

The Barney

Friday, 30th September 2016

Bulletin





Weekly news from the Heads of School

We hope that everyone had a good family weekend. Monday saw the departure of Upper Sixth Biology students to Malham Tarn to engage in ecological investigations. They worked hard, in torrential rain, to gather data from the stunning area of Malham Tarn, before returning home on Wednesday. Wednesday also saw Years 7 and 8 take part in Shakespeare day, where they watched Year 7 students and professionals perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. After speaking with some Year 8 students, we came to the conclusion that the Year 7s were actors and actresses in the making: sign them up Mr Edwards!

Also, congratulations are in order for the 1st XV, who won their match on Wednesday against Giggleswick with a score of 24-7.

Alex Booth and Salma Ali

BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL SCHOOL CHAPEL

SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 9th October 2016

10.30am

**A special service of thanksgiving for all
our new students joining our school this
Michaelmas term.**

**All our parents, and especially our
new parents, are most warmly invited!**

**Followed by canapés and refreshments
in the Nicholson Room.**



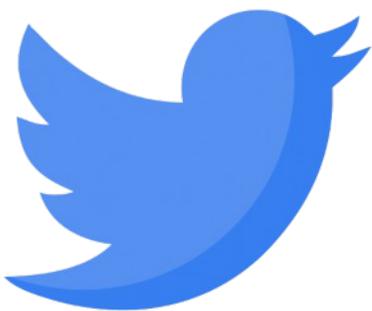
On Wednesday, a travelling theatre company came to school to perform a version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for Years 7 and 8.

This was followed by a workshop for Year 7 in which they were helped to produce their own performance which Year 8 watched later in the day.

The Tweets speak for themselves.



Shakespeare Day



A Midsummer Night's Dream was really good fun. I was a fairy, a log and a lover. My favourite bit was being a log because I just lay there for a whole scene.



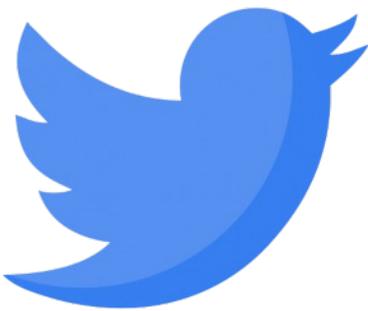
Yesterday with Splat was great. I played the part of Bottom. I hope we can do it again.



A Midsummer Night's Dream: I was made to be Titania, the queen. All I did was sleep with the fairies by the riverside. It was good.



In the play I was a workman, a fairy and a tree. The workmen sang "The Wheels on the Bus".



The experience yesterday was great. Splat came and taught us how to act Shakespeare. They were amazing!



I was lots of characters such as a lion, a workman, a tree and a fairy. It was great fun because we had lots of props to use.

European Day of Languages

Since I have been researching about the Hygge Way, a Danish way of living, I thought that it would be appropriate if I told you about the European Day of Languages. It has been celebrated on 26th September since 2001; this day was 'created' to encourage people to learn new languages.

For this day, a range of activities was arranged for children, TV programmes, radio stations and language classes and conferences. At the school we have been doing our own activities: classes were taught how to say 'hello' and count in different languages; displays were made; concerts were held and some students went down to the Book Bus. Almost everybody got involved and contributed to a great and cultural day of languages.



MUSIC



Newbiggin

On Wednesday, the Chapel Choir travelled to a lovely small village far far away, just outside Middleton in Teesdale. A twenty-five minute journey by coach (or fifty minutes if a tree falls in the road) can take you to a picturesque building which is the oldest working Methodist Chapel in the world. The choir sang Love Divine (Howard Goodall), O Thou The Central Orb (Charles Wood), Praise Ye The Lord (John Rutter), O For a Closer Walk With God (Charles Stanford), Lift Up Ye Heads O Ye Gates (Mathias), The Lord Bless You And Keep You (John Rutter) and a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Unfortunately, that is the last time that we will sing in this beautiful location due to its closure on 24th May 2017. Thank you to everyone at Newbiggin for their hospitality over the many years we have sung there.

Nathan Barker



Cricket Success

As you will probably be able to tell, owing to the autumnal climate outside, the cricket season has drawn to a close and the junior teams of the school finished it in style in the first week of term. The U12, U13 and U14 teams all won their respective County Cup finals, with the U12s and U13s winning their titles within hours of each other.

After defeating an incredibly strong Durham side on the first day back in the semi- final, confidence was high in the U14 team for their final against St Wilfred's school from North Shields at Hetton Lions Cricket Club. St Wilfred's batted first but their batsmen were frightened by the fast and straight bowling of Louis Peacock who took two early wickets and the contrasting steady pace of Ralph Makepeace also took an early wicket. The middle overs were equally successful for Barney as the spin of Theo Truss and Finn Usher kept the pressure on and they took wickets at regular intervals, taking two and three wickets respectively. In the end, after a late flurry of streaky boundaries, St Wilfred's limped to a disappointing 74 all out.

Barney looked like they were struggling with the bat early on when Peacock, Johnny McNickle and Makepeace contributed just a dozen runs amongst them. However, as it was often the case in the earlier rounds, captain Finn Usher stepped up. He steadied the innings with a composed and controlled 39 not out. Guy Pepper was there to help at the end hitting three fours in his 15 not out as Barney comfortably chased down their target in the 16th over.

Playing at Whitburn Cricket Club against Hetton, the Barnard Castle U12 bowlers struggled to make a breakthrough for the first 12 overs as the opposition piled on the runs and got to 84 without losing a wicket. However, the bowlers kept toiling away and, thanks to Oscar Usher's tight bowling, only conceding 8 runs in his 4 overs for one wicket, and off spinner Sam Metcalfe's two wickets from his 4 overs, Hetton were restricted to 107-5 from their 20 overs.

Barney then proceeded to make light work of the run chase thanks to openers Metcalfe (46) and Fergus Makepeace (41 not out). They batted positively and sensibly and despite losing two quick wickets near the end, Makepeace was still able to see the team home with 6 overs to spare.

In the afternoon, the U13s captained by Johnny McNickle and Guy Pepper then travelled to Whitburn for their final against St Bede's from Lancaster. The team included Oscar Usher, Sam Metcalfe and Ralph Makepeace who had won their own age group title hours before. Despite losing a few early wickets the run rate was still good throughout the 20 overs. This was largely thanks to a lightning fast 34 from Oscar Usher as he hit boundaries to all parts of the ground in an impressive cameo. Metcalfe (30), Makepeace (29) and Edward Lockwood (22) also made valuable contributions as Barney reached a huge total of 154-9 off the full 20 overs.

Usher's extra pace ripped through the St Bede's top order and he took 2 early wickets and went for just 8 runs in his second 4 over spell of the day. The struggle was never ending for St Bede's and the whole Barney team got to contribute with the ball as St Bede's crumbled to 75-6. This was a particularly impressive victory as it was predominantly the younger members of the team that stepped up when the team was struggling.

The Market for Lemons

"The Market for Lemons" or, put another way, how our Sixth Form Economists advise you view your chances of buying a good second hand car now that you have passed your test.

Many people in the Sixth Form will be considering buying a first car, and for many this will mean searching extensively for a good deal; but how to ascertain the quality of a second hand car? Of course you can do all of the obvious things: have a look for scratches and obvious damage and run the engine to see if it starts. But beyond these simple tests it is not possible to tell the true value of the car, or even if it will work in a few weeks, unless you are a trained mechanic. The seller will, of course, know the car's history and true condition but why would he tell you the facts if it would only lower his profits. If you knew a car had problems you would pay less for it; the dealer knows this and this is at the heart of your problem. Is your car a lemon or a bargain?

George Akerlov, in the 1970's, saw this problem and expressed his ideas in a paper which won him the Nobel Prize He called it, "The Market for Lemons". He applied the example of used cars to explain how asymmetric information between buyer and seller can lead to the purchaser driving home with a dodgy car (a lemon). He explained that because the buyer knows they don't have much of a clue about cars, this means that there is a chance of shaking hands on a dodgy motor. The result is that buyers factor this anxiety into their deal making and slash the price they are willing to pay because they want to minimise the risk of wasting their money. On the other side of the handshake any seller, who knows the car is in good condition (a peach), won't accept such a low offer, resulting in them reversing their car deal out of the negotiation and from the market. Akerlov speculated this meant a hefty presence of sellers left in the market, all with many more lemons than peaches, and a sour taste in the mouth of many a second hand car buyer.

Our advice to anyone who is purchasing a car is to make an informed decision and avoid citrus fruit. Of course we are not all trained mechanics but online sites such as 'Parkers Car Guide' can value the car of your dreams for you. Websites such as these offer extensive detail from simply inputting a number plate and the cost of these services is relatively small compared to the amount of savings that could be gained by not getting a real 'banger'. Get the AA to check it out for you or pay a local garage to check it over. If the seller says "no", walk away. Remember, if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Upper Sixth Economists

Apple vs Microsoft 1 – How much?!!!

I'll admit, Apple create high quality products. They are compact, have long battery lives, and are all-round stylishly designed. However, this is all a front. Compact means less material, lower production costs, cheaper! Long battery lives sound like a good thing, but this basically means they are not running much in the way of hardware and software. And stylish is just to please the people who don't read the specifications and don't know how much it should be worth. In a couple of minutes of research, looking around large retailers for a good deal, I found a relatively high end 2 in 1 laptop hybrid (i.e. a laptop with a touchscreen), with a £699 price tag. (For anyone who is interested, the laptop I found was the 'Lenovo Yoga 500 15.6" 2 in 1'). Now, if I were to compare that with the corresponding Apple laptop, it would come to around... £2099! That is three times the price of the Lenovo counterpart! Admittedly, the outside appearance of the Apple laptop is superior to that of the Lenovo, as the Apple laptop case is manufactured from aluminium, and not plastic. However, the cost of aluminium is not significant at around £1.30 per kg, so Apple can only demand these extortionate prices as metal laptops are uncommon and naturally look high quality. However, it is what is on the inside that counts, and as long as the laptop is well treated it will last as long as any other laptop no matter what the outside is made of or what it looks like.

So it comes down to taste. Both Microsoft operated laptops and Apple laptops will work just as well if choosing like for like specifications, but is Apple worth the extra money? That's for every individual to decide, but my advice is to research, and if possible try out different computers. After all you could enjoy a pretty nice holiday for £1400 - the price difference of the two laptops.

Nicholas Mackay

Michaelmas 2016

Making Music Happen



BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER / 7.00PM
COTHERSTONE PARISH CHURCH /
Donation on the door

Barnard Castle School
Chapel Choir and String Orchestra

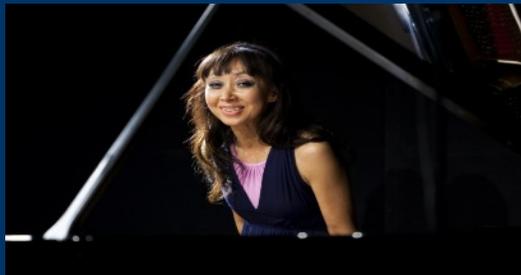
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Michaelmas



BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MUSIC CONCERTS @



**MONDAY 3 OCTOBER /
7.00PM**

**BIG SCHOOL / Suggested
Donation
£8**

***Young-Choon Park— I
International concert
Pianist***



MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER / 7.00PM



MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER / 7.00PM

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Piano Duets:

Dr. Antonina Koveva Lax

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SCHOOL DINING ROOM**



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BAKES WILL BE GRATEFULLY RE-
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CAUSE.**

THANK YOU!

