



**MIDDLESEX
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PARTNERSHIP**



Barnhill
COMMUNITY HIGH



Belmore
PRIMARY ACADEMY



William Byrd
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Welcome to our first MLP Newsletter

A YEAR FULL OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND FIRSTS

Firstly thank you all for your contributions to our very successful year. It has been full of achievements and firsts!

The first challenge was choosing a new name for our Trust. With William Byrd joining us as our third school, it felt like the right time to move away from the name of a specific school, to a broader title. Hence the change to Middlesex Learning Partnership, or MLP for short.

We have been working collaboratively across the year to ensure that excellence and experience is shared across our three schools. Our new slogan, 'Together, achieving our very best' reflects our mission.

Some of the greatest successes this year have been working hard to make sure that the highest standards are in place across all schools in the Trust.

In these times of difficult teacher recruitment, we are very lucky to have 3 schools which are fully staffed with specialist, qualified teachers and we aim to keep it that way. As a Trust we've adopted the well-being of our staff and students as a priority.

Other 'firsts' have been the success of Mr Poonith from Barnhill, who went on to become a silver award winner in the national finals of Teacher of the Year. He made the Trust very proud, confirming that education within the MLP is of the highest quality.

We look forward to an equally successful 2018, expecting and achieving the very highest standards.

We are always looking out for members of our community who would like to become more involved with the Trust. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

TRACEY HEMMING
Executive Head MLP



WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

I have been a Director on the Trust for 4 years and was elected Chair in December 2017.

In September, as you all know, William Byrd Primary School joined the Trust. We welcome them to the family and hope they are settling into life here at the Middlesex Learning Partnership. We have renamed the Trust on that basis as we are now three schools. We hope you like the new name and we are actively working on a new website to cover all our schools.

To parents, we are always looking for ways to improve how we communicate with you and get you involved with the Trust. If you are keen to help a little please reach out to the Head Teachers/Heads of Schools.

As we approach the start of a New Year I wish you all, on behalf of the Board, a healthy and prosperous 2018.

TERESA ST. CATHERINE
Trust Chair



Together, achieving our very best



We start 2018 in a strong position, feeling increasingly confident about our ability to make a significant difference in the lives of our students. We are proud of a second year of record breaking GCSE results in the summer, placing us in at least

the top 13% of schools across the country for the progress that students make. To add to this, the attendance of our students has continued to accelerate and is now extremely strong and we have seen a continued improvement in the behaviour of our students in school and within the community.

We are fully staffed, with specialist teams across the whole school, which contributes to high quality lessons for all. In addition, we are keen to celebrate the success of our students across a wide range of enrichment activities.

MARK MAYNE
HEAD OF SCHOOL

JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to our Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners this term:

- Brooke (Y8)
- Shizah (Y8)
- Ellie-May (Y8)



The Jack Petchey Achievement Award scheme is a reward and recognition initiative which enables schools and youth organisations to celebrate the achievements of their young people as well as receive additional funding. Each winner gets to decide how a £250 grant is spent in school. They are also invited to the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards at the Beck Theatre in April.

KEY DATES

- 25 January - Year 9 Parents Evening
- 8 February - Year 8 Options Evenings
- 12 - 16 February - Half Term
- 22 March - Year 11 Parents' Evening

THE STUDENT VIEW

The Student View (a journalism programme involving 20 of our budding Year 10s) has inspired Barnhill students to combine their creative and academic talents for writing. The charity based group organised a chance for six of our lucky students to visit the Houses of Parliament and question MPs on their thoughts and their role in international girls' education. Students were able to listen, discuss and probe with some fascinating questions being raised, such as: Would you consider yourself a feminist? Or How can I, a fifteen year old boy from Hayes, make a difference to girls' education?



Later in the term, students had the privilege to be mentored by Hannah Ajala, broadcast journalist at BBC World Service, who admired our students and spoke very highly of their talents and their future potential.

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

On 4 December four Maths A-Level students, Kai (Y12), Abdulmoneim (Y12), Abdullahi (Y12) and Aruvi (Y13) went together with Dr Kabisch to St Paul's School in Barnes, Hammersmith, to compete in the Regional Finals of the Senior Team Maths Challenge organised by the UK Mathematics Trust in partnership with the Further Maths Support Programme against 30 other schools.

After three hours of intense maths we learned that we placed a proud 19th. Not bad at all for the first time competing and our eyes are fixed on next year's competition to do even better.



EUROPEAN LANGUAGE DAY

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Barnhill celebrated 'European Day of Languages. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the celebration such a resounding success. Muchísimas gracias a todos!

Quiz prize winners:

- 1st Prize: Caelyn (-80)
- 2nd Prize: Calum (7B)
- 3rd Prize: Dev (7L)





Another year to be proud of...

I have been looking back at all that happened last year and it makes me immensely proud to think about what a special place Belmore is.

The results achieved by children across the school were the best ever. The school community made a huge difference to the lives of people in need through the many charity events, donations and fundraising that took place.

We celebrated all that is good about the school in the major school events that staff and parents/carers organised throughout the year such as the Summer Diversity Festival, Belmore's Eurovision... and even eating snails on the French trip!

Outstanding Results

Once again children excelled themselves last year and achieved easily our best ever results.

Year 1 achieved near perfect results in the national Phonics Test with 98% achieving the expected standard. No other school in the local area came even close to that. Hardly any schools nationally achieved as well as that either.

Across all three subjects - Reading, Writing and Maths - children in Year 2 surged ahead on last year's results. Results went up over 10% in every subject. Our children did as well as the average of schools across the whole country. A massive achievement and they are now set up for real success as they start Key Stage 2.

I thought last year's Year 6 SATs results were exceptional but this year we achieved even better. 89% achieved the national standard in Maths, 88% in Writing and 75% in Reading. The progress our children made in Maths was stunning, putting Belmore in the top 10% of schools in the country. Over half of the year group (53%) reached the higher standard in Maths. Every child in Year 6 last year can feel confident that they could not have been better prepared for starting secondary school thanks to the hard work of the Year 6 team.

Our ambition has always been for Belmore to be recognised as an outstanding school. The results each year help take us ever closer to that dream. Thanks to all staff, parents/carers and children for helping the school grow and improve. There is still more for us to do.

PAUL BATEMAN
Headteacher

KEY DATES

- 2 February** - Young Voices Choir, O2 London
- 5 - 8 February** - E Safety Focus Week
- 12 - 16 February** - Half Term
- 1 March** - World Book Day

NATIONAL FITNESS DAY
27 September 2017



Thank you to Ms Newby, Ms McCracken and Ms Connett in Year 6 for energising the whole school into fitness (from the roof)!

YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE TOWER OF LONDON
1 November 2017



In November, Year 5 went to the Tower of London to support our history lessons on 'Crime and Punishment'. We were walked through the stories about Anne Boleyn and her execution, and we saw Traitors Gate where Anne Boleyn was transported before her execution. Furthermore we saw all the weapons that King Henry VIII used along with his suits of armour. The highlight of the day was getting to see the Crown Jewels.

TRIM TRAIL INSTALLATION



This is the design of our trim trail soon to be installed in mid-February. The children were involved in designing this. Our Pupil Ambassador's asked their year groups what they wanted the trim trail to consist of, information was put onto a questionnaire and the Pupil Ambassador group worked together to create a drawing as a guide. The money was raised from various fundraising events.



William Byrd
PRIMARY ACADEMY

William Byrd is very proud to have joined the Middlesex Learning Partnership as a new primary academy this term.

The whole school community enjoyed a fantastic day celebrating the launch of our new school which included visits from John McDonnell, the Shadow Chancellor and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon, as well as local dignitaries and representatives from local businesses. We also released balloons in the school colours of blue and gold to mark the occasion.



School Improvement

William Byrd is a term into its journey of rapid school improvement and aims to be a 'Good' school within two years. We understand the key levers for school improvement and have established a rigorous improvement agenda driven by robust self-evaluation which will 'add value' to all of our pupils. We have a real focus on striving for excellence in the classroom and ensuring all children experience Quality First Teaching, underpinned by curriculum development and a rich extra-curricular programme. The highest expectations for all will enable us to realise our vision and achieve excellence in our first set of results in July 2018.

SARAH ROBERTS
Head of School

KEY DATES

- 22 - 26 January** - Friendship Week
- 12 - 16 February** - Half Term
- 1 March** - World Book Day
- 13 March** - Year 5 Trip to River Rowing Museum
- 19 March** - INSET DAY

The children at William Byrd have enjoyed a wide variety of enrichment and extra-curricular activities this term, from our wide range of after-school clubs to educational visits and workshops in school.

YEAR 1 ANIMAL MAGIC
Wednesday 15 November 2017



Year 1 have been busy finding out all about animals as part of their Science topic and got to meet some animals face-to-face this week and find out about their characteristics. The Animal Magic Workshop shared animals from all over the world, including lizards, a tarantula, hedgehogs, rabbits and even a wallaby!



YEAR 5 TRIP TO 'THE MAKING OF HARRY POTTER'
Wednesday 29 November 2017



Our Year 5 children are working on Harry Potter as their class text for their imaginative writing unit and enjoyed a visit to 'The Making of Harry Potter' this week which really helped to fully immerse children in the sights and sounds of Harry Potter's world and put their learning into context. We were delighted to hear the very positive feedback from both the staff at the venue and members of the public about the exemplary conduct and good manners displayed by all our children on the trip.