



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

Wednesday's Pre-Prep Concert was a terrific success and the children and staff should be congratulated on an excellent performance all-round. I would like to particularly thank Dr Harrison for putting together another great show. I would also like to say well done to the children in the Pre-Prep for the wonderful Easter mobiles they have made, which have been displayed in the Atkinson Hall for all to see.

The French trip was also a great success and I hope that parents enjoyed reading about their exploits on Facebook. Well done and thank you to the children and staff, Mrs Bale, Miss Strachan, Mr Seddon and Mr Ayres for their enthusiasm in making the trip so memorable for all. We are busy putting together another Sway presentation so that we can all share their special memories.

I had a fantastic day with Year 1 and Barnaby Bear yesterday in Edinburgh. The children were impeccably well behaved, with an exciting train journey, explore around the castle and tea in Pizza Express. This certainly won't be a trip that they will forget in a hurry! My thanks go to Mrs Hairsine and the accompanying staff for a lovely day.

The children have looked wonderful in their 'wear a hat' to School day today in aid of Brain Tumour Research and we have had all sorts of styles to admire! We have had a delightful service in Chapel this morning at our End of Term Gathering, where lots of prizes were awarded to the children.

A reminder to you all that term finishes at 12 o'clock today with the buses leaving at 12:15pm and I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter holiday. I look forward to welcoming the children back rested and refreshed for the start of next term.

Happy Easter!

Laura Turner

Boarders' News

Last Friday after School we all made the most of the weather by playing outside until it turned dark. Quite a change from Wednesday with all the snow! Mr Joy came to Old Courts on Saturday morning with his three furry companions to take the children for a walk along the Desmesnes and a spot of paddling in the river. Afterwards they all constructed some fantastic gift boxes for Mother's Day followed by a picnic outside in the sun. After lunch Mrs Priestley carried on with the Mother's Day theme and had the children trying their skills at flower arranging, what a fabulous job they did and how wonderful the pots all turned out. A visit into town via Costa Coffee to buy some more gifts for mums before collecting ingredients for some serious sundaes later that day. On Sunday morning the boarders had another trip into town for a lunch challenge, won by the girls this time. In the afternoon, we went to the Dolphin Centre in Darlington and thoroughly enjoyed the pool, diving boards and slides. We returned to Old Courts, tired and ready for a relaxing night. We are all sad to be saying goodbye to Pippa at the end of this term as she leaves the boarding house and hope she enjoys being a day girl preppie!

Mr Killeen



On your marks!

Year 1 have been working hard on their running technique in PE lessons, particularly on their starts. Here they all are poised and ready to go! We are looking forward to doing some Athletics on the fields next term.

Year 1 had a fantastic day yesterday in Edinburgh. A Sway presentation will be following shortly so you can see what we got up to on our adventure!



Confusing Combinations

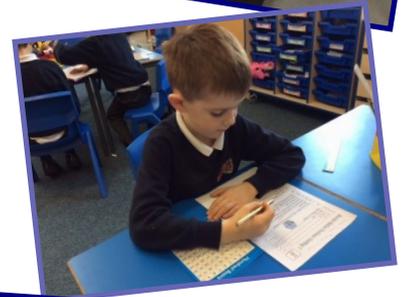
Over the last two weeks in Maths, Year 4 have been working on how to solve mathematical problems methodically. We have looked at using practical and theoretical methods and deciding what works for us. The problem presented this week was, 'If I have three people at a table, how many different ways can we be seated?' This led on to using four people and five people, and the aim of the lesson was to work out the pattern – could this be done

without writing out all the possible combinations? Over the course of our session in the Atkinson Hall, each group worked to solve the problem. We saw some super collaborative work as well as children displaying perseverance and determination. Well done Year 4!



Mastering Maths!

Year 2 have been using various methods to solve Maths problems. They are getting very good at selecting appropriate resources and reading the questions carefully.



Dressed for success!

Year 3 have been learning how to get dressed in French! They enjoyed our dress up game, using recording pegs to practise the correct pronunciation, and have been working on making a comic strip to show which clothes a wolf puts on.



Easter Eggcitement

In preparation for Easter, Reception have been learning about the Easter story and the significance of Easter eggs and hot cross buns. Some Easter bunnies have been hopping around in the classroom too; here are some pictures of them being created.



Sweet fractions!

Mrs Killeen's group have been busy using sweets to secure their knowledge of fractions. By the end of the session all children had a good understanding of the method so they are ready to go onto percentages now.



French Trip 2017

32 children and 4 members of staff set off for France late on Thursday evening. After several diversions we finally made our tunnel crossing to France, making our way to the aquarium in Nausicaa before having lunch by the sea. We then headed on to a local chocolate factory with a personal tour and tastings with Jacob, a friendly English speaking guide before purchasing some exquisite creations before the final leg of the journey to Chateau de Chanterine. The children quickly settled into their rooms and had a friendly game of cricket and some football before dinner. We finished our hectic first day with a Scrapheap challenge before settling to sleep.



Saturday started with a leisurely breakfast prior to heading on to Dieppe for the children to practice their French ordering in the local creperie. Barriers were dropped and much language was spoken by all! We then moved to the market where the children could spend some of their pocket money and complete the group challenge; using their budget to dress a teacher from the opposite group. After lunch on the beach we headed to Rouen for a tour of the town's history and architecture. The children were all in awe of the cathedral and Mr Seddon's hat, making sure we didn't lose him! We returned to the Chateau for supper, and a Mini-Olympics challenge before heading to bed. With the clocks going forward an hour, the morning came sooner than some would have liked on Sunday. Nevertheless after a quick breakfast and making lunch we set off for a day of

history and poignant remembrance for those who fell during World War I & II. In the morning we visited the mines at Wellington Quarry and the Citadel at Arras. After lunch we spent a humbling and moving afternoon visiting the Canadian National Memorial at Vimy where we laid a cross of remembrance and paid our respects with a one minute silence. On Sunday evening the children were given a flavour of traditional French cuisine, tasting frogs legs and snails, with several children asking for more! Our day finished with the teachers dressing challenge and traditional French games.



After breakfast on Monday, we did our final bits of packing, tidied our rooms and got on the coach to make the journey home! The children left the chateau knowing that they really could speak French! With a food stop on the way back, we successfully made it home before our expected arrival time, making sure everyone got to bed early after an action packed trip. We would like to thank all the children for their polite manners, fabulous sense of humour and positive attitude throughout the trip.

We hope you enjoyed watching our progress via Facebook and a Sway presentation will be sent out shortly. The pupils will also be given the opportunity to download copies of photographs at School.



Cracking Concert!

The Pre-Prep Concert revealed children who love to present and perform. Poetry, singing and instrumental works all revealed great concentration, team work and a love for the arts. The Atkinson Hall housed a warm, responsive and supportive audience who encouraged the children throughout with rapturous applause and much good humour! The Easter mobile competition really added to the atmosphere of the event by providing a great deal of visual interest. It was wonderful to see a Pre-Prep



Orchestra (Dr Harrison still hasn't found another school that can boast such an ensemble) of 44 children with a range of instruments from drum kit to piano, trumpet to soprano saxophone, violin to recorder, chime bars to bells, woodblocks to tambourines and double agogos to guiros; somehow it brings images of a Rio De Janeiro carnival atmosphere! A huge well done to all the pupils and enormous thanks to the support of all staff and parents.



Class Instrumental Lessons

The various year groups have now come to the end of their class instrumental tuition. Year 2 have learned how to play the recorder, Year 3 the violin, Year 4 the trumpet and Year 5 the fife. Now is an excellent moment to reflect on how much your child has enjoyed their particular instrument. Should they wish to continue learning such an instrument, or an instrument in the same family (eg cello, trombone, French horn, flute, clarinet, saxophone etc), then please do not hesitate to email me (rgh@barneyschool.org.uk) or ask Mrs Morse for a music lesson form.

Dr Harrison

Play and Sway!

6S spent their Drama lesson this week helping Mrs Robertson, choreograph part of the forthcoming Year 5 and 6 production of The



Amazing Adventures of Super Stan. The children have started rehearsing at lunch times and after school and are already looking forward to treading the boards next term. Full rehearsal schedules are published in School each Friday so the children are aware of when they are required for the following week.

Year 6 are also busy working on the ICT portion of their Year 6 Achievement Award. As they see out their final term (term 21 for some of them), pupils have been tasked with designing and making a Sway presentation entitled 'Life in

Prep School'. They have learned many of the key features of the program and are really enjoying looking through old photographs. Some of them have even taught me a thing or two!



App of the Week:

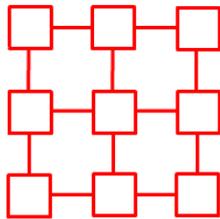
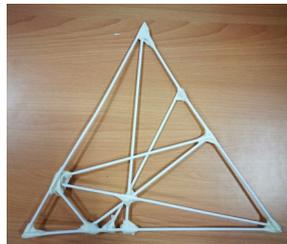


Swift Playgrounds

This is a new app for iPads created by Apple to encourage children to code. It introduces you to Swift - a powerful programming language created by Apple and used by the experts to build many of today's most popular apps. It allows you to solve puzzles to master the basics and then take on a series of challenges and step up to more advanced creations. Swift Playgrounds requires no previous coding knowledge, but also provides a platform for those more familiar with the language of coding. I would love to know what you think of it.

Maths Puzzler

It seems that every time I looked at Sophie's triangle I found more triangles! Many thanks to everyone who submitted answers, I think the highest so far is 20 triangles!



This week I would like you to put the numbers 1-9 in the grid pictured to the left, so that the difference between connected squares (i.e. squares joined by a line) is odd. You can use each answer only once.

Good luck and Happy Easter!

Mr Ayres

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Denbuilding Day

With the Easter holidays approaching, Barney Friends has an appeal for anyone clearing out sheds and garages or cutting down trees during the break. We would be glad of any planks of wood, pallets, plywood boards, tree branches, old tarpaulins etc. After the holidays we'll be setting up a collection point on the grass at the bottom of the Prep School drive where materials can be dropped off, or you can bring them on the day. The Denbuilding Day is on Sunday 21st May - we will be selling bacon sandwiches and there'll be tea, coffee and juice. Families are also welcome to bring a picnic lunch. We kick off at 10.30am and will finish by 1pm. We hope to see you there!

Forthcoming Events

March

Fri 31 Wear a Hat Day for Brain Tumour Charity
Please bring in £1 if you would like to take part. Wear full School uniform, as usual, but just add a hat of your choice!
End of Term Gathering for pupils, 9am
Term ends, 12noon
School buses depart, 12:15pm

Easter Courses

10th to 13th April PEPS Elite Sports Week: U11-U15
10th to 14th April PSG Football Camp: 8yrs to 17yrs
19th to 21st April PS Easter Sports Course: Y2-Y6

April

Tues 25 Boarders return from 4pm
Wed 26 Trinity Term begins
Thurs 27 Prep School Group Photograph, 3pm
Year 6 Parents Evening, 4pm-7:30pm
Fri 28 Year 5 & 6 Robinwood trip departs, 9:45am
Reception & Year 2 Parents Evening, 4pm-7:30pm
Sun 30 Year 5 & 6 Robinwood trip returns, approx. 4pm

Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Jack Baptist, Fiore Catellani, Freydis Blake, Toby Rutherford, Sofia Wilson, Harry Milbank, Mirabelle Harrison, Grace Dickinson, Emily Pegram, Frankie Preston, Molly Rendall, Joseph Robin Truss, Darcy Metcalf, Esme Berend, Katy Sludds, Harry Maguire, Lydia Dixon, Callum Gaffney, William Te Lintelo, Harry Metcalf, Archie McGill, Samuel Banner, Daisy Wilson, Harriet Alliston

Merit Certificates:

Phoebe Allman, Rory Metcalf, Alexander Milbank, Toby Rutherford, Oscar Bennett-Collins, George-Louis Boulton, Mirabelle Harrison, Benjamin Pelly, Jessica Raper, Lottie Baptist, Tom Body, Emily England, Benjamin French, George Goad, Lucy Harburn, Ned Michelin, Freya Pinwill-Price, Jonny Royle, Joseph Robin Truss, Theo Tweddle, Joe Arnold, Bea Dolby, Rhys Jenkins, Thea Wilks, James Binks, Jack Baptist, Fiore Catellani, Dylan Dougal, Vivi Gledhill, Sebastian Howard, Oona MacConachie, Caitlyn McLean, Sophie Richardson, Tom Staley, Peter Stevenson, Megan Sunley, Lucy Willsmore, Alex Banner, Freydis Blake, Isla MacConachie, Sophie Pegram, Dexter Thomas, Freddie Wilks, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Charlotte Blenkinson, Rocco Catellani, Benjamin Dixon, Tilly Gray, Sophia Hare, Alexander Howard, Harry Milbank, Joe Rutherford, Finlay Toyne, Ella Turner, William Watson, Sofia Wilson, Niamh Hennessy, Theo Te Lintelo, Abygail Jameson, Molly Rendall, Luke Banner, Jemima Burton, Emily Coggrave, Zara Dobson, Polly Heintz, Gus Living, Harry Sinclair, Bella Staley, Rhys James, Johnny Burgess, Daniel Newell, Olivia Preston, Jake Roberts, William Shield, Maisy Squires, Samuel Banner, Freddie Barrett, Archie McGill, Fin McGuire, Mia Pegram, Rachael Richardson, Clara Rowbottom, Harry Sowerby, Hannah Stirling, George Stubbs, Charlie Coulthard, Harry Maude, Molly Peart, Katie Riddell, Jack Roberts, Sebastian Waiter-Westgarth, Aimee Willey, Daisy Wilson

Until the next edition of the newsletter, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Dylan Dougal
Maisy Squires
Quinn Williams
William Shaefer
Gus Coggrave
Katie Riddell
Henry Manley
Rachael Richardson
George Stubbs
Oscar Bennett Collins
Charlie Coulthard

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!

End of Term Gathering

At this morning's End of Term Gathering, we were delighted to award the following prizes:-

Music Cup
Atherton Music Cup
Paul Taylor Cup for Drama
Hester Shield for Drama
Drama Certificates
Running Cup
J Ballantyne Cup for Cross Country
Cross Country Shields
Cross Country Certificates
Swimming Achievement Cup
Football Cup
Football Shield
U10 Football Player of the Term
U10 Most Improved Football Player
U9 Football Player of the Term
U9 Most Improved Football Player
U8 Football Player of the Term
U8 Most Improved Football Player
Netball Cup
Netball Shield
U10 Netball Player of the Term
U10 Most Improved Netball Player
U9 Netball Player of the Term
U9 Most Improved Netball Player
U8 Netball Player of the Term
U8 Most Improved Netball Player
Boarder of the Term
Most Improved Boarder
Football Cup
Cross Country Cup
Netball Cup
General Knowledge
Merit Shield
Pre-Prep Merit Prize
Year 3 & 4 Merit Prize
Year 5 & 6 Merit Prize

Samuel Banner
Freddie Barrett
Minnie Wilson
Zara Dobson
Ned Michelin and Benjamin French
Daniel Richardson
Poppy Barlow
Esme Berend and Edwin Barwick
Rhys Jenkins, Thea Wilks, Anna Metcalf and Joe Arnold
Tabitha Hilsdon
Freddie Hendrix
William Shield
Daniel Raper
William Shaefer
Jonny Royle
Ned Michelin
Edwin Barwick
Theo Te Lintelo
Molly Peart
Aasta McGregor-Towers
Lydia Dixon
Bea Dolby
Darcy Metcalf
Emily England
Mila Johnson
Anna Metcalf
Pippa Atherton
George Stubbs
Gilbert
Gilbert
Drake
Gilbert
Gilbert
Tilly Gray
Grace Dickinson
Harry Maude



End of Term Special Mentions for academic achievement: Caitlyn McLean, Matilda Chapman, Joe Rutherford, Violet Heintz, Sophie Winnard, Sophie McGill, Polly Heintz, Daniel Raper, Rhys Jenkins, Olivia Preston, Jack Edmunds, Aimee Willey and Maisy Squires; and for a positive improvement: Megan Sunley, Phoebe Allman, Rocco Catellani, Edwin Barwick, William Banner, Lucy Harburn, Bella Staley, Rhys James, Kohana Armstrong, Scarlet Sinclair, Hannah Stirling, Sebastian Waiter-Westgarth and Samuel Baker-Bird

The winners of the Pre-Prep Easter Mobile Eggstravaganza were Reuben Hosking, Bertie Swan and Charlotte Blenkiron.

Headmistress's Commendations:

William Banner, Edwin Barwick, Oscar Bennett Collins, George-Louis Boulton, Grace Dickinson, Scarlett Hutchinson, Oscar Lawson, Emily Pegram, Benjamin Pelly, Sophie Winnard, James Binks, Isabelle Hawkins, Aasta McGregor-Towers, Maisy Squires, Samuel Banner, Clara Rowbottom, Rachael Richardson

Well done!