



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Barney Buzz

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Headmistress's News

The children have had a super day, raising money throughout break times today for Children in Need. My thanks go to the School Councillors for organising such a wonderful day.

This week has been anti-bullying week and we have addressed issues to do with aspects of bullying and cyber-bullying through our assembly programme. It is important for all schools to promote positive behaviour and this has enabled us to reinforce teaching and learning with regard to the prevention of bullying. We endeavour to create an atmosphere in the School where it is unacceptable to be mean and this is central to the principles of 'The Barney Way'. We have taken a positive stance, fostering the understanding that all members of our community have a role to play in maintaining Barney as the happy and friendly place that we enjoy today. I enjoyed meeting with the School Council this week and discussing and understanding their ideas and thoughts about a couple of small changes the School would like to make to the 'Barney Way'.

On the subject of community, we have always enjoyed the excellent support of the parent body and I do hope that parents will be joining us for the Barney Friends' Quiz this evening at 7pm in the Atkinson Hall. This annual event is an enjoyable and sociable occasion and I look forward to seeing you there for an evening of fun!

Next week, we are beginning our annual Mathematics focus at the Prep School. The children will have the opportunity to be involved in solving a variety of mathematical and logical puzzles with the Happy Puzzle Company on Thursday and our House Maths Quiz will maintain this momentum the following week. As usual, the Happy Puzzle Company will run an after School shop on Thursday 23rd November from 3:45pm to 4:45pm.

With only 38 sleeps until Christmas Day, preparations are well underway for our School Christmas events. I have attached further details of our Christmas programme at the end of this newsletter with all the information necessary to help parents plan ahead. Most importantly, please could parents return the pantomime visit reply slip indicating their preferred pick-up arrangements as soon as possible, before Friday 1st December, so that we can arrange transport.

Have a lovely weekend.

Laura Turner

Boarders' News

This weekend the junior boarders got messy indoors and outdoors. On Saturday morning Mrs Stewart came in to help them make 'glitter goo' which was thoroughly gloopy! In the afternoon Mr Joy took the boarders to see our newest residents (the chickens) and they got busy in the School garden doing some preparatory work for an extended coop. They had certainly earned a relaxing evening watching a movie with some sweet treats!

On Sunday everyone looked immaculate as we attended a poignant Remembrance Day service in the School Chapel with the rest of the boarding community. Afterwards we joined with the local community at the cenotaph in the grounds of the Bowes Museum. It was great to see Alfie F and Archie marching in the town parade with the Scouts as well as Lauren's sister Katie with the School Combined Cadet Force.

Mr Robson

The Ultimate Plum Pudding
Last date for orders this Monday 20th November

Reminder that the last date for orders is this **Monday 20th November** should you wish to purchase the Ultimate Plum Pudding and help raise funds for the BCS Cricket Tour 2018. Form attached last week and again with today's email.



Sports News

Hockey v St Olave's: U11

On Friday 10th November the U11s played Hockey against Bow School and St Olave's of York. The B team had a successful game against Bow School, dominating the match. Next they played St Olave's, which was a more challenging game and they had to work much harder as St Olave's were very skilful.

The A team played a more sustained match against St Olave's and they held their own in the first half, shutting down many of their opportunities to score. However after losing one of our players to injury we struggled in the second half and St Olave's dominated the game. The girls gave it their all and I was proud of the way they kept their heads up. We have lots to reflect upon and work on in the coming weeks. **Mrs Summerson-Brown**

Rugby v St Olave's: U11

On Friday 10th November, the U11A Rugby team played St Olave's at home on what was a rather chilly afternoon. The boys warmed up and after a motivational team talk they ran onto the pitch raring to go! St Olave's kicked off, Rhys Jenkins caught the ball and then proceeded to run the full length of the pitch to score the first try of the match. St Olave's came back strong, scoring a number of tries and at half time had their noses in front. Earlier on in the season this would have affected the boys ... not today though. The first part of the second half was all Barney, with tries being scored by Rhys Jenkins, Euan Metcalf and Daniel Raper. The final minutes of the games were tense, with St Olave's moving the ball quickly, which resulted in two more tries. However, the defence held firm and with the final blast of the whistle, the result was just in our favour. The final score was 40-25 to Barney. Well done to all the boys from both teams for such an entertaining afternoon of rugby. **Mr Langley**

On Friday the B and C teams had a couple of excellent games with St Olave's. Our strongest performance came from the B team who dominated events with some excellent running from Seth Crisp and an intelligent display from Callum Gaffney. The tries came thick and fast with some of our speedsters coming into their own.

The C team were also impressive and fully deserved a convincing performance. All the team are tackling hard, even though some of them are quite high at times, and showed much more support in attack. Overall, these matches highlighted the improvement that the whole year group has made over the past weeks and we are very pleased with their development. **Mr Wicling**

Hockey v Yarm: U9

Yesterday the U9s played Yarm School on a very chilly afternoon in Barnard Castle. The B team played in some small-sided games to help improve positional play and then went into a bigger game at the end which they won 3-0. The A team dominated their match and worked hard to gain an advantage over Yarm. They made the most of their opportunities to score and won 5-0. All the girls put in a sterling effort in bitter playing conditions!

Mrs Summerson-Brown



Everybody's building

Reception class love to build and make things. Just this week we have seen the creation of a "unicorn washer" and "a hotel for cars and knights". It would be a shame to let this brilliant imaginative play go by without helping the children to add another dimension to it. 'Construction Design' sheets and clipboards, tape measures, rulers and whiteboard pens have been added to the construction area, resulting in the recording of copious ideas, name writing and number talk. When the children don't notice that they are learning, the most effective learning takes place!



They're all animals!

An escape from the zoo?! No - it's just Year 3, busy rehearsing for their dance performance. Lots of fun and a brilliant way to keep warm! We look forward to welcoming Year 3 parents to the performance on Tuesday 28th November.



Hunting Habitats

Our new Science topic is 'Habitats' and to begin our investigations we went for a walk around the School site to search for ecosystems.

We discovered that trees contain a multitude of creatures, living in the roots, on the bark, inside the trunk and in the branches. We also found woodlice, rabbit holes and spiders! We took lots of photographs, discussed the environment and learnt a great deal of new vocabulary relating to the topic.

Using the information we learnt we will be graphing our results, creating food chains and preparing for our visit next term to the Centre for Life in Newcastle.



Super Science Quiz!

On Tuesday 7th November I was selected, along with Joe Arnold, Gus Living, Ned Michelin, Bella Staley, Tabitha Hilsdon, Rhys Jenkins and Clara Metcalfe to go to a science competition with lots of other schools. When we arrived at the Moorlands School in Leeds, we were split into groups and each given a keypad to answer 40 questions. As we went along we saw our scores rising on a big screen. At the end of the quiz we saw our results, we came fifth and sixth. We all thoroughly enjoyed the competition; this was one to remember!

Ethan Davis, 6A

Stick Man

This week we enjoyed painting winter scenes inspired by the book 'The Stick Man.'



The children produced beautiful paintings with lovely intricate detail.

In English we enjoyed the story of the 'Stick Man' and completed a 'Wanted Poster' using adjectives to describe the Stick Man.



Earth moving lessons!

Year 5 had a great time exploring tectonic plates in Geography. They used

biscuits and custard to represent the plates and the magma. The children had fun learning all about mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes. They are looking forward to finding out more in the coming weeks.



Additional Events

Please note these forthcoming events which are an addition to the printed calendar:-

Wed 22nd Nov—Forest School Meeting for Parents, Atkinson Hall, 4:30pm

Thurs 23rd Nov—Happy Puzzle Workshop for pupils, Shop open to parents 3:45-4:45pm in the Atkinson Hall

Tues 28th Nov—Y3 African Arts Evening, Atkinson Hall, refreshments from 6pm, show starts at 6:30pm. All Y3 children will stay at School for tea

Tues 12th Dec—Y3-6 Christmas Film Afternoon, 3:50-4:50pm with hot chocolate and popcorn (£1.50)

Wed 13th Dec—Rec-Y2 Christmas Film Afternoon, 3:50-4:50pm with hot chocolate and popcorn (£1.50)

Shakespearean quips!

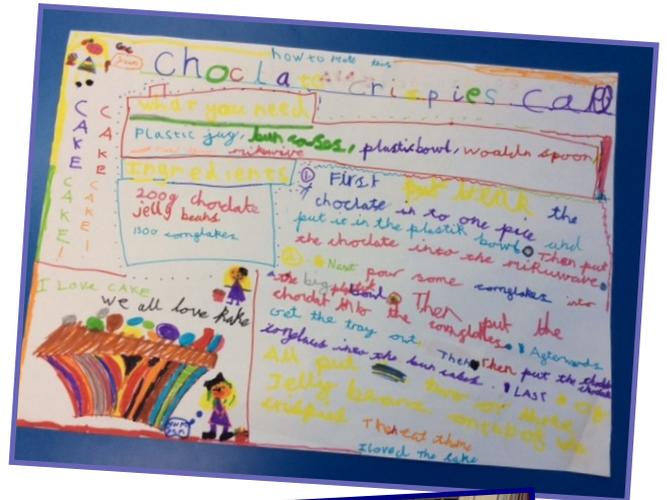
"Thou art a rank, toad-spotted boar pig!" The School's most loquacious year group, Year 6, put their love of conversation to good use in English as they took on The Shakespeare Insult Kit! Pupils set about devising insults derived from a range of Shakespearean plays and went head to head in a battle royale for the crown of sharpest tongue.



The drama element really helped to bring the words to life and enabled pupils to focus on their delivery rather than just their sentences. 'Thou art a yeasty, fen sucked, maggot pie' was a particularly cutting favourite!

Recipe for success!

Year 2 have been looking at recipes and what makes a children's recipe book appealing. They made 'Chocolate Cornflake Crispies', then in pairs and small groups created a recipe page which was bold and attractive. This gave each group an opportunity to discuss imperative verbs, time connectives and adjectives. Each page was very different but the various illustrations and text were all beautiful and very imaginative.



App of the Week:

Chicken Coop Fractions



Considering the arrival of the new chickens in Prep School, here is a game with a clucking theme! This is a game aimed at Key Stage 2, particularly Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils. The aim of the game is to move the nest along a number line to catch the hen's eggs. It is super for consolidating fractions work, including improper fractions and equivalents. The splatted eggs and chirpy chicks add charm!



If you're happy and you know it ...

Next week the Happy Puzzle Company return to challenge and amaze us. With a real focus on growth mindset tasks, every pupil will get the opportunity to develop resilience and mathematical thinking. Even better than that - the Puzzle Shop will be returning to the Atkinson Hall after School on Thursday 23rd November from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. With puzzles ranging from £1 and card payments taken, it's the perfect opportunity to stock up on incredible, mathematical and educational presents in time for 'you know who' arriving in 32 days time!



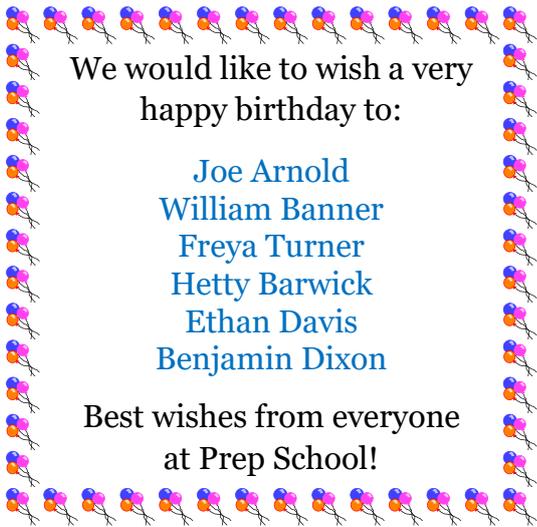
Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Olivia Harland, Freya Turner, Tom Staley, Oona MacConachie, Matilda Chapman, Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Finlay Toyne, Charlotte Owens, Isla Morgan, Joe Rutherford, Scarlett Hutchinson, Nicol White, Olivia Bridges, Harry Forrester, Luke Banner, Joe Arnold, Bella Staley, Jonny Royle, Euan Metcalf, Oliver Dickinson, Daniel Raper, Felicity Richardson, Bea Dolby, Isabelle Kerr

Merit Certificates:

Dominick Armstrong, James Nath, Hugo Thompson, Alex Banner, Matilda Chapman, Alexander Milbank, Joseph Stephenson, Bertie Swan, Dexter Thomas, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Matilda Owens, Annabel Jackson, Joe Rutherford, Joe Arnold, Benjamin French, Lucy Harburn, Sophie McGill, Lottie Baptist, Lauren Baxter, Jake Lawson, Joseph Green, Lorcan O'Neill, Rocco Catellani, Louise Newcombe, Kohana Armstrong, Sian Davidson, Archie Pepper, Archie Rickard, William Hutchinson, Freddie Ross-Mitchell, Shivraj Sehgal, Grace Dickinson, Scarlett Hutchinson, Henry Jenkinson, Sophie Winnard, Emily Davidson, Isabel Fall, Benjamin Loughney, Anna Metcalf, Evie Wicling, Rhys James, Rhys Jenkins



Forthcoming Events

November

Fri 17 Hockey v St Olave's: U10A&B (H), 2:15pm
 Rugby v St Olave's: U10A&B (H), 2:15pm
 Barney Friends' Quiz Night, Atkinson Hall, 7pm

Mon 20 House Maths Week
 Years 3 & 4 House Hockey & Rugby, 1:45pm

Wed 22 Rugby 7s Tournament at Giggleswick: U11, 1:30pm
 Forest School Meeting for Parents, Atkinson Hall, 4:30pm - all parents welcome

Thurs 23 Happy Puzzle Workshop for pupils
 Happy Puzzle Shop, Atk. Hall, 3:45-4:45pm

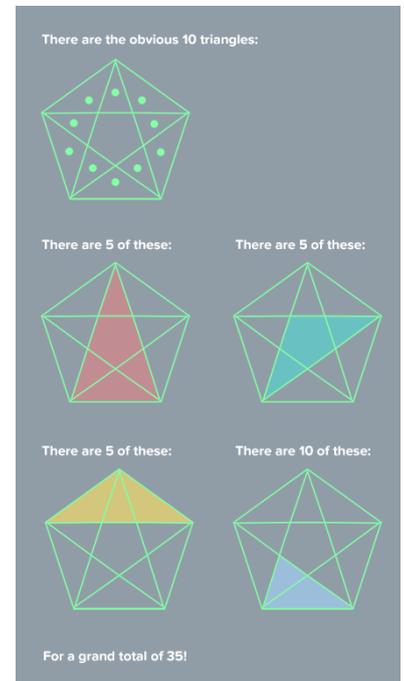
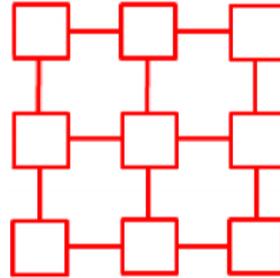
Fri 24 Years 5 & 6 House Hockey & Rugby, 1:45pm

Sat 25 Exeat Weekend

Sun 26 Exeat Weekend

Maths Puzzler

Congratulations to Konrad Blake, Mila Johnson, Sophie McGill, Scarlett Williams and everyone else who submitted a solution. There were 35 triangles in the pentagram!



This week I'd like you to put the numbers 1-9 into the red grid above (you can use each number only once). Each number is connected to at least one other. The aim is to put the numbers in so that connected numbers are always separated by an odd number. For example 4 could go next to 7 as they are 3 apart. But 4 and 6 cannot as they are 2 apart (an even number). There are loads of solutions - see how many you can find.

As always, answers to me by next Wednesday please.

Good luck!

Mr Ayres
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Prep School Christmas Events

Please see below all the information concerning the forthcoming Christmas events. Please read the details carefully and return the reply slip as soon as possible, before **Friday 1st December**, to class teachers. Please contact us if you have any queries.

Calendar of Christmas Events

Monday 27th November	Christmas Colouring Competition opens (available to all pupils)
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Colouring Competition entries due in
Friday 8th December	Pre-Prep Nativity, Chapel, 2pm
Sunday 10th December	Boarders' Carol Service, Chapel, 5pm followed by Boarders' Christmas Dinner
Monday 11th December	Reception Class visit Santa at Raby Castle, 12:45pm Barney Friends' Christmas Lunch at The Three Horseshoes, 1pm Carol Service with Christingles for Years 3 & 4, Chapel, 4pm Carol Service for Years 5 & 6, Chapel, 7pm
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Movie 'Night' After School for Years 3 to 6, 3:50-4:50pm
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Movie 'Night' After School for Reception to Year 2, 3:50-4:50pm
Thursday 14th December	Prep School trip to the Pantomime 'Robinson Crusoe' at Durham Gala Theatre
Friday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day Prep School Christmas Lunch for pupils and staff, 12noon Term finishes at the end of the school day, as normal School buses depart at 5:10pm, as normal

Pre-Prep Nativity Play

Everyone is welcome to attend our Nativity Play 'Christmas Counts' in the School Chapel on Friday 8th December at 2pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Big School.

Carol Service with Christingles for pupils in Years 3 & 4

Parents are warmly invited to join us in the School Chapel on Monday 11th December at 4pm. The service will last approximately an hour and refreshments will be served afterwards in Big School.

Carol Service for pupils in Years 5 & 6

Parents are warmly invited to join us in the School Chapel on Monday 11th December at 7pm. The service will last approximately an hour and refreshments will be served afterwards in Big School. Children in the Harmony Choir will be expected to attend both services. All Years 5 & 6 pupils will stay at School for tea.

Christmas Movie 'Nights'

The School Council will be joining in the festive celebrations with a Christmas Movie 'Night'. There will be two after school sessions for Years 3-6 on Tuesday 12th December and for Reception-Year 2 on Wednesday 13th December. The films will be finished in time for pick up at 4:50pm and buses as normal. There will be a small charge of £1.50 and the children will be offered hot chocolate and popcorn. Look out for further information on films selected for each group.

Pantomime

We will be continuing the annual Prep School tradition of taking the whole school to the pantomime at The Gala Theatre in Durham on Thursday 14th December to see 'Robinson Crusoe'. The Prep School staff will take the children on coaches to the matinee performance at 1:30pm. We expect to return to the Senior School at approximately 5pm, in time for children to catch the School buses home. If you do not wish your child to attend this trip, please let us know.

The logistics of collecting the children after the pantomime can be very difficult to organise but we do try to accommodate parents by allowing children to be collected from either:-

- The Gala Theatre, Durham (inside the lobby) at 3:30pm
- From the top of the Senior School drive at 5pm
- To catch the School bus home, as normal

Please indicate your choice on the reply slip below. ***Please note that we book the appropriate size coach for the return trip and would therefore ask that your choice for collection remains unchanged.***

The cost of the trip will be £16 and this will be added to your end of term bill. The children should wear their School uniform for this trip. Please complete and return the reply slip below as soon as possible and by Friday 1st December to indicate your collection choice in order that we can book transport.

Pantomime Trip on Thursday 14th December

Please return to your child's class teacher by **Friday 1st December**

My choice for collection is as follows:

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

- From the Gala Theatre in Durham at 3:30pm From the top of the Senior School drive at 5pm I wish my child/children to get the School bus home, as normal