



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

The second half of the Trinity Term always provides us with an opportunity to make the most of the wider curriculum and we have had another wonderful week at the Prep School. Our annual Years 5 and 6 play, 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan', played to packed houses on both evenings with the audience being treated to an absolutely FANTASTIC show! Comedy, high drama and wonderful music were all rolled into two magnificent performances. The children were excellent and I am still chuckling away at the multitude of gags and comic moments that were scattered throughout the play. Every year they seem to get even funnier! All the children performed superbly well, with each having their own important part, ably directed by Mrs Robertson, with the significant musical assistance of Dr Harrison, and many of the staff behind the scenes. I would like to thank everyone involved in the production. Well done to all. It is a significant commitment of the School that we would like all pupils to be involved in a drama production every year and as such we are pleased that we can achieve this. We are also keen that these performances are high quality, therefore giving the children something worthwhile to aim and rehearse for. We subscribe to the view that if something's worth doing, it's worth doing well and we certainly did that this week. Additionally, the creative expression, collaborative approach and fostering of acting skills that are associated with participating in drama at the School are hugely important when we consider our aim to provide a broad educational experience for all the children.

Congratulations must also go to our girls' Cricket team, who competed for the first time against Durham High School and won. Very well done to all—further details are given in the report over the page.

The Year 6 Achievement Award will come to an end after the Probability and Tourism Fairs takes place next week. We would welcome parents in for the Tourism Fair on Thursday 22nd June at 3pm in the Atkinson Hall where you can see the children's hard work in action.

Looking forward, amongst other things, we have our first ever Year 2 and Year 3 Athletics fixture at home against Aysgarth School on Tuesday, move up afternoon on Wednesday, which will be the first stage of the children's induction for the next academic year, followed by the eagerly awaited Pre-Prep Sports Day on Thursday. Any donations to the Barney Friends' refreshments stall would be very much appreciated.

Laura Turner

Boarders' News

After a relaxing movie night on Friday the boarders were ready for what Mrs Hairsine had in store for them on Saturday. They got up and finished their prep so they had the whole day ahead to look forward to. The boarders headed off to the Prep School Art Room with Mrs Hairsine and thoroughly enjoyed getting crafty, creating some beautiful hand puppets. After lunch everybody jumped on the mini-bus to Teesdale Leisure Centre, got their swimmers on and went for a dip in the pool.

Sunday saw us back in the Art Room, this time to design and make a special card for a certain person this coming weekend, whilst listening to retro music from the nineties! To finish off the weekend we ventured to the hall and enjoyed taking part in some team sports.

Mr Killeen



We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Aasta McGregor-Towers
Ossian McGregor-Towers
Charles Appleyard
Anna Metcalf
Toby Rutherford

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!

Spinning around

In DT, we have been making carousel and spinning mobiles. The theme of these has been animals and patterns in nature. Between us we have created paper fish, snakes, elephants and birds, and used wax crayons painted over with watercolour paints to create the beautiful patterns. We have now moved on to making 'Balanced Mobiles' which are much trickier as you have to balance the objects out around the mobile.

We have all learnt lots of new skills and really enjoyed the project. The mobiles are now hanging in the Art Room, so you should pop in and have a look.

Emily Coggrave, Abygail Jameson, Freya Pinwill-Price, Minnie Wilson



In fine song!

Reception have been busy preparing the Pre-Prep Speech Day song. They have been having great fun trying a range of games that help their breathing, their high notes and singing out loud. They have been pretending singing tongue-twisters to help with diction and enunciation, spray-painting their names to help gain diaphragmatic support and making a range of funny noises to access different areas of their voices. They are working really hard and are excited for you to hear their beautiful voices.

Dr Harrison



Use the force!

In Year 2 we are studying 'Forces'. Here we have set up a ramp to conduct a 'fair' test which will determine which size of car travels the furthest. Our cars were all 'Minis' of various sizes. Against expectation, the smallest car travelled the furthest. This was perhaps because it had the least air resistance and was more stream lined. We then selected the smallest car and raised the ramp by two dictionaries. It travelled nearly twice as far and nearly went off the end of our carefully laid runway! Next week we will be looking at the effect friction has on our vehicles.



Mum's the word!

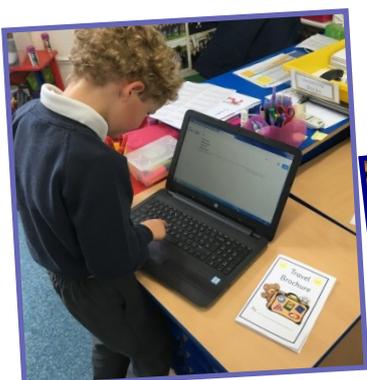
The discovery of a mummified bird in the chimney of 3M's classroom (as well as four live fledglings and an assortment of birds less fortunate) seemed the perfect opportunity for Year 3 to get mummy obsessed. They have been learning all about the rituals of the ancient Egyptians and, whilst burning incense and listening to ancient Egyptian music, worked carefully to mummify a fish, using salt.



I do like to be beside the seaside

With the weather heating up Year 1 are fully embracing their seaside topic. In Geography they are busy making their own travel brochure for their chosen destination. They have enjoyed using the laptops to research their country and all the fun things you can do when you get there.

You may be surprised where your child would like to go—why not ask them about their brochure!



Beaming at Beamish!

Year 6 enjoyed an historic day out at Beamish yesterday. As part of their work on Victorian Britain, the pupils were keen to see what life was like 100 years ago. By visiting the colliery village, going down the Mahogany Drift Mine and visiting the reconstructed town, history came to life for them. It brought home how this period linked the old and modern Britain. The highlight of the day for most of the children was riding on the trams and the replica train.

The dream theme!

In Maths Year 5 have been working on their 'Lunar Theme Park'. They have been allocated £500,000 to get them started and they are in the process of working out the profit they will make and how they will pay back the money borrowed. They have designed their park and have a mixture of major and minor rides, cafes, shops and much more to take into account. The children will present their parks to Mr Ayres and Mrs Killeen in the next couple of weeks. Posters and leaflets are all

currently being designed ready for their group presentations.



Trinity Evensong

Last week we had our annual Trinity Evensong. Evensong is a traditional Church of England service that is still sung in Cathedrals daily but sadly is rarely found in Parish Churches any more. Our opening hymn, beginning with a triumphant fanfare from our brass group (with thanks to Mr Hibbard our brass teacher), really set the tone for the whole service. The Harmony Choir sang descants that shone over the rest of the congregation to hymns that ranged from very traditional Holy, Holy, Holy to much more modern Shine Jesus Shine - Mrs Turner's favourite from when she was at School and Father We Love You. Junior Choir sang a two part harmony version of a song by William Byrd (a significant sixteenth century Renaissance English composer) with pure tone and lovely cohesion. Harmony Choir attempted a rather more challenging Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Vaughan Williams. It is wonderful to uphold such traditions, adding modern and vibrant perspectives.

Dr Harrison

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Please note the summer opening times for the shop (based in the Senior School) are as follows:-

Friday 28th July 2:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday 9th August 2:00pm-4:00pm
Thursday 24th August 10:00am-12:00noon
Monday 28th August 2:00pm-4:00pm
Friday 1st September 10:00am-12:00noon
Monday 4th September 2:00pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 5th September 3:00pm-5:00pm

As ever we are keen to acquire new stock. Items of School uniform, sportswear and equipment can be brought to the uniform shop or left in Senior School General Office or at the Prep School Office.

If you wish to receive 70% of the proceeds of any items sold please leave your contact details in the bag. Cheques are sent to those who have left the School, otherwise refunds are added to School bills.

The rugby boot exchange continues to flourish and raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance Service. Clean boots can be donated, exchanged for a different size for £2, or bought for £5.

The shop is run on a voluntary basis by the Senior School Barney Friends and all profits are divided between School and local charities.

Many thanks for your support.

Julia Greaves

Sports News

HMC Athletics: U11, U10, U9

Our athletes enjoyed a successful day at Gateshead International Stadium last Friday; what a fantastic opportunity for them. Many ran, jumped or threw personal bests and eight track finals were reached. Highlights included Darcy Metcalf winning the U9 Throwing and Daniel Richardson unleashing a fantastic sprint finish to win the U11 800m. Scarlett Hutchison (a year young) finished 2nd in the U9 200m as did Henry Manley in the U10 Long Jump while Esme Berend and Rhys Jenkins were 3rd in the U9 and U10 80m respectively. It was pleasing to hear at the end that the U11 boys finished 3rd overall, a fantastic achievement. **Mr Seddon**

It was lovely that Mr and Mrs Seddon were asked to present the trophies at the finish and they were delighted to be given a beautiful engraved glass bowl for their service to HMC Sport.



Cricket v Red House: U11

Last Friday Red House came to us for an U11 Cricket fixture. We split into two six-a-side teams and had extremely competitive matches. Our A team played very well against a strong team and only lost by 21 runs. On the other pitch, it was even closer where we lost by a solitary run. With a lot of our players being away at HMC, the boys did extremely well to play against Red House's finest! **Mr Wicling**

Rounders v Durham High: U9

The U9s thoroughly enjoyed their first Rounders fixture against Durham High School for Girls. Both teams had some fantastic batting with many half and full rounders being scored. The A team only lost by half a rounder and it was the best U9 Rounders performance I have seen. Molly Rendall managed to score half a rounder on the last bowl, giving the B team a 4-4 draw. Well done girls. **Mrs Hairsine**

Girls' Cricket Tournament at Durham High: U11

On Wednesday we took 16 excited girls to the cluster Cricket Tournament at Durham High School. Put into two groups of three, they played two matches. One of our teams won both of their games against Bow School and Durham High School while the other side beat Polam Hall yet lost to Durham High's A team. Therefore we made the final against a strong Durham High team. We scored 216 from our 8 overs which seemed a little light and their strong batter put them in a good position by the fifth over. However, on came Bea Dolby and 3 wickets in her over, meaning the loss of 15 runs, put us ahead. Their strongest batters came in last and required 20 off the last 2 overs and were only able to make 17 in a very tense affair. Our second team lost too many wickets in the third place play off but were striking the ball extremely well. It was very pleasing to see 16 girls with such impressive Cricket skills. It was a wonderful afternoon of Cricket, played in great spirits with some very promising performances. Well done girls. **Mr Wicling**



Mapping round the Museum!

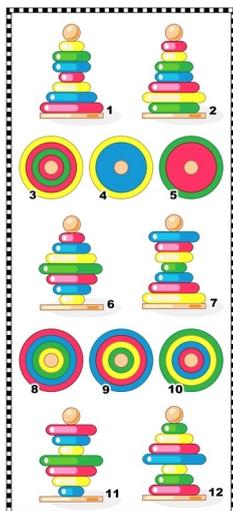
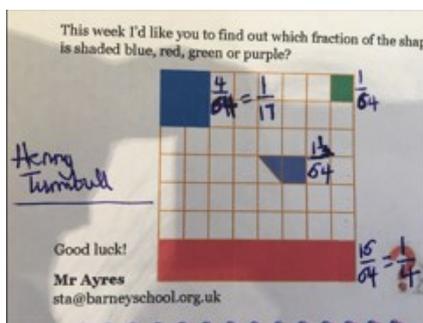
Year 3 had a great day out on Wednesday as they undertook the challenge of the orienteering course at the Bowes Museum. Collaboration and independence were our objectives for the day and the children worked brilliantly to orientate their maps and gelled as teams to find the markers with as little adult help as possible. The fine weather was perfect for setting up our picnic blankets and the children were ready for some rest and refreshment! After lunch, the children learned how to make a clove hitch and a simple lashing, teaching each other as they mastered each skill and showing astonishing levels of perseverance. They used these knots to fasten small sticks together to make miniature dens for the Lego figures they had brought, starting simple and then adding fences, zip wires and building whole communities of tiny shelters under the trees. The children were so happily focused for the next couple of hours that many declined the opportunity to visit the play park! In the words of Quinn Williams, the trip was 'not a good day, it was a wonderful day' and we would like to thank all the teachers who joined in with such enthusiasm.

Mrs Michelin and Miss Strachan



Maths Puzzler

Last week's puzzler was solved by Henry Turnbull - well done! Special recognition must also go to the boys in Year 4 who all spent time on solving the task when



I had the privilege of covering a lesson with them this week.

This week I would like to you to match the top views and the side views on the diagram opposite.

Good luck!

Mr Ayres
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Headmistress's Commendations:

Sebastian Metcalf
Ella Turner
Benjamin Dixon
Sophie Winnard
Ben Arnold
Edwin Barwick

Well done!

Forthcoming Events

June

- Fri 16 HMC Boys' Cricket: U11 (A), 9:45am (d8am)
Cricket & Rounders v Yarm: U10 (A), 2pm
- Mon 19 House Matches for all Year 3-6 pupils, 1pm
All Year 3-6 pupils to come to School in their PE kit and House top on this day - parents welcome to spectate
Barney Friends' AGM, Atkinson Hall 7pm
followed by dinner at Il Palazzo
- Tues 20 Year 2 & 3 Athletics v Aysgarth (H), 3:30pm
- Wed 21 New Pupils' visit
Move up afternoon
- Thurs 22 Pre-Prep Sports Day, 2pm
Year 6 Tourism Fair, Atkinson Hall - parents welcome from 3pm
- Fri 23 Year 6 Probability Fair, am
Athletics Meeting: U11, 1pm
Cricket & Rounders v Bow School: U9 (H)

Awards This Week:

Merit Certificates:

Dylan Dougal, Reuben Hosking, Sebastian Howard, Rocco Catellani, Benjamin Dixon, Tilly Gray, William Jackson-Ward, Joe Rutherford, Ella Turner, Scarlett Hutchinson, Emily Pegram, Annie Barker, Celine Jolley, Charles Appleyard, Kohana Armstrong, Lydia Dixon, Tabitha Hilsdon, Henry Manley, Euan Metcalf, Archie Pepper, Shivraj Sehgal, William Shaefer, Thea Wilks, Caitlyn McLean, Alex Banner, Rory Metcalf, Alexander Milbank, Sophie Pegram, Dexter Thomas, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Sofia Wilson, Seth Crisp, Oliver Dickinson, Rhys James, Daniel Raper, Callum Gaffney, Lorcan O'Neill, Joel Peart, Daniel Newell, Olivia Preston, Scarlet Sinclair, Maisy Squires, Molly Peart, Aimee Willey, Lucy Willsmore, Phoebe Allman, Charlie Bridges, Georgina Chapman, Adam Lee, Isla MacConachie, Toby Rutherford, Freddie Wilks, Oscar Bennett Collins, Megan Brown, Mirabelle Harrison, Violet Heintz, Emily England, Lucy Harburn, Ned Michelin, Freya Pinwill-Price, Edward Baker, Johnny Burgess, Isabelle Hawkins, Aasta McGregor-Towers, Daniel Richardson, William Shield, William Te Lintelo, Samuel Banner, Freddie Barrett, Jack Edmunds, Mia Pegram, Hannah Stirling, Charlie Thompson, Henry Turnbull, Harriet Alliston, Thomas Blenkiron, Charlie Coulthard, George England, Freddie Hendrix, Katie Riddell, Daisy Wilson, Kieran Armstrong, Charlotte Blenkiron, Sophia Hare, Alexander Howard, Sebastian Metcalf, Finlay Toyne, William Watson, Oona MacConachie, Sophie Richardson, Megan Sunley, Benjamin Dixon, Tilly Gray, Ella Turner, Sofia Wilson, Ethan Davis, Isabelle Kerr, Annabelle Metcalf, Archie Rickard, Samuel Baker-Bird, Joseph Green, Harry Sowerby, Ossian McGregor-Towers, Harry Metcalf, Jack Roberts

App of the Week:

Human Body Facts 1000



An app to keep you entertained for hours as well as fascinate the family! Human Body Facts 1000 provides you with loads of fun, odd, strange and interesting facts about the human body. You will be able to regale your friends with these little known tidbits of information. For example did you know that 300 million cells die in the human body every minute?

The Amazing Adventures of Superstan

Faster than a speeding bullet ... the Year 5 and 6 performances were all too soon over this week. What a fantastic effort from all the children concerned! They raised the rafters in Big School with audience laughter and applause throughout two fabulous performances this week. My thanks go to all concerned: the staff behind the scenes, the musicians, the Maintenance Department in School, the parents for all those fabulous costumes, but, of course, mainly to the children in Years 5 and 6, who have once again proved that they rise to every occasion with confidence, focus and, most importantly, a sense of humour! Well done. **Mrs Robertson**

