



News and Updates

The NBA - Barwa SLT and SMT are excited to welcome everyone back to a new academic year. We have already had many fruitful CPD sessions, Parent information meetings and student assemblies. We look forward to a successful year ahead.



EYFS

What a fantastic first week we have had in EYFS! The children have settled into their new classrooms, met their teachers and friends, and begun exploring their new learning environments. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces, new friendships forming and lots of exciting learning taking place. We are so proud of how well the children have adapted to their new routines and we are looking forward to everything the year ahead has in store!



Primary

It has been wonderful to see our corridors bustling with excitement, laughter and happy faces once again. We are delighted to have everyone back and look forward to a fantastic year filled with learning, friendship and new adventures!



This week, our Writing Hook Room transported our students into outer space! From the moment they stepped inside, pupils were immersed in an exciting intergalactic experience designed to spark curiosity, imagination and creativity. The immersive environment provided the perfect stimulus for some fantastic writing, and we are looking forward to moderating the outcomes and celebrating the creativity, vocabulary and writing skills of our pupils across the school.





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It has been wonderful to welcome our secondary students back this week. The excitement in classrooms and around the school has created a fantastic atmosphere as students reconnect, settle into routines and begin the new academic year with enthusiasm.

Our pastoral assemblies have also been an important part of the week, giving students the opportunity to meet our new pastoral team and learn more about the support available to them. We look forward to a successful year ahead, filled with new opportunities, positive relationships and learning.



SMT Updates

We welcome Mr Dylan MacKenzie as the Deputy Head of Pastoral Secondary. His enthusiasm and positivity has been warmly welcomed by the NBA community and we wish him every success in this role.

Ms Chloe Magee has been promoted internally to Deputy Head of Pastoral Secondary. We are excited to watch her grow within this leadership capacity.

Ms Ayesha Downey will be starting her NPQ this academic year and we are excited to support her as she develops in the leadership field.





Workshops

Primary & EYFS

This week, our Primary teaching team took part in a focused Guided Reading CPD session, exploring the structure and expectations for high-quality Guided Reading lessons across KS1 and KS2. The session provided staff with clear guidance on lesson structure, effective questioning, vocabulary development and strategies to strengthen pupils' comprehension and reading skills. Staff also explored how expectations progress across the key stages, ensuring a consistent and ambitious approach to reading throughout Primary. We look forward to seeing these strategies embedded in classrooms as we continue to develop confident, fluent and enthusiastic readers. Teachers also engaged in a marking workshop, supporting new teachers in familiarising themselves with marking procedures.



Secondary

This week's CPD session, led by Ms Shakira, focused on the key elements of an outstanding lesson. Staff explored a range of practical strategies, including effective AfL techniques, to support student engagement, progress and learning in the classroom.

CPD was also delivered by the Secondary pastoral team, sharing knowledge and guidance on dealing with student behaviour and overall wellbeing.





Employee Accomplishments

Secondary Assemblies

We would like to thank our security staff for not only ensuring the safety of our NBA community but also helping ensure the school environment is safe and ready for the students' return.



HR Updates

Ms Courtney recently competed at the Barbell Club Qatar in her 8th meet, competing in the 57kg weight class across the squat, bench press and deadlift. She came away with an amazing four gold medals and several new personal bests!

Top lifts:

- Squat: 117.5kg
- Bench Press: 55kg
- Deadlift: 127.5kg
- Total: 300kg

A fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of dedication and determination. Well done, Ms Courtney!



School Trips

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Heads of Primary have scheduled their Inter-Newton Events for the year. NBA is excited to host a LKS2 Boys Football tournament in Term 1 and an UKS2 School Council event in Term 3.





Events

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It was wonderful to welcome our Primary and EYFS parents into school for our Parent Information Workshop, led by our Key Stage Coordinators and Team Leaders. The session provided parents with an overview of the year ahead, including key expectations, curriculum priorities, routines and how we can work together to best support our pupils throughout the academic year. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school and look forward to working together to ensure a successful and positive year for all our pupils.

