year groups. These will feature music, readings and film to help us all reflect on the significance of events over 100 years ago.

On Tuesday Year 9 visited the Natural History Museum in London in the first of their cultural passport outings. It was a great opportunity to visit the galleries and be involved in hands on workshops. Behaviour was excellent and pupils were a credit to the school. Very well done!

Tuesday also saw the Year 11 Options evening. This was very well attended and busy. It is a starting point for our Year 11s and those contemplating joining us from other schools, in their journey towards the next stage of their school career. Timetables for mock exams have gone out and a reminder that these start for Year 11 and 13 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Next week we have an expert, Marilyn Hawes, on online safety in school during the day leading workshops for all year groups and staff. Anyone who has heard her comes away very impressed. In the evening, from 6.30, she will be leading a parents' and carers' session in the main Hall. I have opened the invitation out to parents at other local schools, so please do feel free to bring a friend to this important event.

Lastly, the school has now had its heating overhauled in advance of winter. Whilst there are some cold spots in the 70-year-old building, classrooms are comfortable! Therefore, staff will be insisting that pupils do not wear outside jackets or hoodies in school.

I hope you have a good weekend.



**Fact of the week...** Remembrance Day is celebrated on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year to remember those who have served in the military and those who have died in War. It is commemorated on November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11am which is the 11<sup>th</sup> month, 11<sup>th</sup> day and the 11<sup>th</sup> hour – the time and date in 1918 when the guns fell silent in World War 1, putting an end to hostilities. Remembrance Day was first celebrated in 1919 by the British Commonwealth although at the time it was called Armistice Day. Until 1930, Remembrance Day was known as Armistice Day and was held on the Monday of the week that also included the date of November 11<sup>th</sup>. In 1931 the name was changed to Remembrance Day and the date fixed to November 11<sup>th</sup>.

### School News

**Natural History Museum Trip**

Year 9 attended the Natural History Museum on Tuesday where they spent the day exploring. All the students had a brilliant day and enjoyed the investigation activity and the museum. All students were very well behaved and represented the school in a mature manner.



**e-Safety Workshop**

On Thursday 15th November we have Marilyn Hawes coming into school to work with students, staff and parents/carers on e-Safety by delivering her Freedom from Abuse programme which is a hard-hitting workshop for all.



**Year 4 Almond Hill Workshop**

It has been an exciting morning for the year 4 students from Almond Hill Primary School. The students were able to make poppies using clay which will be fired soon before being painted. The poppies look great and all the students had a lovely experience and they would love to come back soon.



**Cross Country Team**

21 students represented the school at the District Cross-Country championships at Fairlands Valley park on Thursday. They all did us really proud. Particular success include: Tyler Wannerton - year 9 - 2nd place, Isabelle Wright - year 7 - 3rd place, Lucas Bond - year 8 - 6th place, Bobbi Gibson - year 7 - 14th place, Ellie Mitchinson - year 7 - 17th place, Finley Homfray-Cooper - year 7 - 22nd place. Well done to all the students who participated.

**Student of the Week...**

<p>Year 7- Reny Carson for her outstandingly detailed &amp; beautifully presented family tree homework in History. Miss Brennan - History Teacher</p>	<p>Year 8- Grace Bryson and Lucas Bond for representing the school and performing really well at Cross Country. Mrs Smith - PE Teacher</p>	<p>Year 9- James Bell for being an excellent ambassador of the school on the school trip to the Natural History Museum. Mr Fuller - Assistant Headteacher</p>	<p>Year 10- Caitlin Dinnage for such a positive attitude to learning in Health &amp; Social Care. Mrs Eckersall - Head of Health &amp; Social Care</p>	<p>Year 11- Lauren Feagan for top marks in a recent assessment in H&amp;SC. Very well done. Mrs Eckersall - Head of Health &amp; Social Care</p>
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