



BARNARD CASTLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# The Barney Buzz

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## Headmistress's News

It is good to be back at School after a much deserved and relaxing half term break. The second half of term has started apace and we have squeezed in a visit from the Premier League trophy, a Punctuation Show, Deputy Head interviews, eleven sports fixtures, as well as 280 lessons!

Our Founders' Day Service, just before half-term, was a most enjoyable occasion. It was good to reflect upon the origins of the School and the Choir performed admirably at the end of a busy week. My thanks, again, to the Choir, Dr Harrison and Mr Seddon for their sterling contributions to the service. This year we focused more on the buildings of the School and how they have evolved and it was great to see how much Prep School has changed.

Looking forward, we have our book exchange taking place next Wednesday in Miss White's classroom. You will find further details in this newsletter and of course our wonderful themed day of 'Harry Potter and a spell of all things magical' on **Friday 3rd March**, including a very special Hogwarts-style lunch. I do hope that families will join us for the Barney Friends' Family Walk on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. All ages are welcome and this has proved to be a popular event over recent years; please meet in the Prep School playground at 2pm.

I would also like to congratulate Miss White who qualified yesterday as a CEOPS Ambassador for the School. It is great to see that our staff consistently strive to better themselves and we look forward to her utilising her new skills within our curriculum.

Laura Turner

## Boarders' News

It was good to see the children return after the half term break, the house was too quiet without the every day noise and routine that generally resonates from our humble abode. They all had a fun time relaxing with family and friends but quickly got back into boarding life. So far this week, in addition to our every day routines, we have been swimming, played hockey and had fun in the sports hall. The boarders were excited to swap rooms as we have had a bit of a restructure of rooms on their return.



Mr Killeen

## Calling all book lovers!

Next Wednesday, your School Council will be holding a book exchange during break times and after School. This is an opportunity for you to clear down your shelves of those you've read a thousand times and hopefully discover a new story to sink your teeth into.

All donations will be gratefully received and can be delivered to Miss White's classroom as soon as possible. We look forward to helping you find a new favourite book! Thank you.

School Council

## World Book Day



### Reminder!

We would like all children to dress up in their most magical costumes on **Friday 3rd March** as we celebrate World Book Day with the theme 'Harry Potter and a spell of all things magical!'. We are all looking forward to a day full of Hogwarts-style fun and learning.

## All the time in the world!

Year 1 have been busy making their own clocks in class this week. They carefully created some hands for their clocks and enjoyed setting each other time challenges. This was rounded off with a fun game of "What time is it Mr Wolf?".



## Olivia, Olivia

Rehearsals are well underway for the Years 3 and 4 production of Olivia which will be debuted on 8<sup>th</sup> March for the School and 9<sup>th</sup> March for all our parents and friends.

The children are most excited now that the staging is up and they are looking forward to putting on their costumes for the first time on Monday. Lines have been learnt, songs prepared and cockney accents are being perfected as we speak. 'Wotcha' has become a standard greeting in Year 4!

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Atkinson Hall in two weeks time.



## Blown away!

Our Year 2 children are finding out about Chinese culture and thoroughly enjoyed creating these Chinese Cherry Blossom paintings. They blew a mixture of paint and black ink through a straw, which created wonderful shapes representing a gnarled cherry tree and then dabbed on three shades of pink paint to represent the cherry blossom. Each one turned out very differently depending on how hard the children blew and in



which direction their straws were facing. Later this week we will be finding out some interesting and sometimes gruesome facts about the Great Wall of China.



## Bobbies on the beat!

As we embark on our 'People Who Help Us' topic, Reception have enjoyed the new police station role play area this week. Miss Laverick and I have been arrested countless times, but it is worth it, as the police officers then happily write reports on our misdemeanours.

**Mrs Bale**

## Algebra X-perts!

With the pressure of the Entrance Tests behind them, Mr Ayres's set have been spending the week developing their understanding of that most maligned branch of Mathematics -



Algebra. From blank faces on Monday to forming and solving complex expressions by Friday they made excellent progress and have well and truly been bitten by the algebra bug. Algebra can be a very abstract concept for many pupils so they spent a lot of time using manipulatives to visually represent what was happening in the equations.  $3b + 4 = 19$  would need 3 of the same piece and a 4 to make 19. The pupils are now algebra X-perts!



## Total recall!

Year 3 have been enjoying their Monday Mental Maths session - this week the games practised quick recall of number facts.



## Clued up at Camelot!

Mrs Robertson's Year 5 English group puzzled over the question of 'Who Sat Where?' at King Arthur's Round Table, using a series of clues and family trees. Not an easy challenge, with plenty of perseverance required. Everyone worked well together, swapping ideas and solutions, in this unusual take on a piece of comprehension!

## The Punctuation Show!

Not sure whether it should be James' or James's? Unclear about whether full stops go inside or outside ()? Simply ask the pupils in Years 4-6 who had the privilege of an audience with 'Barrie the Punctuation Man' and his fantastic singalong spectacular yesterday morning. Packed full of catchy songs (complete with actions!) and audience participation, the pupils got to enhance their knowledge of parenthesis, ellipsis, semi-colons and a whole lot more besides. Engaging and informative cartoons were supported with a range of interactive tunes and quizzes. The response from the children was really positive and I know from speaking to many of them that the delivery and the examples really helped them develop their understanding of punctuation.

**Mr Ayres**



## Vouch for us!

We are, once again, collecting Sainsbury's school vouchers. There is a collection box opposite the Prep School kitchen and also one in Mrs Morse's office. We would be very grateful if you have collected any vouchers if you can bring them in and our eager School Councillors will keep adding them up and planning what we can spend our vouchers on! Thank you.



## Second Hand Uniform Shop

A reminder that the Barney Friends run a second hand uniform shop in the main corridor of Senior School which is open, term time, Friday afternoons between 3pm and 5pm. All items related to School activities can be sold or donated, if requested 70% of the selling price is refunded onto School bills. At the end of the year money from the 30% and donations is divided between School and local charities. Feel free to come and browse. Full details on the School website.

## Sports News

### Rugby Tournament at Terrington: U11

The U11s had their first 7s Tournament of the term and performed admirably. They started very positively and beat Hymers College by 5 tries to 2 with Daniel Richardson claiming a hat-trick. Our next match, against Aysgarth was always going to be a tough one but 2 tries from Harry Metcalf gave us a well deserved draw. Bronte House, who had easily beaten us last term, were next and although we lost 4 tries to 2, the boys played well in a close match. Our last game was against rivals Sedbergh where everything came right and we ran out winners by 6 tries to nil with Johnny Burgess claiming the second hat-trick of the day. Well done to all the players who conducted themselves well on and off the pitch. **Mr Seddon**



### Football v Mowden Hall: U11, U9, U8

On Wednesday our U11s (brilliantly resupplied by a raft of Year 5s) took on Mowden Hall in two very keenly contested matches. Right from the whistle it was clear the A team were in for a tough test and that anyone watching was in for a treat. The quality of football was amongst the best I've seen this term. Despite the lion's share of possession we found ourselves trailing at half time following an excellent Mowden move. Cometh the hour, cometh the man and man of the match, Charlie Coulthard, duly restored parity to the scoreboard with an absolute screamer of a half volley from just inside his own half. The resulting draw was a fair reflection of a well fought contest.

The B team played really well, they were calm in possession and had clearly taken something from all of the pre-match drills. They supported each other well and it was brilliant to see so many different players getting on the score sheet or getting assists. The B's ran out 4-1 winners in the end with George England, Charlie Thompson, Thomas Blenkiron and Callum Gaffney on the scoresheet for Barney. Special credit must go to Oliver Dickinson and William Hutchinson who offered their services to a depleted Mowden side, William even scored their goal! An excellent performance and an excellent result, one that showed how much progress they have made over the past few months.

The U8s and U9s had two excellent performances. They dominated both games, showing the development they have made thus far. Due to their numbers we went into smaller matches which suited our players as they had more space and took full advantage. I would like to complement the boys on a very hard working performance. In the second half we evened up the sides a little on one pitch as the temperature dropped and the players slowed. All of the boys enjoyed the occasion. **Mr Ayres and Mr Wicling**



### Netball v Mowden Hall: U9 & U8

It was lovely to see all the Year 3 and 4 Netball Club members playing matches against Mowden Hall on Wednesday afternoon. For some girls it was their first competitive match and, although they were unable to secure a win, hopefully they now have a better understanding of the standard required.

The A Squad was beaten 5-1, but displayed some excellent defence, particularly Emily Coggrave and Darcy Metcalf. The girls now need to focus on getting in front of their players and competing more assertively for the ball.

The Club Squad was beaten 3-0, but some of these girls have been playing Netball for only five weeks, so should be very proud of their efforts. More accuracy with shooting would have helped to even out the score.

I was most encouraged by the B Squad's efforts who, despite going 3-0 down in the first quarter against Mowden's A Team, managed to fight back, and finish the game 3-2. The squad was a blend of Year 3 and 4 players, who show a good deal of promise for the future.

The girls all remained enthusiastic and it was great to have good support from the parents. **Mrs Thompson**

### Hockey v Mowden Hall: U11

The U11 and U10 Hockey teams had some good matches against Mowden Hall. The U11 team scored some super goals and benefited from playing in different positions to win the match. In the U10 match we scored a good goal first then Mowden equalised. We certainly had some chances but Mowden were more successful in taking theirs. Well done to all the players. **Mrs Seddon**



### Year 3 & 4 House Matches

On Monday, we had our termly House matches for Years 3 and 4. We started with the Netball and Football where Grenville and Drake came out on top in some entertaining ties. This was followed by the cross country run which pushed the children in wet and muddy conditions. We were very impressed by their attitude as they kept going over a long course. Esme Berend led the girls home followed by Darcy Metcalf with Anna Metcalf finishing first for the Year 3 girls. In the boys' race, Edwin Barwick (Year 3) crossed the line first with Joe Arnold and Jonny Royle (Year 4) following closely behind. **Mr Wicling**

## Maths Puzzler

Well done to Benjamin French, Rhys James, Minnie Wilson, Freya Pinwill-Price, Henry Turnbull and everyone else who emailed me or handed in solutions; merits to you all!

**Maths Puzzler**

Well done to serial contributors Henry Turnbull and Rhys James who correctly worked out that if 70% of my emails were spam then only 30% or 105 were safe to open.

This week I would like you to try and fill in the pyramid. Each number is made by adding the two blocks below it. For example the 19 must be made by adding 7 and ? (12!). What number goes at the top?

This week's puzzle is a cryptarithm - each letter in the addition calculation has a certain value (0-9) i.e. all the Es are worth the same, all the Ms are worth the same. Can you replace the letters with numbers so that the calculation is correct? Remember Es and Ms cannot be the same number otherwise they'd be the same letter!



Please return your answers to me by next Wednesday.

Good luck.

**Mr Ayres**

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## Forthcoming Events

### February

- Fri 24 Years 5 & 6 House Cross Country, Football and Netball, 1:45pm
- Mon 27 Prep School Open Week, 9:30am to 3:30pm  
Boys' Football & Girls' Netball v Yarm: U9 (A), 3:30pm  
Boys' Football & Girls' Netball v Yarm: U8 (H), 3:30pm
- Tues 28 Prep School Open Week, 9:30am to 3:30pm  
Netball Coaching Tournament at Durham High: U9, 2:30pm

### March

- Wed 1 Prep School Open Week, 9:30am to 3:30pm  
HMC Junior Schools Music Day, Ashville College
- Thurs 2 Squash Tournament at Norton Club: U11, d8:50am  
Prep School Open Week, 9:30am to 3:30pm  
Netball Tournament at Durham School: U10, 2:30pm
- Fri 3 Harry Potter and a Spell of All Things Magical non-uniform themed day  
Prep School Open Week, 9:30am to 3:30pm

## Awards This Week:

### Special Mention Certificates:

Reuben Hosking, Dylan Dougal, Georgina Chapman, Sophie Pegram, Sebastian Metcalf, Benjamin Dixon, Theo Te Lintelo, Violet Heintz, Dermot Metcalf, Evie Wicling, George Goad, Freya Pinwill-Price, Harry Sinclair, Jemima Burton, Seth Crisp, Rhys James, Henry Manley, Rhys Jenkins, Edward Baker, Johnny Burgess, Pippa Atherton, Fin McGuire, Jonny Ross-Mitchell, Aimee Willey

### Merit Certificates:

Sophia Hare, Sophie Winnard, Charlie Coulthard, Molly Peart, Ella Turner, William Banner, Lottie Baptist, Tom Body, Emily England, Benjamin French, George Goad, Sophie McGill, Ned Michelin, Freya Pinwill-Price, Jonny Royle, Theo Tweddle, Minnie Wilson, Scarlet Sinclair, Katie Riddell



## App of the Week:

### Monster Time Free



The Monster Time app is a fantastic tool for teaching children to tell the time on both analog and digital clocks! Monster Time will work with all of your iPhones, iPads, and iPods. It features five wild little monsters who have tentacle arms to have fun with while learning! You can collect up to fifteen photos of the scary five by completing the three levels of difficulty for each character. The monsters teach 'half past, quarter to and quarter past', as well as 'am and pm'.



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# *May Ball*

**Saturday 27th May 2017**  
**7pm-1am**

**To be held at**  
**Barnard**  
**Castle School**

**Fizz on arrival**  
**3 Course Dinner**  
**Live Entertainment**

**Booking forms available from Mrs Morse**