



BARNARD CASTLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# The Barney Buzz

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## Headmistress's News

The momentous 125<sup>th</sup> Barnard Run took place on Monday, and what a wonderful event it was. To see Prep School being part of this occasion was an absolute delight and I was so proud of all our runners, from the age of four, taking part. A particular mention must go to Daniel Richardson, Harry Metcalf, Rhys Jenkins, Maisy Squires, Poppy Barlow, Molly Peart who all received medals for the Prep School Barnard Run.

Whilst being out of School I was delighted to hear about wins from our U9 Netball, U11 Rugby 7s and U11 Hockey teams, the Fire Brigade who visited the Reception class and that we had submitted teams from Years 4, 5 and 6 for regional Maths competitions.

Our musicians have also been rehearsing hard for next week's Gala Concert in Big School. The concert takes place on Thursday evening and starts at 7pm; it provides an excellent opportunity for the children to play their instruments and sing together in a dedicated performance. I am sure that the evening will prove to be both enjoyable and memorable.

We are also looking forward to the French trip which departs from Barney at 11.30pm next Thursday. Please do follow our progress on the School website, Facebook and on our Twitter feed.

I look forward to seeing those of you that can join us for the annual Barney Friends' Walk on Sunday at 2pm. I hope the weather will be fine and I am looking forward to completing the treasure hunt twist that has been put on it this year.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Laura Turner**

## Boarders' News

Following the exeat weekend all the boarders returned refreshed after spending quality time with family and friends. This week the children have been swimming with Mrs Killeen and have thoroughly enjoyed being able to play outside for longer due to the lighter nights. We have had a few flexi-boarders join us in Old Courts this week and they enjoyed experiencing a taste of boarding life. We were all delighted to wish Aimee a happy birthday and enjoyed sharing her cake! The boarders are all looking forward to the weekend ahead and are intrigued to see what trip Mrs Killeen and I have in store for them on Sunday.

**Mr Killeen**



## Gala Concert

On Thursday 23rd March we have our Prep Gala Concert with many pupils performing in Years 3-6. They have written in their prep diaries if they are one of those selected for this event. There are many groups performing including choirs, orchestra, brass, woodwind, fifes, violins, cello group and a number of solos and duets prepared by the pupils themselves. Next Thursday, pupils will rehearse during the day and then stay at School for tea.

This is not a ticketed event, please just come along and enjoy it! We really look forward to seeing you all at Big School for what promises to be a dazzling event with material ranging from African tribal to classical to Bob Marley.

What an event!

**Dr Harrison**

## All aboard!

Last Thursday, Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Locomotion in Shildon; which is part of The National Railway Museum. The children had an opportunity to see the great steam trains they have been studying and to learn more about the life and inventions of George Stephenson. It was a fascinating day which was enhanced by Simon Smalley who guided us through the museum and had an exciting array of activities planned. The first session involved observing and holding artefacts related to George Stephenson. We learned lots of interesting facts and I was delighted that the children gave thoughtful and informative answers to Simon's questions. Next they created collages of Locomotion Number 1 before re-enacting the opening of the Stockton to Darlington Railway. In this tableau some children were trains, whilst others were stations, important guests and passengers. We saw 'Sans Pareil', the actual locomotive which alongside 'Rocket' took part in the Rainhill Trials. After a well deserved lunch we saw engines and carriages being restored in the workshop. A highlight of the day was going inside the cab of a huge locomotive and meeting the engine driver who explained what all the brass knobs, dials and levers did. There was even a shelf to keep his tea warm! It was hard work shovelling coal all the way from London to Edinburgh! The children enjoyed trying on costumes and playing with all the interactive exhibits. They were amazed by the luxury of the Royal Train which even had a bed in it! Soon it was time to leave the museum and have a quick play in the train themed playground before setting off home after a very enjoyable day. Thank you to everyone at Locomotion!



## Firefighting frenzy!

On Wednesday afternoon a group of relief firefighters came to see the Reception class pupils. Great fun was had by all while we checked over all of the equipment on the fire engine and learned about the safety kit firefighters wear.



## Time flies when you're having fun!

Year 3 have been busy in Maths this week mastering a number of different concepts. Time has been of the essence as we have read and drawn time using analogue clocks and used our knowledge of time to interpret train timetables. We have also studied fractions of shapes and how they make up one whole, with some taking the challenge to find fractions of quantities. We are all very excited for tonight's sleepover in the Atkinson Hall!



## On route!

Year 1 are getting extremely excited about their trip to Edinburgh.



In Geography they worked in pairs to plan the route we will walk from the station to the Castle. We now have a fantastic plan which will allow us to see some of the landmarks we have been learning about.





## Projecting their talents!

This week Year 4 have continued to show their talent and skills by preparing for their Class Assembly on the theme of global warming. In groups they have tackled the intricacies of renewable energy sources and debated the pros and cons of each of them. This is the culmination of our work in

Geography and Science relating to the Rainforest. The children have really taken the lead on this work and planned their own scripts and PowerPoints. As always with Year 4, we like to be a little bit different, so our assembly was filmed in advance and shown to the rest of the School using the projector.



## Building bridges!

On Thursday I had the pleasure of taking four of our top Year 6 mathematicians to Mowden Hall for a day of mathematical challenges. The morning was spent bridge building with Olivia Preston, Jack Edmunds, Fin McGuire and Harry Maude



working really well as a team to design a structure featuring lots of tubes and triangles. Bridges were judged on their span and their strength. Whilst we were the sixth longest, we were easily the strongest after our bridge held all 11kg without breaking and showed all the signs of holding a lot more, giving us a well deserved victory.

The afternoon held a series of challenges including simple algebra and the 24 game (see this week's puzzler!). We had to race to the front to get every answer marked and when the final whistle went we found ourselves a respectable mid table. The pupils had a fantastic day out and were superb company throughout.

**Mr Ayres**

## Take it away!

Year 5 have thrown themselves into the challenges of the Takeaway Maths homework tasks. We have looked at several topics and the children have created board games, revision posters, logos, hexaflexagons, devised test papers and much, much more. They have earned lots of chilli peppers so far and Mr Ayres and Mrs Killeen look forward to seeing many more completed tasks in the coming weeks.



## App of the Week:



### OFFSET

This is one of NASA's latest educational games! Take matters into your own hands and help cut back on carbon emissions to slow the pace of global warming. This game is challenging, exciting, and educational. Players learn how the global carbon cycle works, about different sources of carbon, and about the ways alternative energy and reforestation can help offset those sources. This is a super app for budding scientists who want to learn some more following Year 4's assembly on global warming.

## Walk this way!

Everyone is welcome on the Barney Friends' Family Walk this Sunday 19th March, with a mini treasure hunt for the children followed by tea, cakes and playground fun at the Bowes Museum (feel free to bring your own refreshments or buy them in the Museum Café). Please meet at the Prep School playground at 2pm. It may be muddy, so we recommend wellies as well as waterproofs and warm clothing.

## May Ball

Tickets for the Barney Friends' May Ball on Saturday 27th May are selling fast – more than half have already been snapped up so to make sure you don't miss out leave your booking form with Mrs Morse. Feel free to nominate who you'd like to sit with, or meet new people by being allocated to a table. It promises to be a great night!

## Sports News

### Northern Semi Finals Hockey: U11

The U11s had a fantastic afternoon at the North East In2Hockey semi-finals. We knew from the start that the girls were going to have to give it their all if they wanted to make it to the North of England Finals. Their first match was against Red House where they gained a comfortable 4-0 win, easing their nerves. Next they faced RGS, a team they have not defeated for a while. This was undoubtedly the best match of hockey I have seen the girls play, they gave it everything and they were rewarded with a super goal to finish 1-0 ahead. Pocklington were our next challenge and, taking confidence from the previous match, they won 3-0 and then quickly secured a 5-0 win against Choristers. It all came down to the last match where they faced the tough opposition of Cundall Manor. This game was similar to their match against RGS with both teams having chances. Neither team were able to secure the win and the match finished 0-0. The girls waited nervously to hear the results and were delighted to go through to the finals in first place. Mrs Seddon and I were extremely proud of the girls, they played with determination and they never gave up. It was a super team performance. We are all very excited about the finals in Leeds on Tuesday. **Mrs Hairsine**



### Cross Country at Teesside High: U11, U10

With no U9 representation this year owing to the Year 3&4 play, it was up to the older pupils to bring home the running trophies, and they did not disappoint! With strong running in every age group and with all runners finishing in the top 25, Barnard Castle Prep School did itself proud. In the U10 girls' race, Thea Wilks, Celine Jolley and Lydia Dixon finished 3rd, 4th and 7th respectively. The U10 boys' race saw William Hutchinson, Rhys Jenkins and Lorcan O'Neill finishing 1st, 2nd and 8th. Maisy Squires was our sole runner for the U11 girls and she did it in style, finishing in 1st place. Our U11 boys had four top ten finishers with Daniel Richardson 1st, Harry Metcalf 3rd, Johnny Burgess 8th and Harry Maude 10th. Such impressive placings resulted in the U10 boys and U11 boys' shields returning to Barney. Well run everyone. **Mrs Thompson**

### Rugby 7s at St Olave's: U11

What a fantastic way for the U11 Rugby team to finish their season, returning with silverware after remaining unbeaten for five matches. A strong squad impressed me and the small band of supporters with their intelligent 7s play; tactics and skills that are different to 'normal' rugby. Our first match against RGS Newcastle was possibly the best I have seen this team play. Considering they beat us last term at 9-a-side, this was a fantastic result. More so as the manner of victory was emphatic, 6 tries to nil. Barlborough Hall were next up where we came out with a 4-0 win (and another Daniel Richardson hat-trick!) before our first hiccup. A poor first half against St Olave's, where we seemed to forget everything was, fortunately, turned round in the second half when we scrambled a 3-2 win. Our hardest match, against QEGS Wakefield, was won 3-2, with the lead changing more than once. Needing a win in the final game against Hymers to



guarantee victory, gave the boys the incentive they needed. Having scored from the kick off, four tries followed to take our tally to 21 and put us top of the group. It was also pleasing that the referees in each match gave us maximum bonus points for teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done everyone - what a fantastic achievement. **Mr Seddon**

### Netball Tournament at Polam Hall: U11

The U11B team played some fantastic Netball at the tournament on Wednesday. They began extremely well, passing the ball with ease down the court and the shooters were calmly finishing the play off with some super shots which secured a 6-1 lead against Teesside High. They carried this through to their next match against Polam Hall and were rewarded with another big win of 7-1. Next they faced Durham High who were ready from the offset. They put a lot of pressure on the girls and once the ball got to their shooter they finished every shot with a goal, taking a good lead over us. In their next match against Bow they worked hard and were rewarded with a 1-0 win. Last up were Choristers, which was an extremely close match where both teams played very well. They were unlucky to lose 3-2 with Choristers gaining a goal in the last few seconds. This left the girls in third place, a super achievement. Well done to all who played. Olivia Preston was voted 'Player's Player' with 'Coach's Player' going to Pippa Atherton. **Mrs Hairsine**

The A team played some of the best U11 Netball I have ever seen. Most impressive was their quick reaction to turn-over ball, managing to secure and move the ball down the court to goal. They found space brilliantly, linked passes effectively and applied loads of pressure in defence. They won their first three matches convincingly, then came up against Durham High School, a school renowned for its netball prowess. Barney gave Durham a really good competition and were unlucky to lose 3-1. The girls went on to win their final match and were placed second overall. Molly Peart and Scarlet Sinclair were voted 'Player's Player' with 'Coach's Player' going to Daisy Wilson. There is much to be proud of here and if we practise our shooting, there is no reason why we cannot win tournaments like this. **Mrs Thompson**

### Netball Tournament at Yarm: U9

The U9 Netball team had an exciting afternoon at the Yarm tournament on Thursday which was for eight schools from across the North of England. The girls had played well in their previous tournament and were up for continuing that improvement. In the first game against Cundall Manor they had a strong start, particularly in defence. Once they managed to be a little more accurate with their passing up the court, they were rewarded with two goals to win the match. The next match against Bronte House was a real challenge. Although the girls defended well, and had some chances, they needed to get free from some tall opposition to gain more possession. In the third match against GSAL the girls did improve in this area to secure a very pleasing win and come second in the group. The last match against Bow was for third place and the girls played some great Netball to win the match and receive their medals. They have improved throughout the season and should be proud of how far they have come. Well done. **Mrs Seddon**



### Football Tournament at Yarm: U9

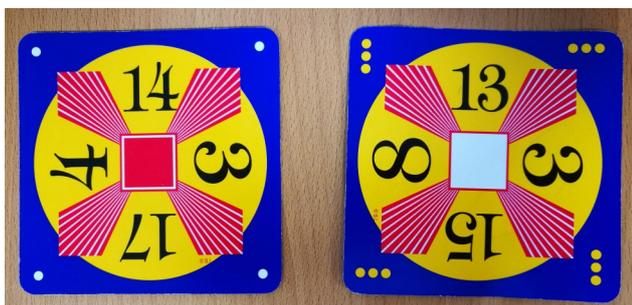
On Thursday, the boys played in a tournament at Yarm. We were put into the group of death with Cundall Manor and Yarm and unfortunately losing 2-0 and drawing 0-0 with these teams left us third in the group. We then went on to beat Yarm's B team 5-0, and then dominated our final two games with 2-1 victories in both matches. The boys showed a great competitive spirit and were so close to reaching the top end of the tournament. **Mr Wicling**

## Maths Puzzler

Congratulations to everyone who sent in a solution to last week's animalistic puzzler. If I had 26 feet and 15 heads which animals might I have? There were a few different solutions, two of which are detailed below:

<u>Solution 1</u>	<u>Solution 2</u>
6 rabbits	4 rabbits
1 canary	5 canaries
8 goldfish	6 goldfish

This week I've taken three teams to Maths Challenges in Newcastle, one of the rounds is a game called 24. You need to use all 4 numbers to make 24. The one on the left is easier than the one on the right.



Answers to me by next Wednesday please.

Good luck.

**Mr Ayres**

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## Awards This Week:

### Merit Certificates:

Phoebe Allman, Freydis Blake, Charlie Bridges, Matilda Chapman, Adam Lee, Alexander Milbank, Sophie Pegram, Toby Rutherford, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Olivia Bridges, Megan Brown, Grace Dickinson, Mila Johnson, Isabel Warren, Harry Forrester, Dermot Metcalf, Thomas Rothwell, Jack Baptist, Fiore Catellani, Reuben Hosking, Sebastian Howard, Alex Banner, Dexter Thomas, Sophia Hare, Joe Rutherford, Sophie McGill, Minnie Wilson, Daniel Richardson, Samuel Banner, Thomas Blenkiron, Jonny Ross-Mitchell, Alexander Carr, Sophie Richardson, Megan Sunley, Ella Turner

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

Thea Wilks  
Alexander Carr  
Scarlett Hutchinson

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!

## Forthcoming Events

### March

- Fri 17 Year 4 & 5 Maths Challenge Day at Newcastle School for Girls  
Year 3 Sleepover, Atkinson Hall
- Sun 19 Barney Friends' Family Walk, leaving Prep School playground at 2pm - all welcome!
- Mon 20 Football v Aysgarth: U9, U8 (A), 2:30pm
- Tues 21 Year 3 Myths and Legends workshop at the Bowes Museum  
U11 Girls North Schools In2Hockey Finals, Leeds University, 10:20am
- Thurs 23 Rugby v Bronte House: U11 (H), 11am  
Netball v Bronte House: U11 (H), 11am  
Gala Concert, Big School, 7pm  
Year 5 & 6 Trip to France departs, 11:30pm

### Headmistress's Commendations:

Caitlyn McLean  
Konrad Blake  
Alexander Carr

**Well done!**

## Vouch for us!

As a reminder, we are collecting Sainsbury's school vouchers and there is still time to drop them off! Our School Councillors are keen to count them up and see what they can order for School. Thank you!

## 125th Barnard Run

It was a real honour for the Prep School to be invited to join in the 125th running of the Barnard Run, the oldest established House competition in the Senior School. Originally a five mile run back to School, over the years the course has evolved to running round the School fields and down by the river.

Our top twenty four finishers in the House run were invited to compete for the first Prep School Barnard Run, running an adapted version of their own House run inside the School grounds over a distance of one mile. Daniel Richardson continued his winning ways with an impressive performance in front of Senior School, as did Maisy Squires. All our runners then joined Senior School and Lord Barnard in the Sports Hall where Daniel Richardson, Maisy Squires, Poppy Barlow, Molly Peart, Harry Metcalf and Rhys Jenkins were all presented with a commemorative medal for finishing in the top three. The rest of Prep School then ran a special fun run with many of the older children helping the Pre-Prep around the course. It was delightful to see all the children and teachers joining in this fantastic whole school occasion.

