



BARNARD CASTLE
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Headmistress's News

Happy New Year! It's good to be back and as usual at this time of year, there is a fresh impetus to School life, not only owing to a good holiday but also in light of all of our new year's resolutions. A new year brings new opportunities which has been our theme this week. The idea that we can make a fresh start is an attractive one and this is particularly the case after a restful holiday. I have enjoyed listening to the various resolutions that the children are going to work on this term, from eating more vegetables, to playing for the A team, to helping mum clear the breakfast table. It is very encouraging to note their enthusiasm and, as I pointed out to them, it is important that we maintain these resolutions and use them as stepping stones to making good choices in our lives.

The snow flurry that arrived last night has caused much excitement over playtime today and it is wonderful to see the children having so much fun with their friends.

This term we see the introduction of our Speech and Drama lessons with Mrs Wilson. Many children have had their first taster lesson this week and lots of positive comments have been received. If you would like any further information about these please do see Mrs Morse.

As always we have a busy term ahead, which I am sure will provide many excellent experiences for children, staff and parents alike.

Laura Turner

Boarders' News

Welcome back boarders! It was great to see the children return revitalised while at the same time breathing life back into the house after their Christmas break. They were all very excited to tell Mrs Killeen and I what fun they had over the holidays and what goodies they received from a certain you know who! We would like to welcome Alfie, Archie and Shiv into our family here at Old Courts. I have no doubt that they will adjust to boarding quickly and enjoy this unique experience.

Mr Killeen

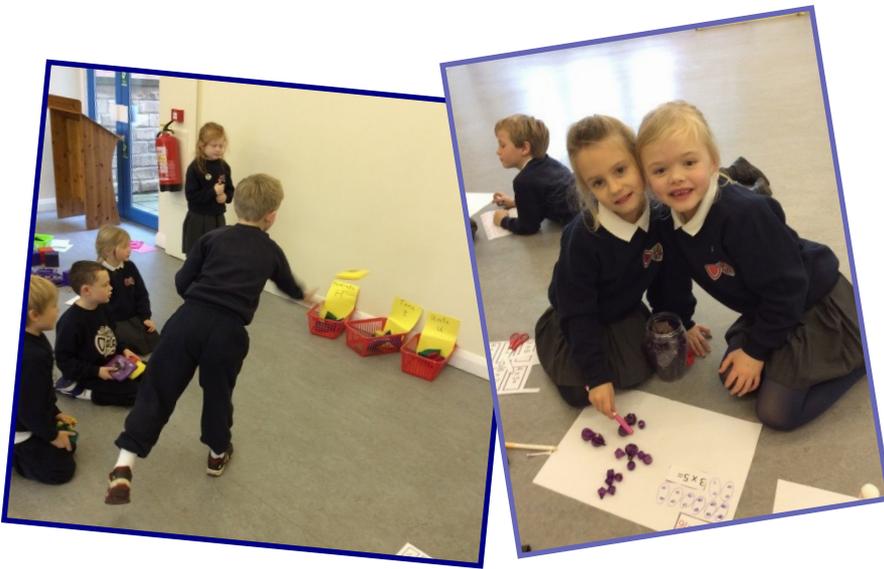


Barney Friends

Happy New Year! Our first meeting of 2017 is after drop-off on Wednesday 18th January at Clarendon's. Anyone interested in coming along to meet new people and join in the informal chat is most welcome. Our first event of the year is the popular Family Walk on Sunday 19th March at 2pm. This is an easy stroll from Prep School along the Tees followed by tea and cakes at the Bowes Museum Café, suitable for the whole family and always an enjoyable afternoon out.

Parent Directory - If you need to update any of your details for the directory, please email any changes to bf@barneyschool.org.uk before Sunday. Any parents who are not included and would like to be, please email your details (name, email, telephone numbers, child's name and class) and we can add you in.





What a great addition!

On Thursday morning the Year 1 and 2 children joined forces for a practical maths lesson in the hall. They enjoyed solving multiplication problems, buying and selling in the class shop, completing multiplication problems on their laptops and working on place value activities. The children worked beautifully together and it was lovely to see our older children offering support to those younger than themselves. They thoroughly enjoyed working together and each activity promoted valuable discussion and collaboration. We will continue to run these practical sessions each week.

Reception are twitching!

To start our new topic of 'British Birds', the Reception class have looked carefully at the colouring and size of familiar feathered friends.

The result of these observations can be seen in the display of paintings in the Reception corridor and show the great care that the children gave this task.



Topical Tropical Rainforests

What a great start to the spring term!

Dream a little dream

In PSHE this term Year 5 have started looking at sleeping patterns and we spoken at length about how important sleep is.

The children have started keeping a sleep diary and we are looking forward to analysing them next week.

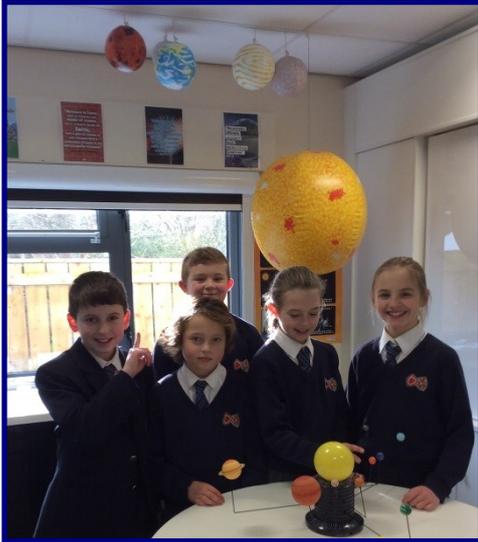


Year 4 have launched themselves straight into our new topic for the term of 'Rainforests and Climate Change'. In English, Science and Geography lessons we have looked at comparing the habitat of the rainforest with that of Barnard Castle, read newspaper articles relating to deforestation and tourism and examined where tropical rainforests are located in the world. We know that the children will throw themselves into this highly relevant and interesting work. Watch out for further updates throughout the term.



Whatever the weather!

There was much excitement in Geography with Year 3 discussing changing seasons linked closely to different weather as the snow flurries began yesterday afternoon. The children have created mind maps and described seasonal changes and associated weather.



Stellar work!

Year 6 have returned to School refreshed after the holiday and are working hard towards the forthcoming entrance tests. They have got the term off to a sunny start with their new Science topic based on the solar system. They will use models and situations to study the Earth, Sun and Moon and investigate light and shadows as part of the Year 6 Achievement Award.

Let it snow!

The children were very happy to don their wellies and coats and make the most of the snow this break time!



Maths Puzzler

Welcome back! As we usher in a new year so we have many more fantastic puzzlers to look forward to.

For the first puzzler of 2017 I am turning the question over to you. If the answer is 2017 what could the question be? Can you find anything that is 2017cm long or 2017g? Can you draw a shape with a perimeter of 2017cm or an area of 2017cm sq. Be as creative as possible and send your answers to me by next Wednesday.

Also, if you got any Maths related presents for Christmas, I would love to hear about them!

Mr Ayres

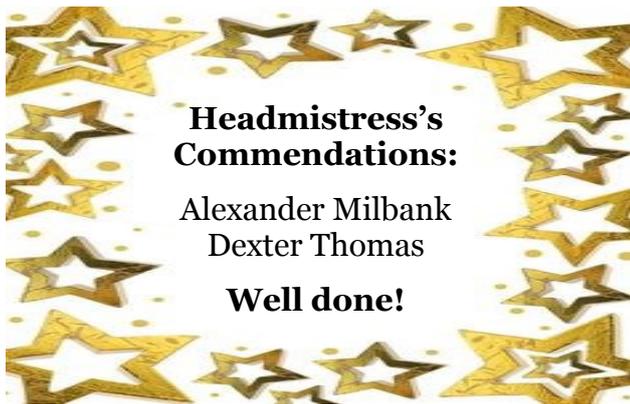
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Extra layers!

Due to the cold weather, pupils may bring skins, or extra layers, and wear woolly hats and gloves during PE and Games lessons.

Please can you ensure items are all clearly named to avoid an overflowing lost property basket! Thank you.



Headmistress's Commendations:

Alexander Milbank
Dexter Thomas

Well done!



This week we would like to wish a
very happy birthday to:

Darcy Metcalf
Oscar Lawson
Alfie Franks

Best wishes from everyone at
Prep School!

Forthcoming Events

January

Wed 18 Barney Friends' meeting, Clarendon's, 8:45am
Thurs 19 Year 4 Trip to Centre for Life
Fri 20 Girls' Netball v Teesside High: U11A&B (A), 2:30pm
Boys' Hockey v Teesside High: U11 (A), 2:30pm
House Matches for Years 5 & 6 have been rescheduled (see adjacent note)

Awards This Week:

House Certificates:

This week we were delighted to welcome four new pupils to the Prep School and to award them House certificates in assembly on Tuesday.

Welcome to Drake House Shivraj Sehgal,
Grenville House Alfie Franks and Esme Berend
and Raleigh House Archie Pepper.

Well done to Emily Pegram for achieving her Solo Introductory Stage 3 with Distinction in her LAMDA Introductory Graded Exam and to Mia Pegram for a Distinction in her Acting Grade 2—Solo in her LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 2).

App of the Week:

Daisy the Dinosaur



A nice app for the Pre-Prep to start the new term! Daisy the Dinosaur is a great introduction to coding for younger pupils. It takes them step by step through simple instructions, gradually building up sequences. From here, children can move onto a variety of other coding apps and then onto classic computing programs such as Scratch.

Calendar Amendments

There have been a few amendments to the calendar since going to print unfortunately. Please note:-

The Year 5 & 6 House Cross Country, Football and Netball is not taking place on Friday 20th January, we are hoping to reschedule this on Friday 24th February at 1:45pm.

Girls' Netball and Boys' Hockey v Teesside High: U11 is taking place next Friday 20th January at 2:30pm.

The Football v Aysgarth: U9 and U8 is not taking place on Monday 6th February this is on Monday 20th March at 2:30pm.

The Year 3 sleepover has moved from Friday 24th February to Friday 17th March.

Pupils in Years 5 & 6 who are going on the French Trip need to be at school at 11:30pm on Thursday 23rd March, for a midnight departure, latest.

ACTIVITY PROGRAMME—LENT TERM 2017

Please see below the activity programme for this term, commencing next week, Monday 16th January.

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Break Time 1030-1050				Boys Choir (Yrs 3&4) Brass	Woodwind
Lunch Time 1230-1300	Beginners Chess (Yrs 3-6) Art (Yr 4) Play Rehearsal (Yr 4) Harmony Choir (Yrs 5&6)	Hip Hop (All) <i>(fee payable)</i> Lego (Yrs 1&2) Play Rehearsal (All Yrs 3&4)	School Council Colouring (Yrs 1&2) Orchestra	Science (Yrs 1&2) Lego (Yrs 3&4) Play Rehearsal (Yr 4) Drama (Yrs 5&6) MangaHigh (Yrs 5&6)	Puzzles (Yrs 1&2) Girls' Choir (Yrs 3&4) Mindfulness (Yrs 3-6)
After School 1545-1645	Art (Yrs 1&2) Board Games (Yrs 3&4) Play Rehearsal (Yr 4) Art (Yr 5) Football (Yrs 5&6)	Ballet (All) <i>(fee payable)</i> Construction & Engineering (Yrs 1&2) Judo (Yrs 3-6) <i>(fee payable)</i> Gardening (Yrs 3-6) Football (Yrs 3&4) Hockey (Yrs 3&4) Netball (Yrs 5&6) Art (Yr 6) Chapel Choir 5:15pm by invitation	Pre-Prep Choir (Rec-Y2) Art (Yr 3) Netball (Yrs 3&4) Play Rehearsal (Yr 4) Mixed Hockey (Yrs 5&6) Strings	Curiosity (Yrs 1&2) Play Rehearsal (All Yrs 3&4) Spanish (Yrs 5&6) Science (Yr 6) Chapel Choir 5:15pm by invitation	Taekwondo (Yrs 2-6) <i>(fee payable)</i> Advanced Chess (Yrs 3-6)

The activities listed below incur a charge per session, as follows:-

Hip Hop £3.50, Ballet £3.50 (£5.50 for both)

Judo £4

Taekwondo £4

Charges will be added to the end of term bill