



BARNARD CASTLE
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Headmistress's News

Determination is a skill that we all need in life and so has been a theme for our discussions this week. It requires setting goals and being willing to work hard, and through our assemblies and lessons this week we have thought about examples of how this can be done. Our determination to succeed this week has allowed us to play to high levels in Football and Netball tournaments and, most importantly, sing and act in style in preparation for the Year 3 and 4 play 'Olivia' that we have all been eagerly waiting for. I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving emails whilst I have been away at a conference this week, advising me how fantastic the production is and how determined and enthusiastic the Year 3 and 4 children are to succeed in being the best. For that reason, I cannot wait to see their final performance on my return to School this evening.

Year 5 have visited Bolton Castle this week, Year 2 the Railway Museum in Shildon and, of course, Reception have had their annual noisy visit from Sergeant Turner and his police car to coincide with their 'People Who Help Us' topic.

I am delighted that Prep School will be making their debut on Monday in the 125th Barnard Run. We have 24 boys and girls competing in the Prep School Barnard Run, chosen from our House Cross Country race earlier this term, with the remaining Prep School children, including our youngest runners aged 4, all taking part in the Barnard Fun Run. This is a wonderful occasion which the Prep School children aspire to be part of so we are delighted to be sharing the celebrations. The Prep School Barnard Run takes place at 11.05am with the Barnard Fun Run at 11.30am. All parents are welcome to the event to support the children. The presentations will take place at 12.30pm in the Sports Hall for our 24 Prep School Runners to which their parents are invited. I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Unfortunately, I am away on an Inspection next week from Tuesday lunchtime to Thursday, so in my absence Mr Seddon will be happy to deal with any queries you may have.

Have a lovely exeat weekend.

Laura Turner

Boarders' News

Following their Harry Potter day at School, it seemed fitting for the boarders to watch 'The Philosopher's Stone' on Friday evening. A fantastic way to end a super day! There was a sporting start to Saturday as Mr Wicling took the children to the Sports Hall for a cricket masterclass. Afterwards it was back to Old Courts for a jigsaw challenge in the kitchen. After lunch, Mrs Seddon took the children into town for some much needed retail therapy and a walk to the park. The day was rounded off with the second instalment of the Harry Potter films 'The Chamber of Secrets' which they enjoyed with the treats they'd bought in town. With a break in the weather on Sunday, we all decided to go to Richmond for ice-creams and a walk by the river. The girls also tried their culinary skills and made a batch of cakes including some fabulous Rocky Road!

Mr Killeen



The Beat Goes On!

We had one of the highlights of the Reception class year this week; a visit from Sergeant Turner and his police car. The children had so many fabulous opportunities. They found out about the equipment that the police carry, handled some of it and asked Sergeant Turner lots of thoughtful questions. We even used the radio to speak to the lady who takes the emergency calls and then contacts the police officers. Next, all of the children sat in the police car and experimented with the sirens and cameras (thank you to the rest of Prep School for your patience). After a police escort to the dining hall, we thanked Sergeant Turner for giving us so much of his time (for the ninth year running) and we look forward to seeing him next year.



Kings, and Queens, of the Castle!

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Bolton Castle. On a bitterly cold day, with deep blue skies, the Castle was a stunning example of a magnificent country house literally fit for a queen. Master David and Master Tom, who organised a variety of interesting activities for us, introduced all the boys and girls to their new lives as Tudor "plebs" and our preppies were quickly transformed with their new clothes. They learned how to "give reverence" which came in very handy as Tally Hayward was introduced as Queen Mary, (Mary Queen of Scots) who had stayed at the castle during her years of imprisonment. The Castle fires were lit and the children enjoyed all the activities on offer such as spear drills, playing with Tudor toys, handling artefacts such as armour and swords, script writing and making pomanders. We climbed to the top of the castle to see Mary's bedroom and finished off the day with some time in the maze.

Master David and Master Tom had a wealth of knowledge about how others lived in the past and it was lovely to see the children listening and taking part with such enthusiasm. There was something for everyone.

Mrs Seddon and Mrs Killeen



Watch us grow!

The children in Year 2 had great fun this week measuring each other from head to toe! They quickly realised that a single ruler wouldn't suffice and were soon unravelling flexible tape measures to measure around waists, wrists and heads. Small fingernails needed to be measured using mm and finding the overall height of their partner required metre rules up against the cupboard door. Once all the data had been collected we compared class measurements to create tally charts and bar graphs. There was a huge variety of different sized hand spans to record and the results were sometimes surprising. How much will our children grow in the years to come?



A roll of the dice!

Year 1 have been working hard on their mental maths skills this week. They have enjoyed using dice to generate their addition sums. We also enjoyed the challenge of how to work out adding two 2 digit numbers mentally.



Treading the boards!

By now many of our Year 3 and 4 parents, as well as most of the School, will have seen the fruits of all those weeks of learning songs, lines and preparing costumes. I am so proud of what the children have achieved and how confidently they held themselves on stage. My warmest thanks go to you the parents for keeping them going as well as helping them to create costumes and learn everything. In addition I would like to thank Dr Harrison for the hours of rehearsals and support he has given to the children, Mr Wicling, Mrs Michelin and Miss Strachan for their dedication to ensuring that this production went so well. Of course the ones who deserve the hugest round of applause are all the children of both year groups who kept going through illness, fixtures and lots of rehearsals – you have amazed me with your skill, dancing and singing. Well done!

Miss White

Pearly whites!

As part of their 'Teeth and Healthy Eating' topic, Year 3 set up an experiment to observe how sugar and acid affect our teeth. They placed real teeth and also pieces of eggshell into four different liquids and will examine them for changes next week.



125th Barnard Run

As a reminder, this Monday 13th March, all Prep School children from Reception to Year 6 will be running in celebration of the 125th Barnard Run. Parents are more than welcome to join us on the School fields from 10:40am. Hot drinks will be available at the Barney Friends' tent.

As part of the celebration, twelve boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 are going to compete in the Prep School Barnard Run. The rest of the Prep School pupils will be running part of the course as the Barnard Fun Run. **All pupils should come to School in their PE kit on Monday morning and bring their School uniform to change into at lunch time.** There will be no Games, PE or Swimming in the afternoon.



Sports News

HMC Football and Netball Tournament at Hymers

Tuesday saw the return of the annual HMC Netball and Football Tournaments at Hymers College in Hull. 26 boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 met at the top of the Senior School drive, full of excitement and belief. The tournaments kicked off as soon as we stepped off the bus.

The Football A team faced incredibly stiff competition from three teams, all boasting academy players from the likes of Middlesbrough and Manchester City. They played valiantly throughout the group stages, succumbing to narrow defeats in each of their games, and improved with each passing match, never abandoning their principles. A rematch with Yarm was a tasty prospect in the plate semi-final and it was Yarm who prevailed to send us home.

The B team started slowly against eventual champions Barlborough College but improved with every game, rounding out the group with a deserved win against the hosts, Hymers, to set up a semi-final against QEGS. Buoyed by their previous win, the boys played superbly well with Daniel Raper and Shivraj Sehgal scoring in each half to send us through to the final against RGS. The final was a tense affair with the best football of the day being played. Every boy played their part, with the A team cheering them on from the sidelines. Eventually our pressure told as Shiv, once again, finished a great team move to see the B team crowned plate winners.

The girls were blessed with perfect playing conditions for Netball but a few mistakes cost the girls in their first match, which ended in a draw. They went on to play two very good teams who just edged them and finished the campaign with a win against Bradford. This saw them enter the playoffs where they faced Pocklington who they beat 2-0, setting up another plate final against RGS. Despite trailing 4-0 at half time, the girls rallied to win the second half by scoring three fantastic goals; unfortunately they just came up short.

All of the players conducted themselves with pride and humility and can be pleased with their efforts.

Mr Ayres, Mr Wicling, Mrs Thompson

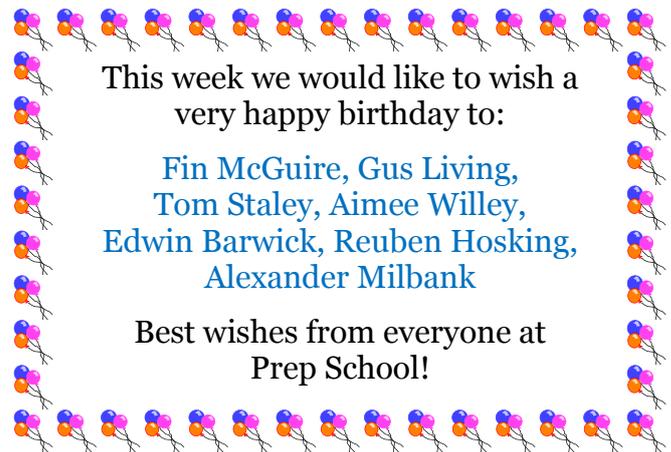
Netball Tournament at Queen Mary's: U8

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Queen Mary's on Tuesday to play in their first Netball Tournament. Both teams played competitive matches and developed well as the tournament progressed. The two girls awarded for player of the tournament were Mila Johnson and Sophie Winnard and the most improved awards went to Megan Brown and Emily Pegram. All the girls gained valuable match play experience and fun was had by all.

Mrs Hairsine and Mrs Seddon

SATIPS Stars!

We have just received the results of the SATIPS General Knowledge Quiz where our team of Daniel Newell, Harry Maude, Johnny Burgess, Molly Peart, Fin McGuire and Scarlet Sinclair performed very well. With a combined score of nearly 350 following some probing questions, we found ourselves finishing about half way out of the 60 schools that took part with approximately 1400 children taking the quiz. Daniel was the top scorer for us with 69 out of 100, closely followed by Harry with 68; well done to everyone.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

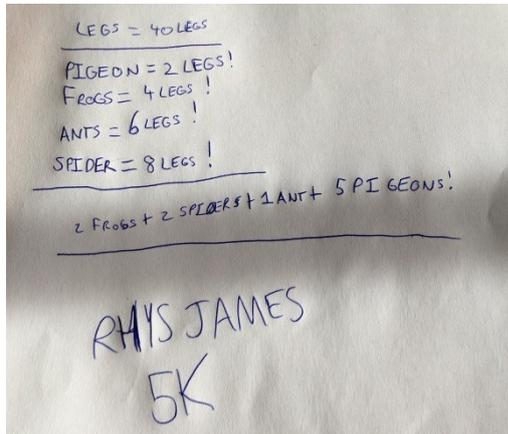
As a reminder, the Barney Friends' Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Friday (term time) between 3pm and 5pm and is located in the main corridor of Senior School.

Looking ahead to next term, they have a good stock of summer dresses ranging from 22-36 inches. If you have any items to sell, please bring them to the shop or leave them with Mrs Morse.

Maths Puzzler

Last week's puzzler featured a very mischievous Harry Potter! Harry had a falling out with Snape and is working on a potion to turn him into a bat! Harry needs 40 legs for his potion. In his potion box he has frogs (4 legs), ants, (6 legs), spiders (8 legs) and pigeons (2 legs). I asked you to find a way to get Harry his 40 legs using at least one of every animal.

Lots of great entries, well done to Benjamin French, Henry Turnbull, Rhys James and everyone else who had a go.



This week's puzzler also features animals. In my house I have goldfish, canaries and rabbits. Altogether there are 15 heads and 26 legs. How many of each animal could I have?

Answers to me by next Wednesday please.

Good luck.

Mr Ayres

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Forthcoming Events

March

- Fri 10 Northern Semi-Finals Hockey: U11, 1pm
Cross Country at Teesside High: U11, U10, 1:30pm
Year 3 & 4 Play 'Olivia', Atkinson Hall, 2pm
All Year 3 & 4 pupils staying for tea
Year 3 & 4 Play 'Olivia', Atkinson Hall, 7pm
- Sat 11 Exeat weekend
- Sun 12 Exeat weekend
- Mon 13 Prep School Barnard Run, 11:05am
All pupils start Fun Run, 11:30am
- Tues 14 Rugby 7s at St Olave's: U11, 1pm
- Wed 15 Barney Friends' meeting, Clarendon's, 8:45am
Netball Tournament at Polam Hall: U11, 1:30pm
Firemen visiting Reception class
- Thurs 16 Year 6 Maths competition at Mowden Hall
Netball Tournament at Yarm: U9, 1pm
Football Tournament at Yarm: U9, 1pm
- Fri 17 Year 4 & 5 Maths Challenge Day at Newcastle School for Girls
Year 3 Sleepover, Atkinson Hall
- Sun 19 Barney Friends' Family Walk, PS playground, 2pm

Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Caitlyn McLean, Megan Sunley, Phoebe Allman, Freddie Wilks, Rocco Catellani, Ella Turner, Edwin Barwick, Mila Johnson, Scarlett Hutchinson, Anna Metcalf, Emily England, Tom Body, Bella Staley, Zara Dobson, Ethan Davis, Felicity Richardson, Thea Wilks, Kohana Armstrong, Maisy Squires, Olivia Preston, Rachael Richardson, Freddie Barrett, Ossian McGregor-Towers, Jack Roberts

Merit Certificates:

Caitlyn McLean, Peter Stevenson, Hetty Barwick, Georgina Chapman, Isla MacConachie, Rory Metcalf, Bertie Swan, Freddie Wilks, Niamh Hennessy, Theo Te Lintelo, Quinn Williams, Ben Arnold, Gus Coggrave, Scarlett Hutchinson, Oscar Lawson, Anna Metcalf, Evie Wicling, Hannah Stirling, Dylan Dougal, Vivi Gledhill, Oona MacConachie, Tom Staley, Lucy Willismore, Ethan Davis, Isabelle Kerr, Harry Maguire, Archie Rickard, Samuel Baker-Bird, Tabitha Hilsdon, William Shaefer, Harriet Alliston, Ossian McGregor-Towers, Charlotte Blenkins, Rocco Catellani, Alexander Howard, Finlay Toyne, William Watson, Sofia Wilson

App of the Week:

Music Sparkles



In honour of the play and the importance of the music in the production, I have included a musical app this week. Music Sparkles brings a world of music to your fingertips. From piano and xylophones to electric guitars - just tap and play. Enjoy spectacular sparkles created by your own music as you play. With the large collection of musical instruments, you will be able to develop your musical talent!