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Headmistress's News

'Bonjour', 'Hola', 'Guten Tag', 'Namaste', 'Salaam' are just some of the many phrases that the children have heard this week as we have celebrated our theme of the wonderful world of many languages.

We were fortunate enough to have Beth and Matthew, our Prep School Senior Monitors, and some of their friends visit our assembly on Monday where they showed the children a clip of 'Let it Go' sung in 25 different languages, which somehow didn't prove to be a barrier for them, followed by a conga! On Tuesday Mr Jackson, our new Second Master, came into assembly to introduce himself to the children and performed 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in Spanish. Yesterday we saw the arrival of our Nattalingo French Story Telling Bus for the day, which was a wonderful opportunity for all the children to experience.

I am sure you will agree that it is important that all our children get the opportunity to experience as many languages as they can to help them socialise with other people they may meet along their journey in life. Although true to form, as many of our children demonstrate on a daily basis, in our typical Barney Way, a smile in any language is just as meaningful and powerful to all. As we found out this morning, it is amazing that a smile whether in English, Spanish, Russian or Hindi, can mean so much to so many people. My thanks go to Mrs Bale for organising such a wonderful week.

Continuing with the theme of smiling, on Saturday we have our annual Open Morning and I am very grateful to all 78 children who have volunteered to come in and help with the day. I know their smiles will be beaming as they get ready to greet our visitors in School and particularly when they see the wonderful activities that we have organised for them. We look forward to a fantastic event.

The Barnardian magazine has now been published and your oldest child in the School will have brought a copy home with them this week. We hope you enjoy reviewing last year's events.

As a reminder, parent/teacher meetings will be taking place the weeks before and after half term. We have attached letters for all year groups with this week's email. Please could parents return the reply slips to their child's class teacher as soon as possible?

Have a lovely weekend!

Laura Turner

Boarders News

Following their first family weekend of the term, the boarders returned to the boarding house energized and full of gusto for the week ahead. The children had enjoyed chilling, spending time

with family and friends, going to parties and visiting Alton Towers.

This week the children have enjoyed swimming, gymnastics and playing football in the sports hall.

Everyone also enjoyed hockey club last night.

We have had the pleasure of four day pupils staying with

us over the weekend and well into next week, so needless to say a busy and fun-filled weekend awaits us in Old Courts.

Mr Killeen



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**Music News**  
 I was delighted to receive London College of Music certificates this week for:-  
 Harry Maguire (Classical Saxophone Step 1)  
 Daniel Newell (Pianoforte Grade 3)  
 Benjamin French (Pianoforte Grade 1)  
 Lewis Maunder-Brown (Pianoforte Step 1)  
 Many congratulations to all!  
**Dr Harrison**  
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Roaming around Arbeia!

"This term we are studying the Romans so we went to Arbeia Roman Fort. On our arrival we met Maximus who was very tall and a very important Roman soldier. He was a General and he was very loud. Jonny and Oliver were scared when Maximus said that if they lost the golden eagle they would be beaten to death but they didn't so they were ok! Maximus told us the Roman commands for march, stop, form the turtle and stab. So we got armoured up and marched, formed the turtle and stabbed, after that we went to Time Quest where we got to write our names in Latin. We also looked at stones through a microscope and tried to build a jar made of pottery. Then we got to dig for bones and objects, but not wood. I found five pieces of pottery, four pieces of brick and one bone. I really enjoyed this trip. I will come again." Joe



"On arrival we went straight to Maximus to learn how to fight against our enemy in a tortoise formation. Maximus was huge and wore lots of armour and had a massive shield. We all dressed up as soldiers and did the tortoise and defending as well as some marching. Afterwards we had a tour around the Commanding Officer's house. After lunch we went to the Time Quest to be an archaeologist where we did some digging to find things that the Roman soldiers had used. Afterwards we went to see the alphabet and some pottery followed by a tour around the Roman Fort. To conclude I enjoyed the trip and I would love to go again with my family." Freya

Year 4 parents can read all the articles and see all the photos and videos at the following link: <https://sway.com/BkNp2ahExeoG4ejY>

Super sixes!

Year 6 have been looking at number sequences and have enjoyed finding patterns and rules for the puzzles that they have faced. In preparation for our London trip in three weeks time, they have been looking at different aspects of Shakespeare's Macbeth prior to their visit to The Globe Theatre. The Year 6 children have also been enjoying using the new reading corner!



Half an Hour to Spare?

On Thursday 13th October, Prep School is holding one of the most anticipated events of the School calendar; the Epilepsy Action Café.

For those pupils who haven't experienced this before, the format is simple:

- Bring a cup/mug from home and £1/£2 to spend on cakes and pastries
- Enjoy a cuppa with your friends
- Raise money for a good cause

As the title of the event may suggest, there is a French theme, so some delicious French goodies will be for sale and the children will be encouraged to use their knowledge of French to buy them.

If you are a parent or grandparent with half an hour (or three hours!) to spare to help with the running of the event, please can you let Mrs Morse know? If you don't have the time, but are a dab hand at baking, then cake donations would also be gratefully received. Please feel free to join us from 3pm in the Atkinson Hall to enjoy some refreshments.

Enlightening lessons!

Year 3 have continued to explore light and how it travels. After watching how a ball changes direction when it bounces off a surface, they made kaleidoscopes to see how light could also change direction when it is reflected. In the Science Lab, the children used torches and mirrors to explore how light can bend and produce colours as it passes through water.



Sport News

Rugby v Yarm & Ashville: U11, U10

On Friday we had our first triangular of the season. Yarm and Ashville arrived on a pleasant afternoon with all of our boys taking some part in the fixture. Being early in the term, some of the matches were treated as training games. The U11As continued their impressive form following the Mowden Park fixture, with a strong performance against Yarm, as did all the other teams. The second game against Ashville was much more competitive for all our teams as we realised the importance of the ruck situation. The U10s showed plenty of enthusiasm in their first matches of the season. Overall, the players had a great afternoon, with everybody improving their skills. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support, as always. BEW

Hockey v Yarm & Ashville: U11, U10

It was a lovely day to travel to Harrogate as we had the chance to play our first match against two other schools. Both U10 teams showed a great deal of improvement throughout the afternoon. Mr Gregory commented that the B team learned most about positioning and they improved their strength of pass. Their best game was against Ashville B team with a 0-0 draw, having had lots of chances to score and actually hitting the post. The A team had a bit of a wake-up call in the first match and realised that they would have to speed up their decision making and improve their positional awareness, especially in defence. Yarm A team won so we had another chance against Ashville who had just beaten Yarm! The girls got into the game and played some good Hockey winning 2-1. Well done to everyone. Great improvement and lots to work on. SMS

The U11s played their first fixture on Friday with gusto and great promise for the season ahead. The U11A team were dominant throughout both their matches. It was lovely to see the girls starting to play as a 'team' and looking for the best option available to them during a match. The girls also had the opportunity to play different positions which is an excellent way to understand the game. The U11B team made super progress as the matches progressed. Their understanding of positions on the pitch is good and there was confident passages of play which resulted in two fantastic goals, a win against Ashville and Yarm C team. Well done to all the girls who played. EJFH

Rugby v Yarm: U9, U8

On Monday, we took all of the Year 3 and 4 boys to Yarm for their first fixture of the season. The training games were very productive with some promising tackling and a multitude of tries. The teams enjoyed their first opportunity to stretch their legs and certainly smiled throughout the afternoon. The Under 9s welcome St Olave's on Monday to continue the season.

Hockey v Yarm: U9, U8

The Year 3 and 4 girls enjoyed their first experience this term of playing Hockey at another school. It was obvious that their individual skills improved and it was a good opportunity to play some small sided games. The girls had fun and are looking forward to some more matches against St Olave's. Well done. SMS

Rugby Clegg Cup: U10

On Wednesday, we hosted the U10 Clegg Cup. Nine teams competed which included two teams from Barnard Castle. Due to their development of the past year all the boys from the year played which we have not been able to do before. The Barney Blues performed extremely well with a win against Sedbergh and then a nail biting 3-2 loss to Choristers where we unfortunately missed a last second chance to draw the game. This led them into the second group and a win against Yarm and a draw with Newcastle School For Boys. Overall, a much improved performance with Rhys Jenkins and Euan Metcalf leading from the front. The Barney Browns found it slightly harder going but were competitive throughout the afternoon with a plethora of tries by Daniel Raper and promising performances by Matthew Collinson, Rhys James and Callum Gaffney. A big thank you must go to the Senior School staff who organised and ran a great tournament. BEW



Autumn Experts

Reception class have started to learn about the changes in the season. This week we have focused on the habits of hibernating animals; creating hedgehogs out of all sorts of things and cutting out hands prints in autumn colours to make some googly-eyed friends!

Maths Puzzler

Congratulations to Benjamin French, Rhys James and Bea Dolby who all solved last week's domino puzzler.

				20
				6
				19
				12
10	22	9	?	

This week's puzzler comes courtesy of the Northern Echo. Each row and column has a total, can you use the totals to work out what each person is worth? How much is the fourth column worth? As always, answers to be returned to me by Wednesday for three merits and a mention in next week's newsletter.

Good luck!

Mr Ayres
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On the ball!

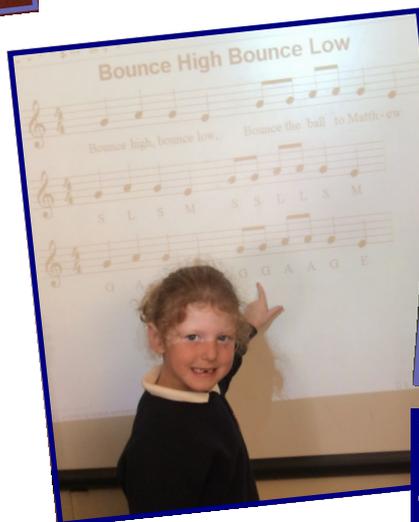
Over the term we have started working on our ball skills, especially our throwing and catching skills. This has led to some very competitive dodgeball games as the children start to incorporate tactics into their play.

Mr Wicling

Music is bouncing!

Year 1 have been very busy in Music this week. They have been playing a ball game called "Bounce High Bounce Low" and then working out how to write it down using both tonic solfa and traditional music notation on the board. In their chimes lessons they have been playing many games that help them to start and stop together and to copy simple rhythms.

Dr Harrison



Barney Friends

Thank you to everyone who came along to Bat, Ball and Bike on Sunday. The children had a great time and got some real benefit from the experience and the instruction from Durham County Council Bikeability staff. Some who arrived with stabilisers were enjoying the freedom of independent cycling by the end of the afternoon, and around 20 children passed their Bikeability Level 1 - well done to everyone for some fantastic achievements. Thank you to parents who made donations towards our costs - anyone who wants to donate but hasn't yet can leave their donation with Mrs Morse.

Our next event is the **Parents and Staff Family Quiz on Friday 18th November** - why not form a team with friends to test your brain power against the Prep School Staff; light refreshments provided, BYO drinks.

Forthcoming Events

September

Fri 30 Rugby & Hockey v RGS Newcastle & Bradford Grammar School: U11 (H), 2pm

October

- Sat 1 Open Morning, 9:30am-11:30am
Pupil volunteers to arrive at 9am please
- Mon 3 Hockey v St Olave's: U9, U8 (H), 2:15pm
Rugby v St Olave's: U9 (H), 2:15pm
- Tues 4 Year 1 Toys from the Past Workshop, Bowes Museum
- Wed 5 Rugby v Aysgarth: U11, U10 (H), 3:30pm
Year 6 London trip parents meeting, Atkinson Hall, 7pm
- Thurs 6 House Singing Competition, Big School, 2pm
- Fri 7 Rugby v Red House: U11 (A), 2pm
Hockey v Teesside High: U10 (A), 2:30pm

Making a statement!

Year 5 have been looking at states of matter. Our practical this week was investigating two states of matter in bubbles, liquid (bubble juice) and gas (air). We had fun!



Headmistress's Commendations:

Alexander Howard,
William Jackson-Ward,
Rhys James, Ethan Davis,
Kohana Armstrong,
Annabelle Metcalf,
Felicity Richardson,
Alexander Milbank

Well done!

Exciting new improvements

This week we have had exciting new arrivals which continue to improve our wonderful facilities. We have been fortunate enough to have Atkinsons Landscapers working on developing our Science garden which will now enable Science lessons to be completed outside in this fantastic new setting.

We have also now received the Story Teller's Chair, thanks to the kind donation from the Barney Friends, which takes pride of place in the playground opposite our outdoor stage. This is a super addition and it has been enjoyed by all this week.



App of the Week:

Three apps for the space of one this week - and they all relate to our Year 6 trip to London which is fast approaching. Some of them do require in-app purchases, but as a one-off they might be useful for the budding tourist.

The National Gallery London App

Discover highlights of the National Gallery and spot your favourite paintings.

Westminster Abbey - Official App -

Join an official guided walk around the inside of the historic 700-year-old Westminster Abbey.

In addition **eTips** offer a variety of apps for London, including guides to The Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and Piccadilly Circus. These apps use augmented reality to give you facts and figures about the destinations.

Awards This Week:

Swimming Certificate: Sophie Winnard

Music Certificates: Harry Maguire, Daniel Newell, Benjamin French, Lewis Maunder-Brown

Merit Certificates: Joe Rutherford, Megan Sunley, Lucy Willsmore, Phoebe Allman, Hetty Barwick, Toby Rutherford, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Albie Kingsbury, Katy Sludds, Jack Baptist, Dylan Dougal, Vivi Gledhill, Reuben Hosking, Caitlyn McLean, Sophie Richardson, Peter Stevenson, Alex Banner, Freydis Blake, Charlie Bridges, Matthew Killeen, Adam Lee, Rory Metcalf, Alexander Milbank, Sophie Pegram, Bertie Swan, Dexter Thomas, Freddie Wilks, Rocco Catellani, Benjamin Dixon, Sophia Hare, Alexander Howard, Isabelle Killeen, Jacob Killeen, Harry Milbank, Finlay Toyne, William Watson, Sofia Wilson

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Cycle Skills: Sofia Wilson, Sebastian Howard, Charlie Bridges, Adam Lee, Fiore Catellani, Alexander Milbank, Toby Rutherford, Dexter Thomas

Bikeability Level 1: Ben Arnold, Joe Arnold, Freddie Wilks, Tom Body, Rocco Catellani, George-Louis Boulton, Mila Johnson, George Goad, Olivia Bridges, Ella Turner, Harry Milbank, Joe Rutherford, Harry Forrester, Theo Tweddle, Caitlyn McLean, Alexander Howard, William Watson, Benjamin French, Evie Wicling

Nattalingo Story Bus

As part of our recognition of European Day of Languages, Prep School enjoyed a new treat this week; a visit from the Nattalingo Story Bus. Every class visited the bus and investigated some of the thousands of books (and 86 puppets) before hearing a story and learning something new. I am sure that the children have lots of exciting things to tell you; I think the photos speak for themselves! CLB



European Languages Day

Year 3 & 4 - this week children have been perfecting their understating and fluency of greeting someone in French. We have learnt how to say hello in several other languages through singing and greeting our friends in class as well as developing our understanding of the importance of learning even a few simple words in other languages.
Year 5 & 6 - children have been practicing tongue twisters during our sessions this week, trial and error was the way to succeed here. We have also studied idioms in other European languages and how obscure some literal translations can be! The children have had a great week with lots of languages being trialled throughout our lessons. JDS

