



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing half term; I have certainly enjoyed hearing about the wonderful adventures the children have had. We were delighted that Prep School Sports Day went ahead in unexpected glorious sunshine and this was a fitting way to conclude the first half. The athletics was of a high standard and the broad range of events were keenly contested. The children performed with a competitive and sporting spirit. Well done to all the children in Years 3 to 6 for their endeavours. I would also like to thank the staff, and in particular Mr and Mrs Seddon for organising and overseeing such a big event. I am also grateful to all those parents who baked cakes and biscuits for the Barney Friends' refreshments tent and to those who gave up their time to oversee operations. Our Pre-Prep Sports Day is fast approaching (Thursday 22nd June) and I know Barney Friends would be grateful if parents could help support the refreshments tent on this occasion as well.

We are all looking forward to the Years 5 and 6 Play 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan'. This week has provided our first opportunity to actually get onto the stage to rehearse and therefore there has been a comprehensive rehearsal schedule to ensure we are ready for the performances next Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th June. To help with arrangements all those children performing will stay for tea at School next Tuesday and Wednesday. The play will run for approximately an hour and fifteen minutes without interval and therefore children can be picked up from Central Hall in the Senior School at 8:15pm.

This is a very busy and short term, with many events taking place. I strongly encourage you to read the updated calendar that features at the back of the newsletter each week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Laura Turner

Boarders' News

After a glorious half term the children returned to a wet and slightly breezy Barnard Castle. Spirits were high and the children enjoyed telling us all of the great things they got up to while they were away.

We have a lot to look forward to this half term and with only three weekends left it is sure to be an action packed end to the Trinity Term!

Already this week the children have enjoyed playing outside in the School grounds, playing cricket at the local Cricket Club

and three of our Year 6 boys are greatly anticipating the Scouts' summer camp which is coming up in the next few weeks.



Mr Killeen

Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our events last half term. Generous donations of building materials meant the Denbuilding Day was a great success again, and the fabulous cakes and bakes received for Prep Sports Day energised the hardworking athletes and added to a wonderful afternoon. All the money raised will go towards projects for the children. We'd also like to pass on massive thanks to the team of Barney Friends behind the Summer Ball, a big event for a small team to organise and their efforts were greatly appreciated. Looking ahead to Pre-Prep Sports Day on Thursday 22nd June, we are appealing for more home-baked goodies. Please bring your donations to the Prep School kitchen on the morning, or to the refreshments tent later.

Our final meeting is our annual get together at 7pm on Monday 19th June in the Atkinson Hall (*please note this is a change for the date previously advertised*). As well as reviewing this year, we'll be looking ahead to events for 2017/18 so everyone is welcome to come along and contribute ideas.

Barney Friends

Fastest finger first!

Year 1 began their final computer topic of 'Touch Typing'. We had an adventure up to the Science Lab to use our laptops. The children worked through a series of typing games, ensuring that their fingers were in the correct position to allow their fingers to dance with Gary the Goat! Watch out Mrs Morse, we are trying to type as quickly as you!



Fabulous flying

Year 4 had a whirly, sunny morning investigating air resistance and gravity this week, to contribute to our work in Science. The children participated with their usual high level of enthusiasm and enjoyment as I hope can be seen from the pictures!

We made paper spinners using a template and worked in pairs to complete an investigation. During this the children designed four different spinners and timed them to see which landed the fastest. Following on from this we worked out the average time taken for each design. From this they were able to conclude which was the most aerodynamic, what affect adding paper clips had on the time taken and whether changing the propeller shape had an impact.



NSPCC Fundraising

Just before we left for our Half Term break, School Council alongside Katie Riddell, Molly Peart, Aimee Willey, Pippa Atherton and Isabelle Hawkins, organised a fundraising event in aid of the NSPCC. The inspiration for this event was the series of assemblies and workshops held by the NSPCC at School where they highlighted the many issues surrounding young people today.

Activities were held at both morning and lunch breaks and included a raffle, Guess the Name of the Bear, Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar, a cake sale, Beat the Goalie and Knock the Cups Down. The event was hugely supported by the children and we do so appreciate all the enthusiasm shown across the School on Thursday. I must also thank all the children and staff who volunteered their time and energy to assist with stalls and run the competitions.

I am very pleased to announce that we raised a staggering £392 for the NSPCC. This was the last fundraising event of the year for School Council and I thank all of them for their hard work over the year.



Class Photo deadline!

Your child will have been given a class photograph order form on Monday to bring home. As indicated on the envelope this is to be returned within 7 days. Therefore, if you would like to order a copy, please ensure the form is handed in by **9am this Monday morning, 12th June** to avoid missing the deadline.

You can still order a copy from Tempest after this date by following the late order instructions on the form.



Creepy Crawly Crazy!

Reception have begun their final topic of 'Minibeasts' with tremendous enthusiasm. New minibeasts have been imagined, both in Playdough and on paper, creatures are hiding in our sand tray and 'Creepy Crawlies Café' is open for business! If you fancy some worm spaghetti, bee pie or beetle juice we can guarantee you a seat by the window and a warm welcome!



Sports Day

We were blessed with fantastic weather for Sports Day to finish off the first half of term. This is a fantastic opportunity when everyone in the House contributes to the final result. Shuttle Relays and Tug of War remain ever popular and for the first time all the children competed in a round the track baton relay. Our athletes really had a chance to shine in their events with some outstanding individual performances. Edwin Barwick, Scarlett Hutchinson, Esme Berend, Joe Arnold, Rhys Jenkins, Lydia Dixon, Molly Peart and Daniel Richardson were the age group winners with Gilbert House proving too strong for the others to win the Queens Cup.



A fair week!

The Year 6 children have been very busy this week preparing for next week's spectacular 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan'. Autobiographies are being finalised, RE projects tweaked and bunting and posters produced for the upcoming Tourism Fair. Any artefacts, information, costumes or food - always a winner! - which you can provide to assist your child with their preparation for the Tourism Fair, would be greatly appreciated. A reminder for your calendar: the Tourism Fair will be on **Thursday 22nd June**, with parents welcome to come and 'book a holiday' from **3pm in the Atkinson Hall**.



Treading the boards

The Year 5s have thoroughly enjoyed being Minions and Citizens in the Year 5 and 6 play, 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan'. Rehearsals have gone really well and they are all very excited to perform next week.



Water great lesson!

Year 3 have been solving problems using different units of measurement. They were set challenges to convert kilos to grams and load a shopping bag, and measure small containers in millilitres to fill a litre jug. The next challenge should perhaps have been to measure the volume of water needed to fill the Atkinson Hall to the roof, as they were well on the way!



Fraction fun

In Year 2 we have been finding the fractions of shapes and numbers. It was great fun making fraction biscuits with the Year 1 children in our Hall Maths lesson and following a set of instructions to make sure they were decorated correctly. We found that some fractions are equivalent to each other. Our biscuits were delicious!



Headmistress's Commendations:

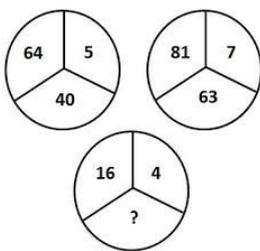
Fiore Catellani,
Caitlyn McLean, Megan Sunley,
Sophie Pegram, Bertie Swan,
Sofia Wilson, Konrad Blake,
Oscar Lawson,
Benjamin Pelly,
Theo Twedde

Well done!

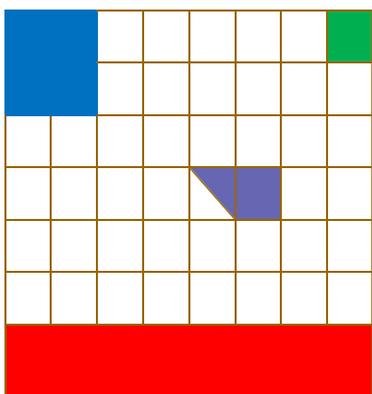


Maths Puzzler

Congratulations to Henry Turnbull, Rhys James and everyone else who worked out the last puzzler - you divide the bottom number by the top right (i.e. $40 / 5 = 8$) then square your answer to give you the number in the top left ($8 * 8 = 64$). In the bottom circle the missing number is 16!



This week I'd like you to find out which fraction of the shape is shaded blue, red, green or purple?



Good luck!

Mr Ayres

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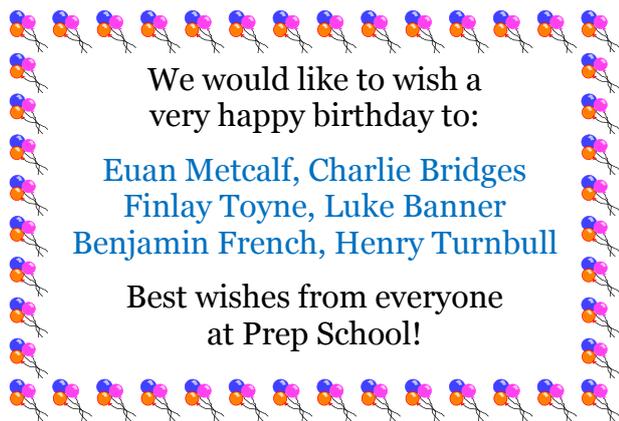
Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Alexander Carr, Sebastian Howard, Charlie Bridges, Georgina Chapman, Kieran Armstrong, Alexander Howard, Grace Dickinson, Theo Te Lintelo, Oscar Lawson, Jessica Raper, Lottie Baptist, Sophie McGill, Ellie Derrick, Jake Lawson, Seth Crisp, Oliver Dickinson, Charles Appleyard, Tabitha Hilsdon, Jake Roberts, Isabelle Hawkins, Fin McGuire, Archie McGill, Poppy Barlow, Thomas Blenkins

Merit Certificates:

Caitlyn McLean, Sophie Richardson, Megan Sunley, Lucy Willmore, Darcy Metcalf, Oliver Stubbs, Poppy Barlow, Jack Baptist, Oona MacConachie, Tom Staley, Phoebe Allman, Alex Banner, Hetty Barwick, Freydis Blake, Charlie Bridges, Georgina Chapman, Matilda Chapman, Adam Lee, Isla MacConachie, Rory Metcalf, Alexander Milbank, Sophie Pegram, Toby Rutherford, Bertie Swan, Dexter Thomas, Freddie Wilks, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Alexander Carr, Fiore Catellani, Vivi Gledhill, Peter Stevenson, Hetty Barwick, Freydis Blake, Georgina Chapman, Matilda Chapman, Bertie Swan, Gus Coggrave, Harry Forrester, Dermot Metcalf, Esme Berend, Emily Coggrave, Ellie Derrick



Forthcoming Events

June

- Fri 9 HMC Athletics: U11, U10, U9 (A), 11am (d8:45am)
Cricket v Red House: U11 (H), 2:30pm
- Mon 12 Year 5 & 6 Play Dress Rehearsal, 1:30pm
Rounders v Durham High: U9 (A), 2:30pm
- Tues 13 Year 5 & 6 Play, Big School, 7pm
Please note all Year 5 & 6 pupils stay at School for tea and can be collected from Central Hall at 8:15pm
- Wed 14 Year 3 Orienteering at the Bowes Museum
Girls' Cricket at Durham High: U11, 1pm
Year 5 & 6 Play, Big School, 7pm
Please note all Year 5 & 6 pupils stay at School for tea and can be collected from Central Hall at 8:15pm
- Thur 15 Year 6 trip to Beamish
- Fri 16 HMC Boys' Cricket: U11 (A), 9:45am (d8am)
Cricket & Rounders v Yarm: U10 (A), 2pm

App of the Week:

Great British Chef Kids—Free



An area close to my heart is cooking and this is a super app for those budding chefs! 105 easy-to-follow recipes specially conceived to be cooked with children. These recipes range from tea-time dinners such as 'pizza hearts', 'campfire chilli con carne' or 'Rice Krispie fish fingers' to special treats like 'bacon roly polies', 'choux caterpillar', 'sweetcorn and tomato muffins' and 'popping chocolate orange bites' to tasty desserts like 'tropical fruit rockets' or 'London Eye tart'. The app also includes a series of How To videos, specifically created to help children learn some of the basics as well as some of the more complicated techniques involved. 21 chefs have contributed recipes in the Cooking with Kids app including Marcus Wareing, Nathan Outlaw and, the Galvin brothers.