



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

Yesterday's Pre-Prep Sports Day was a tremendous success and showed that we have some promising talent moving into Prep School. It was great to see the children engaged in competitive yet friendly athletic activities, individually and in teams. Well done to all the children, the class teachers for their organisation and encouragement, and the PE staff for their ongoing teaching of athletic skills. I am also most grateful to all those parents who baked cakes, biscuits, buns and scones for the refreshment tent and to the parents from Barney Friends who manned it.

Yesterday also saw the annual Year 6 Tourism Fair take place and this morning the Probability Fair. This excellent initiative provides the children with the opportunity to work collaboratively and utilise all their skills that they have learned.

Barney Friends held their AGM on Monday and I would like to acknowledge at this point the excellent hard work of the Barney Friends' committee this year. They have given of their time freely and willingly and organised a very enjoyable programme of events. Barney Friends' main function is social, however, any money raised at events is allocated to local charities and also to the School. The money raised for School is going towards our new outdoor learning project, more information to follow, watch this space!

We head into the final week of this academic year at a terrific pace. Programmes of study are coming to an end, presentation of certificates for a variety of achievements are occurring on a daily basis in assembly, rehearsals are taking place for the musical performances on Speech Day and the last of the educational excursions are being undertaken.

Our term concludes with **Speech Day** next **Friday 30th June**, and this is a major event in our calendar, providing a fitting finale to the School year. All the pupils in the Pre-Prep and Prep School will attend and all parents are warmly invited to join us for this end of year celebration. The proceedings start at 12:30pm with the traditional 'Bring Your Own Picnic' to enjoy with your children on the grassed area in front of the Senior School and the croquet lawn, adjacent to the car parking area. The children will be brought out to meet you there if you are able to attend, if not please let your child's class teacher know. Speech Day will start at 2pm in the Sports Hall and it will include the Chairman of Governors' welcome, speeches, musical performances by the children and the end of year prize giving. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the Senior School. It will also be an opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Hairsine and wish both Mr and Mrs Seddon a very happy retirement. Please arrive via the Senior School drive where you will be directed to parking. I look forward to seeing you there.

Laura Turner

Boarders' News

Friday was our last trip with the boarders so we made it special for the children with a trip to the cinema to watch the ever so funny 'Diary of a Wimpey Kid'. Mrs Roberts-Lilley, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Killeen and I laughed all the way through, so much so one member of staff threw her popcorn all over the floor! Afterwards we went for tea, and everyone enjoyed the food at Pizza Express, especially the ice cream and chocolate brownies. Good food, great company, great fun!

Mr Joy accompanied the boarders into town on Saturday morning for some retail therapy. In the afternoon, Mrs Bale took the boarders in to School to finish prep before lots of free time outside enjoying the great weather. To finish the evening off we all had a water fight on the field to cool down.

Sunday morning was more relaxed with free time before getting ready for School the following day. After lunch and all sun-creamed up, we all ventured up to Barningham to join in with the festivities at the fair. Such a fantastic event with beautiful grounds, lots of activities and a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. All the boarders, along with Mrs Killeen and myself, really enjoyed the day.

Mr Killeen



Holiday to India

As part of our work on India, in Geography, I asked the children in pairs to plan and book a holiday. They were given a budget of £10,000 and were allowed to take children if they wanted to. The brief was to visit at least ten tourist destinations across the country and to stay for three weeks. They had to 'book' flights, arrange transfers and organise accommodation.

We extended the project as they really enjoyed learning about the amazing places they could explore and it has become quite competitive as they argue about cheaper flights and hotels. Did you know that you can actually hire a Lamborghini for the day in New Delhi at a cost of £500!



A bug's life!

The children's interest in all things that creep and crawl is really developing now. The caterpillar cocoons are being thoroughly investigated, any changes are being minuted and the undergrowth has been searched exhaustively for creatures of interest.



Dear Fairy Godmother

Year 1 have been working hard on their writing this week. They thoroughly enjoyed pretending to be a Fairy Tale character that had a problem and they all wrote some super letters to the Fairy Godmother to ask for some advice. They partnered up and wrote some brilliant replies to the Fairy Tale characters. They enjoyed sharing their ideas with each other before writing their replies.

The pulse of Prep School!

Year 5 have been finding out about the benefits of exercise. They ran round the Astro, practised taking their pulse and then took it every 2 minutes until recovery. Graphing results will come next!



In the net!

Year 3 have been exploring nets and perimeter, transferring 2D shapes into 3D and calculating the cost of fencing in their zoo animals!



Lovely lighthouses

In 2P we have enjoyed reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper' stories by Ronda and David Armitage. They are very amusing and led to lots of hilarity and discussion. Linked to these stories our children have researched Lighthouses and created their own beautiful models and pastel drawings. They were interested to learn about Grace Darling, the lighthouse keeper's daughter from Bamburgh, who risked her life to save survivors from the shipwrecked paddlesteamer 'Forfarshire' in 1838.



What a journey!

"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions." – Oliver Wendell Holmes. These words perfectly embody, not only the mindset of a traveller but the overriding philosophy of the Year 6 Achievement Award and teaching at Prep School. Now into its third year, yesterday's Tourism Fair catapulted our expectations of what children can achieve far beyond anything we have seen before. The incredible work of one year group drive the next cohort on to achieve more and surpass what has been done previously. This year's fair was an unparalleled success, as anyone fortunate enough to have visited will undoubtedly attest to. The wonders of the world were brought to life in glorious technicolor as the fruits of three weeks' work were brought to bear in the Atkinson Hall. From the incredible peacock cake at the Indian stall to musical delights of South Africa and Australia, from the unbelievable knowledge of the Croatian delegation to the light hearted rivalry between Japan and China, the entire day was amazing. Every child in the School had a chance to visit and see for themselves the hard work and dedication the children had poured into the project and learn all about the destinations on offer. Every ounce of energy expended by the children was matched in earnest by Mrs Thompson, without whom it would not be possible. Our thanks also go to Katy Davies from Kyle Travel for coming to judge the fair. The Tourism Fair is everything the Achievement Award strives to be, it values and rewards independence, creativity and endeavour and allows children to develop and nurture essential life skills. The children involved can be very proud indeed of what they achieved. **Mr Ayres**



A visiting Olympian!

Koizumi Judo Club had guest coach Dermot Heslop 7th Dan (one of the highest attainable grades in Judo) visit the Judo activity last week. Dermot is North of England Senior Coach for the British Judo Association and among many of his claims to fame is that he was a member of the British Olympic Team. He joined our regular coach, Adrian Harding and 1st Dan Mr Yeadon who also teaches music at School. Mr Yeadon is currently helping coach the Judo activity. Dermot delivered an exciting session, making sure everyone worked hard. He showed us all the Kami Shiho Gatame (upper four quarters hold) and how to escape. A fantastic judo session!

Another string to your bow!

Last Friday we had the most amazing day with Mr Lawrance, our school violin and viola teacher. Children's hands were shooting up, they were singing along and they were bursting with enthusiasm beyond any instrumental experience that we have ever had at Barnard Castle Prep School. The wealth of repertoire in "name that tune" games that Mr Lawrance produced from memory was phenomenal, from TV themes such as Coronation Street, Emmerdale, EastEnders, Peppa Pig, Pink Panther, Match of the Day and the like to movies such as Star Wars, Harry Potter and Jaws. Intermingled with these were more modern hits such as those by Clean Bandit, Ariana Grande and Katy Perry alongside classical pieces such as Eine Kleine Nacht Music. The experience was invigorating and we hope that many pupils will be inspired to start learning how to play the violin and viola.



Sports News

HMC Cricket Tournament: U11

On Friday, our U11 Cricket team went to Bradford for the HMC Cricket Tournament. 16 teams over 4 pitches battle their wits and bats in the annual 6-a-side run fest. We arrived knowing we had St Olave's in the first match and, I am afraid, we did not cover ourselves in glory as they scored 46 in a poor bowling display. Johnny Burgess however got us going with a strong 22 in our total of 37 in reply. We awoke from this early defeat and went on to beat Grammar School Leeds 'B' and Silcoates to reach the quarter finals. Still not firing on all cylinders, we played a confident Bradford Grammar who were unbeaten. Cometh the team, and an excellent bowling performance kept them down to 32 before we knocked off the score easily without losing a wicket. Moving into the semi-final, we played the pre tournament favourites QEGS. Again bowling first, we held them to 36 which we felt was very possible to beat. We started extremely well and got to 26 without loss with 2 overs left. Unfortunately we lost 4 wickets in the next over and lost by 5 runs. A fantastic tournament where we showed that we are one of the best teams in the North of England. Well done boys you made us all proud. **Mr Wicling**



Cricket v Yarm: U10

Last Friday we took the U10 team to play pairs cricket at Yarm. In a competitive match, we did extremely well and took plenty of wickets which led to quite an uncompetitive score for Yarm. When batting we showed a lot more commitment, batted with discipline and scored with more freedom, leading to an impressive victory. **Mr Wicling**

Rounders v Yarm: U10

The U10 Rounders team travelled to play Yarm last Friday. There was some very good batting in the first innings and we scored some very good Rounders from our "big hitters". Our fielding also got better and Yarm were just ahead at the end of the first innings. Unfortunately two of our big hitters were ran out on their first balls in the second innings which let Yarm have the win. I have been pleased with the team's batting skills this year and we have had some high scoring games as a result. **Mrs Seddon**

House Matches

On a blistering afternoon on Monday, all the boys from Years 3 to 6 played in a House Cricket Tournament. We had a very competitive afternoon with plenty of impressive Cricket being played. Overall, Gilbert won the Year 5 and 6 tournament while Drake won for Year 3 and 4. In the older age groups Gilbert beat Drake convincingly while a classic finish was unfolding on the other pitch. Raleigh, needing 5 to win the game, on the last ball struck a mighty shot only to be caught an inch in from the boundary. Overall, lovely weather, plenty of runs, wickets and enjoyment. Year 3 and 4 endured the afternoon heat to play their House Rounders matches. For many of the Year 3s this was their first competitive Rounders games and it was lovely to see the progression of skills throughout the afternoon. All the matches were extremely close with many of the teams only winning by half a rounder. Gilbert finished in fourth place, closely followed by Grenville, Raleigh clinched second and Drake were victorious, winning all their matches. Well done to all the girls for coping in the tropical conditions. The Year 5 and 6 girls had some excellent matches for the House Rounders Competition. There was some super batting and competitive fielding and on two occasions one person caught and stumped two people out. Raleigh were victorious but it did come down to the final round. Well done to all the girls. **Mr Wicling, Mrs Hairsine and Mrs Seddon**

Athletics v Aysgarth

On Tuesday we had our first Year 2 and 3 Athletics fixture with Aysgarth. We used it as an opportunity for the children to all participate in all the basics of Athletics as well as meeting their fellow competitors from another school. To have the chance to enjoy the simplicity of throwing, jumping and running with other children with competition was important but not the only reason to join in. It was a different style of event and I hope the children and parents saw its merits as an introduction to competitive sport. **Mr Wicling**

Well done Councillors!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the School Councillors for their hard work and enthusiasm over the year. Thanks to them we now have:

- New games tables in the quiet area
- New toys in all the playgrounds
- We have had exotic fruit and milkshakes at break times
- Introduced House badges
- Held three non-uniform days
- Raised lots of money for charity

It will be super to work with a new set of Councillors in September and I hope they will be inspired by what was achieved this year. **Miss White**

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Ella Turner
Rocco Catellani
Phoebe Allman
Lucy Harburn
Seth Crisp

Best wishes from everyone
at Prep School!

Maths Puzzler

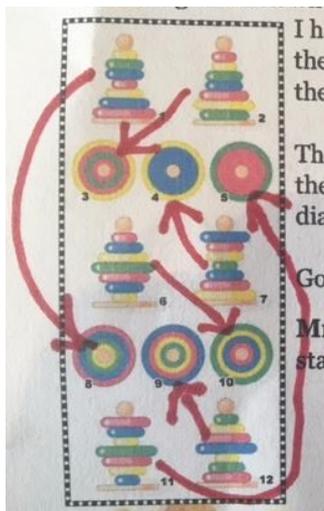
Well done to everyone who solved last week's tower puzzler. I've included Henry Turnbull's solution opposite.

For the final puzzler of the year I'd like you to find as many numbers as you can that start and end with the same letter. Can you find a calculation that uses two of these to produce a third?

Good luck!

Mr Ayres

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Headmistress's Commendations:

Ben Loughney, Oscar Lawson,
William Banner, Sophie Winnard,
Vivi Gledhill, Ella Turner,
Tilly Gray, Daniel Raper

Well done!

Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Megan SUNley, Peter Stevenson, Matilda Chapman,
Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Sebastian Metcalf,
Joe Rutherford, Mirabelle Harrison, Quinn Williams,
Scarlett Hutchinson, Emily Pegram, Joseph Robin
Truss, Ned Michelin, Gus Living, Harry Sinclair,
Freddie Ross-Mitchell, Isabelle Kerr, Callum Gaffney,
Euan Metcalf, Scarlet Sinclair, Olivia Preston,
Mia Pegram, Freddie Barrett, Molly Peart,
George England

Merit Certificates:

Jack Baptist, Tom Staley, Matilda Chapman,
Alexander Milbank, Bertie Swan, Harry Milbank,
George-Louis Boulton, Grace Dickinson, Theo
Te Lintelo, Matthew Collinson, William Hutchinson,
Albie Kingsbury, Harry Maguire, Felicity Richardson,
Freddie Ross-Mitchell, Katy Sludds, James Binks,
Alfie Franks, Jake Roberts, Pippa Atherton, Archie
McGill, Rachael Richardson, Clara Rowbottom,
George Stubbs, Jonny Ross-Mitchell, Sebastian
Waiter-Westgarth, Alexander Carr, Fiore Catellani,
Vivi Gledhill, Peter Stevenson, Hetty Barwick, Freydis
Blake, Rory Metcalf, Kieran Armstrong, Charlotte
Blenkiron, Rocco Catellani, Tilly Gray, Alexander
Howard, William Jackson-Ward, Sebastian Metcalf,
Joe Rutherford, Finlay Toyne, Ella Turner, William
Watson, Sofia Wilson, Edwin Barwick, Olivia Bridges,
Isabel Warren, Jonny Royle, Joe Arnold, Luke Banner,
Jemima Burton, Zara Dobson, Polly Heintz, Jake
Lawson, Gus Living, Harry Sinclair, Bella Staley,
Oliver Stubbs, Harry Maude

Forthcoming Events

June

- Fri 23 Year 6 Probability Fair, am
Athletics Meeting: U11, 1pm
Cricket & Rounders v Bow School: U9 (H), 2pm
- Mon 26 Year 6 Trip to Lightwater Valley
- Tues 27 Pre-Prep Trip to RHS Gardens, Harlow Carr
- Wed 28 Pre-Prep Teddy Bears' Picnic
Cricket v Casterton, Sedbergh: U11, U9 (H), 3:30pm
- Thurs 29 End of Term Gathering for pupils, 2:30pm
Year 6 Leavers' Disco, Atkinson Hall, 7pm-9pm
- Fri 30 Picnic for parents and pupils at 12:30pm,
followed by Speech Day and Prize Giving at 2pm
Term finishes after Speech Day
School buses departing, as normal, at 5:10pm

Summer Courses

(places still available!)

- Mon 17 & Tues 18 July—Years 5 & 6— Bikeability
Wed 19, Thurs 20 & Fri 21 July—Years 2-6—Sports Coaching
Mon 31 July to Fri 4 Aug—Rec-Year 6—Enrichment Jamboree

- Mon 24 to Fri 28 July—all children aged 4-16— Activity Week 1
Mon 7 to Fri 11 Aug—all children aged 4-16— Activity Week 2

App of the Week:

Thinking Blocks



Addition and Subtraction,
Multiplication and Division, Fractions,
Ratio and Proportion. Four apps in one
this week!

These are super apps and are suitable
from Year 2 onwards. They are
available for the iPad, but in fact can
also be played online at
[http://www.mathplayground.com/
thinkingblocks.html](http://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html).

Each app teaches children how to
model and solve word problems
involving the different mathematical
functions.

Pre-Prep Sports Day

Pre-Prep Sports Day was a huge success this year with all the children showing off their magnificent skills to the many spectators who came to watch. They enjoyed competing against their class in a variety of events. The afternoon started off with the obstacle course and all children moved through poles, over hurdles and showed their control with a tennis racket at speed. Next the children got their speed shoes on and took part in a straight sprint, a good chance for them to show how much their running styles have improved over the year. The jumping and throwing event was enjoyed by all, with lots of 'wows' coming from the crowd. A big highlight for many of the children was the egg and spoon race, luckily there were not too many splats on the floor! It was lovely to see the children competing with smiles on their faces and even more so the fantastic skills that were on show. Well done to all the children who participated.

