



Friday, 11th November 2016

The Barney

Bulletin



A Weekly Word from the Heads of School



This week has been an eventful one for us at Barney, from House Cake Decorating with one cake in the shape of the new boiler to another in the shape of president-elect Trump's wall; we have had many weird and wacky experiences. Although the world has been rocked by recent events throughout the world this week, Barnard Castle School has remained together. Our strong sense of community, and a huge amount of cake, has overcome the schism

that is driving apart many groups of people. Yet it doesn't matter what you believe in, Remain or Leave, Trump or Clinton, today, as a school and a country, we remember the fallen of World War One, Two and every conflict since. When we were presented with the list of names of those who gave their lives in defence of our country we couldn't help but feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude and on Sunday we will also show our respect by honouring those fallen in a special parade at the Bowes Museum. Despite the rift that has appeared in many countries over the recent months, our community stands shoulder to shoulder, together, in remembrance.

Alex Booth and Salma Ali



House Cake Decorating

Excitement reached fever-pitched levels in the Dining Room on Wednesday afternoon as senior members from each house gathered for the most keenly contested house competition of all - cake-decorating. The brief is simple: each house is given a plain sponge cake and some butter icing and has to design and decorate, using any extra toppings they wish; extra credit might be given for producing something topical.

The final results were extraordinary: Tees House produced their own version of the new £5 note, issued by the Bank of Tees, with a portrait of either Winston Churchill or Mr Bishop; York House, no doubt inspired by events across the pond, produced a stars and stripes flag; Durham House's cake, similarly focusing on the election of Donald Trump, consisted of a wall dividing the USA from Mexico; Marwood's offering was a wonderfully crafted cookie monster and the Bowes girls continued the animal theme by producing a beautifully made three-toed sloth (as featured in David Attenborough's Planet Earth II programme last Sunday evening). The task facing the adjudicator (our Catering Manager, the aptly named Mr Baker) was a particularly tough one but, after some considerable deliberation, he placed Northumberland House in third place with their ingenious take on the Brexit vote - a union flag detaching itself from the flag of the European Union; Dale House came in second, with their depiction of Shrek in his mud pit; and the winners were Longfield House who, inspired by the warmth generated by our new biomass heating system, produced an eatable advertisement for Ashwell Biomass Solutions.



1st Longfield



2nd Dale House



3rd Northumberland House







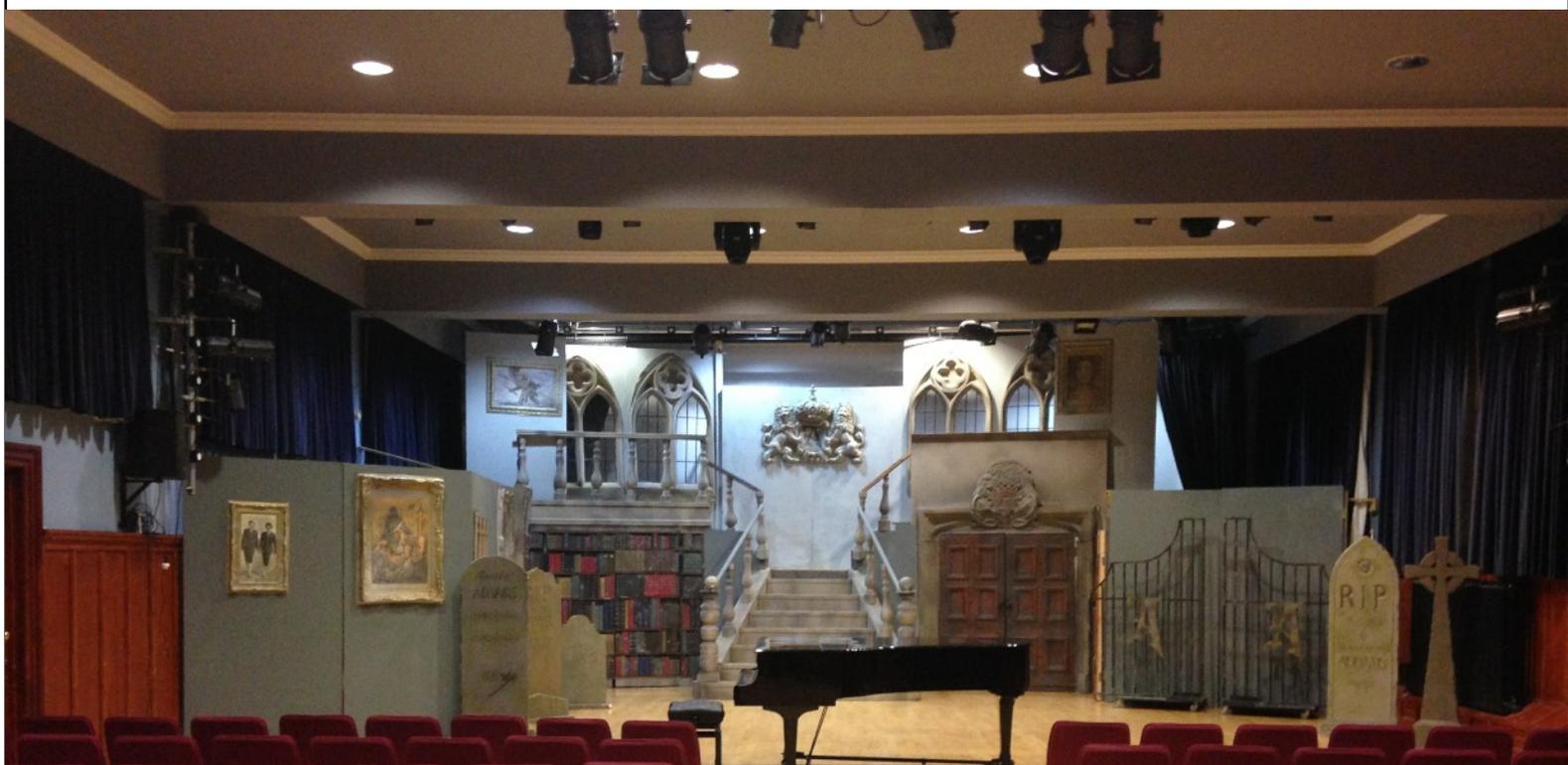
This year's Senior Musical, *The Addams Family*, opens a week on Monday, running from 21st-24th November.

Based on the characters from the comics, movies and TV shows, it tells a brand new story – Wednesday (Rachel Elphick) has fallen in love... with a normal boy! Lucas (Sam Farquhar) is coming to dinner with his parents, Mal (James McGauley) and Alice (Lexy Dalton). She confides in her doting father, Gomez (Rohan Kelsall) but refuses to tell mother Morticia (Gen Myhan) until after dinner.

Meanwhile, younger brother Pugsley (Esia Forsyth) is feeling left out and steals a potion from Grandma (Salma Ali) to make Wednesday reveal her true self to the normal family from Ohio. Completing the cast is Lurch (Ben Edwards), the mute zombie butler.

With a huge chorus of undead Ancestors, led by Uncle Fester (Mr Edwards) and his three lead Ancestors (Kira Meikle, Alex Thompson & Maddy Forsyth) join us to find out if love will triumph when the two families clash!

Tickets are available free from General Office now.



Thought for the week

TRUST

We all, as humans, need someone to depend on; whether it is a loved one, a friend or a simple stranger. We all need that sense of belonging to someone; knowing that someone wants us and that we are needed.

We all say that we trust people but what does trust actually mean? The definition of trust is the reliance on the integrity, strength and ability of a person or thing but that is not what I thought it meant. To be honest I don't know what I thought trust meant but I do know that trust is a 'label' we put on certain people. There are very few people I trust in the world and they are the people I love the most. I know that I can talk to them whenever I want about whatever I want and I know that they won't judge me; I know that they will be there for me when I'm upset and that they will be there for me in times of celebrations; I know that they have accepted me for who I am and I am very thankful for that because I am hard to put up with at times! I have realised that I don't love them for who they are (although that always helps!) but I love them because they have accepted my trust and more importantly they have accepted me.

Stephanie Schnurr

How Barnard Castle School reacted to the American Presidential Election

On Wednesday morning the people of Barnard Castle awoke to the sight of snow and the ground breaking news that Donald J. Trump had been elected into the most powerful position in the world.

Countries all around the world went into meltdown over why and how it was possible for the boisterous Republican to be elected. This is understandable. He is a completely different species of 'politician' from British and European politicians. Likewise, he is the complete opposite to former American leaders. The polls and media were also completely wrong.

All over the internet there are articles and features about how the world reacted, and there are even protests in America itself. In School, reactions were a bit less extreme. No tears or wild celebrations were on show.

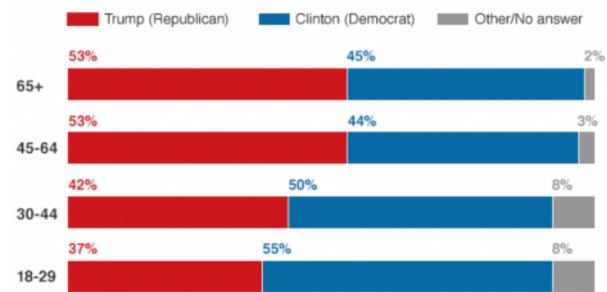
Trump did have supporters within the school: Aiden Rusk was a particular fan of his. He was, however, in the minority.

Politics teacher Mrs Campbell was disappointed in the Durham House meeting when Head of House, Isaac Brace, used a Trump quote for 'Quote of the Week'. Mr Butler was questioning whether 2016 was one big dream after so many celebrity deaths, Brexit and now the election result. Mrs Gorman even criticised the lack of rhetoric in his acceptance speech.

Most students were also unimpressed with how the election had gone. I was one of them. In History, we gave our US Presidential Election votes. The result was a landslide Clinton victory with 9 to 1 in favour of the opposite result to the actual result. Everyone was talking about how shocking the real result was.

For our part, we felt the same as the young, aged 18-22, voters of America. 54% of this age group voted for Clinton. This was a similar story in the E.U Referendum, when only 28% supported the decision. I was on Duke of Edinburgh at that time and there was a similar reaction to this result to Wednesday's election result. In the run up, most believed a Republican victory was impossible.

Older people vote for Trump



Source: Edison Research for ABC News, AP, CBS News, CNN, Fox News, NBC News



Another momentous occasion on Wednesday was the Senior House Cake-decorating Competition and it was not hard to think of ideas for this one. We are now left to wonder when Trump gets the keys to the White House on 20th January 2017, if he will be able to replicate the Durham House and build his infamous wall.

Andrew Gedye

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year we will be gathering Christmas Shoeboxes for needy families across the North East of England.

They will be distributed through the wonderful charity 'Home-Start Seaham', a predominantly volunteer group of 'surrogate aunts' who provide vital support to struggling families with young children.

The idea is to fill a shoebox with gifts and supplies, decorate your box and affix a label marking what age the box is suitable for.

This is of course entirely optional but we hope that we will receive a good number of shoeboxes in order to help struggling families have a merrier Christmas.

Shoeboxes should be brought into school before: -

Wednesday 23rd November 2016

Further details will be sent after half-term.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Michaelmas Market

SUNDAY, November 27

BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

10.30am - 3pm

★ Unique, bespoke arts and crafts ★ Fine food &

drink ★ Gorgeous gifts for you and the home

★ Stunning jewellery and fashion accessories

★ Luxury beauty & spa treats

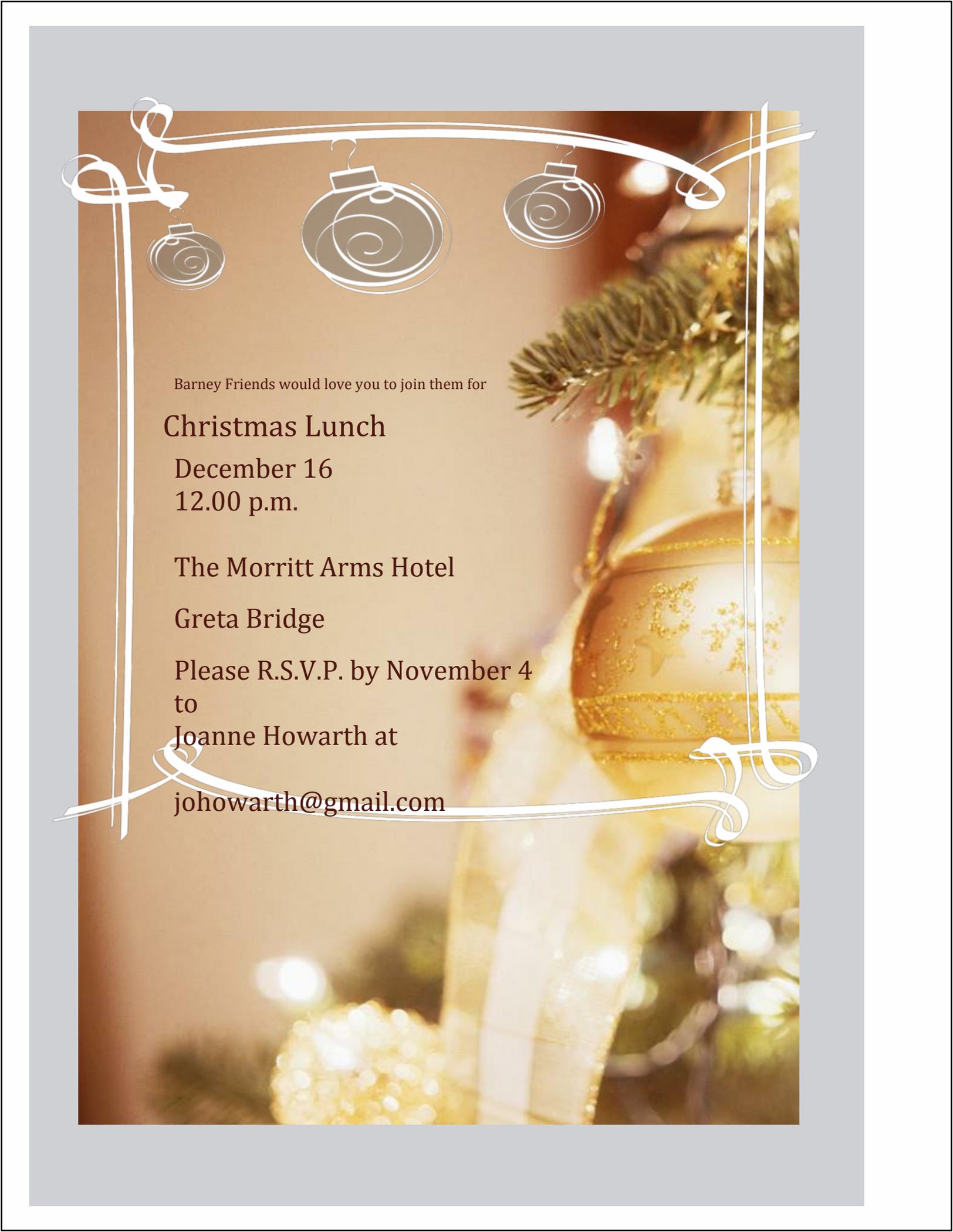
★ Christmas raffle

★ Seasonal refreshments

★ FREE ENTRY and

★ Plenty of good cheer!

Organ



Barney Friends would love you to join them for

Christmas Lunch

December 16
12.00 p.m.

The Morritt Arms Hotel

Greta Bridge

Please R.S.V.P. by November 4
to
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