

The Barney

Friday, 7th October 2016

Bulletin





**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.**





This year I had my first experience as a guide on Open Day last Saturday. Rather than cricketing in the Sports Hall or rehearsing for the play, I finally got to step off the stage and see for myself the outstanding job pupils and teachers alike carry out. Both families I showed around were very impressed by the School and the huge variety of activities going on was particularly impressive. From light displays in Physics to sport and CCF displays, there was something for everyone and the School came together to produce an excellent showcase of Barnard Castle School. The gym and the Sixth Form Centre were particular highlights for many visitors. A huge well done and thank you must go to all the teachers and students involved.

Andrew Gedye



Open Day 2016



Amidst vigorous preparations for the upcoming House Singing Competition, the Music Department and the Choir, in particular, has had a very busy week. On Tuesday, the Choir sang the Vivaldi Gloria at the Lunchtime Recital while the audience attentively looked on while eating their soup and crusty bread. While most solos were not done at this recital (due to time restrictions), Alex Thompson sang the Soprano solo: *Domine Deus Rex Coelestis* and I sang one of the Alto solos: *Domine Deus Agnus Dei*. On Wednesday evening, the Choir travelled to Cothelstone to sing in the Parish Church there. In the first half of the concert, performances were heard from the string group who played *Palladio* by Karl Jenkins, the String Quartet played all four movements of the Telemann concerto for four Violins and Ceara Sutton-Jones, Stephanie Schnurr and I played the Golden Sonata by Purcell. Performances were also given by Martha Rokk, Lara Webster, Nicholas Mackay and Leona Ballantyne who all sang splendidly. In the second half of the concert, the Choir sang the Vivaldi Gloria again with Stephanie Schnurr and Evie Brenkley singing the Soprano duet: *Laudamus Te* and Alex Wollny sang the other Alto solo: *Qui Sedes Ad Dexteram Patris*. Also Ceara Sutton-Jones accompanied Alex Thompson's solo on the violin. Thanks must go to the kitchen staff for organising the soup and crusty bread, the members of Cothelstone Parish Church for hosting the event on Wednesday and to Mr Dearsley for getting the Choir into shape in time for both concerts. Congratulations must also go to the soloists.



MUSIC

Nathan Barker



INFORMATION EVENINGS

for Sixth Form

Thurs 6th Oct: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Wed 9th Nov: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Fri 25th Nov: 4.30 - 6.30pm

Book your appointment or
arrange a visit - Tel: 01833 696030



The
election for
the **School
Council**
took place
this week

Year 9 visit Hadrian's Wall

Year 9 visited Hadrian's Wall on Thursday, 29th September as part of their Classics courses. In the morning, the Latin set visited Vindolanda and had a talk from one of the archaeologists whilst the Classics sets visited Housesteads Fort to learn about life on the Roman frontier for a soldier. After lunch, we all met up to walk the most spectacular section of the wall from Housesteads to Steel Rigg. A great time was had by all.



La Visite du Bibliobook

On Thursday, 29th September, the Prep School played host to a unique and innovative experience centred around Modern Foreign Languages. 'Natta-Lingo' is a very special, interactive, French experience set inside a library bus labelled 'Le BiblioBus' which is touring the north-east of England. It specialises in teaching the French language through a bus full of French stories, toys, comics, games, and an interactive puppet theatre. The creator, Nathalie Paris, worked mainly with our Prep School, allowing them to further explore French with a range of different story-based activities; the older students, for example, were given questions on a particular tale after being told it, and, for the younger years, there was an interactive story in which they were able to speak aloud some of the French words to practise their vocabulary. I was lucky enough to be able to sit in on the second half of a session with Year 2, and I arrived to see the group sitting excitedly on cushions, watching some of their peers preparing to act out a scene from a story they had been told in the first half of the session with puppets. As I watched from the steps, the bus itself being barely big enough to house the ten to fifteen energetic Year 2s, let alone me as well, a countdown of 'trois, deux, un' was called, and the puppets, of characters including a mole and a fox, proceeded to enthusiastically greet each other in typical French fashion on the little wooden stage. There was the occasional 'Bonjour' thrown into the mix, and the show seemed thoroughly enjoyed by all. After a quick tidy-up, the Year 2s departed, and I was shown around the bus. Despite being a small space, the plethora of colourful books seemed never-ending, and Nathalie talked passionately about her collections, French characters which included Tintin and his little dog, Snowy. On behalf of Barnard Castle School, I would very much like to say 'Merci beaucoup' to Natta-Lingo for the fabulous workshops our Preppies were a part of. C'était genial!

Rachel Elphick





U14 Hockey Champions

In the U14 Hockey match against Windermere the final score was 12-0 to Barney. In the first 30 seconds we had already scored in a penalty corner, with Carla injecting and Tabby striking. It was an easy goal to start us off on our goal-scoring streak. Our game tactics were pretty simple with two people high at all times so that they could get the long passes from the midfield. The defence didn't really get much to do, as the ball was always in our attacking half. Windermere had a couple of good runs into our half but our strong defence were quickly on the ball and cleared it away. The goal scorers were Carla 3, Tabby 3, Heidi 2, Niamh 1, Libby 2 and Zara 1. Overall it was a very good win for Barney with our first of the season.
 Tabitha Cockerill

Our U16 team also played Windermere last Saturday in another thrilling game where we dominated, scoring 6 unanswered goals to win comfortably.

On Tuesday, 4th October, our U14 Team competed in the U14 County Hockey Championships. They won all their games beating Durham School in their final game to clinch the title. As County Champions, they progress through to England Hockey's National Cup Competition.

On Wednesday, 5th October, our 1st team were victorious on their travels, despite an early scare, eventually beating Richmond school 5-2. Scorers were Isla Hewitson, Kim Hodgson, Maddy Forsyth, and two from Alice Ridley.

Fixtures to come

On Saturday, 8th October, we are hosting Queen Mary's with our U12A and U12B at 1:00 pm followed by our U16 team at 2:00pm. Any support would be warmly welcomed by the girls. You never know, it could be another beautiful warm, autumn Barney Day. Make the most of them while you can!





Weekend fun for the boarding community

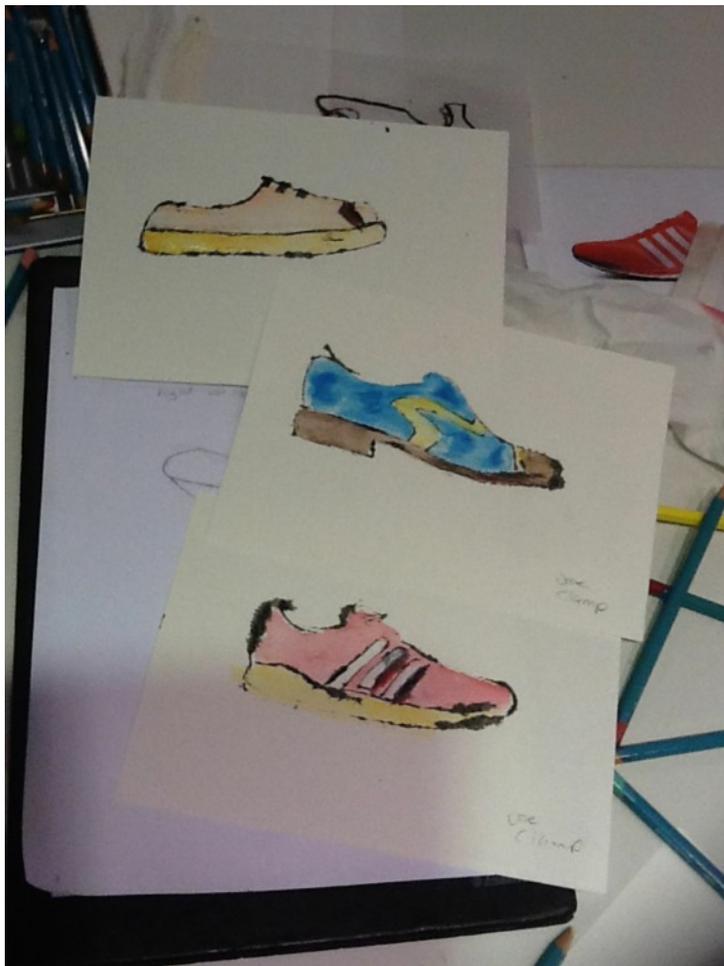
A FUN FILLED DAY AT LIGHTWATER VALLEY

Fasten your seatbelts and we're off! The day dawned bright as 40 boarders jumped aboard the coach which would take them to the adrenalin fuelled heights of Lightwater Valley. There was much discussion on board as to which daredevil ride would be the first to be sampled. The established boarders of Barney showed true Barney spirit and enticed the multinational community to sample the delights of the bigger, faster, more daunting rides with reassurance that they would be by their side. The fact that many Barney boarders were spotted that day spiralling round on the teacups instead shall be kept between us!

The students had a fantastic, fun-filled day and returned to the coach with the definite remains of candy floss round their mouths, loud music swimming in their heads and flashing lights sparkling in their eyes...just the type of day any teenager enjoys!



The whole of Year 9 have now taken part in an artist lead workshop at the Bowes Museum, based on the Shoes: Pleasure and Pain exhibition. After spending some time in the exhibition itself; marveling at the tiny shoes from China from the days of feet binding, gazing at the thousands of red shoe laces that hang from the ceiling to completely transform the space, spotting David Beckham's football boots and making a wish list of fabulous high heels, pupils produced some excellent sketches. They learnt a little about Andy Warhol, his characterful shoe illustrations and the blotted line technique he used to both give them life and enable him to mass produce images in a time without photocopiers. Pupils used this technique on their own sketches with some great results. After lunch, they learnt about the process of making a shoe and the number of pieces that might go into a design. Using lasts and working in small groups, they created their own patterns for a brogue. These have been brought back to school to be developed into clay shoes later in the project. It was an inspiring and informative workshop and a super way of kick-starting a project.



SHOES

This week, members of the Creative Writing Club
have been writing about Autumn

The Lovers Quarrel

The leaves are turning red and brown
Lovers walk along a muddy path
They walk into the forest out of town
The woman thinks of a hot bubbly bath
The man thinks of putting on his dressing gown

By Arwen Jenkins

Autumn

The leaves fall in bright colours
Falling from the decaying trees
Children hold the hand of their mothers
Their hair swaying in the breeze
The last wisps of summer fade away
To make way for a new autumn day

By Emily Maude



A Surreal Day

Last week I had the absolute privilege of driving down to the SMMT Regional Test Day North at York Racecourse with a local motoring correspondent. After parking our gigantic, bright red Toyota Hilux on the side of the lane, we entered the event, eager to see what cars would come our way. Much to my disappointment, I was handed a non-driving pass, but nevertheless we strolled into the room and immediately went over to the Jaguar desk and got the keys to a brand new F-Type 5.0 Supercharged V8 R AWD Convertible with a frankly ridiculous 550bhp! We practically sprinted out to the area outside where a line-up of cars sat impatiently, with their different shapes and curves, ready to be driven. In the centre of the line-up, the Jag presented itself in a brilliant white guise with a rich burgundy soft top. Lovely. On approach it looked undeniably menacing, its front headlights creating an impression of eagerness and the sharp, sleek lines whispering, "drive me". Once I opened the door I was welcomed by a combination of stunningly deep jet black leather and grey alcantara, which very soon became insignificant as the V8 fired into life. The loud, crisp roar echoed all around and did not fail in attracting everyone's attention as we exited the car park.

On the road, it took very little time to conclude that this was a monumentally ballistic vehicle, as I was pushed firmly back into my seat when we accelerated from 0-60mph in what felt like a millisecond. The astonishing acceleration was always coupled with an apocalyptic roar that would build up until you finally took your foot off the accelerator to give a gentler popping and burbling, the sound of the sixties. However, after a while it suddenly occurred to me that this was not that car with the horribly firm, harsh ride that I had expected. Instead, the car was very compliant, managing to maintain great body control without a rock hard ride. There was an overwhelming feeling of smoothness as we burbled our way through the streets of York and came back to the venue feeling amazed by the short trip. The rest of the day was filled with talking to some of the individuals who worked for the car manufacturers about their role in public relations and going out in some other brilliant cars. However, nothing matched the sheer thrill of a V8 Jag!

Jamie Moffatt

