



BARNARD CASTLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# The Barney Buzz

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## Headmistress's News

The first half of term has flown by and as usual the Prep School has been a constant whirlwind of activity both in and out of the classrooms. The children and the staff have been on excellent form and I would like to thank them all for their enthusiasm and hard work so far.

Mr Wicling spoke to the children in assembly on Monday about our theme of 'perseverance' this week, highlighting his time as a cricket coach and focusing on our U9 and U10 Hockey and Rugby teams. The importance of doing our best at all times and a continued effort brings rewards, something I feel all of our children have really understood and embraced. This was ably demonstrated again on Wednesday when a number of Preppies took part in our Gala Concert, showing how perseverance within Music lessons really does bring rewards as we were all entertained with a wonderful collection of varied pieces, leaving us all feeling very inspired.

Yesterday's Epilepsy Action Tea Party was also a tremendous success. Thank you very much to Mrs Thirling, Miss McNulty and the School Council for organising the event and particular thanks to those who donated cakes and pastries and to all those parents and grandparents who came and helped on the day. The time and effort that you gave to the children was truly appreciated by all.

I would like to wish everybody a refreshing and enjoyable half term and I look forward to welcoming back our boarders on the evening of Tuesday 31st October and our day pupils on Wednesday 1st November.

I look forward to seeing many of you tonight at the most talked about disco in town – I am sure it will be spook-tacular!

Happy Half Term.

**Laura Turner**

## Boarders' News

The last weekend of the half-term was particularly busy. On Friday night the boarders attended an excellent concert in Big School featuring many of the top Senior School musicians and singers. We trust they will be inspired by the incredible quality of the performances. On Saturday Mr Wicling took the prep boarders up to the Life Centre in Newcastle where they got to investigate and become real scientists for a day. The fun-packed weekend was completed on Sunday when Old Courts joined with some of the Senior boarders on a trip to the Forbidden Corner. Everyone had great fun exploring the labyrinths and towers of this unique local folly. We wish everyone a restful half-term with their families.

**Mr Robson**



## African Art

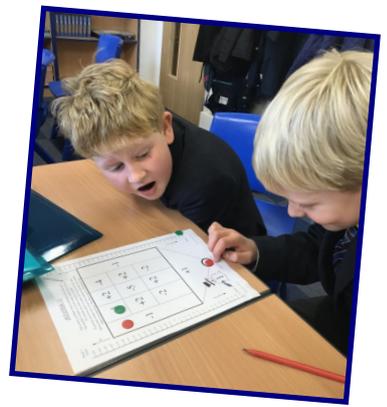
Year 3 are working on their Kenya project. In Art, they have made bowls and jugs decorated in an African style, gluing these on to a base of tartan woven paper.

They are also making African shields, edged with plaited yarn and decorated with painted designs of birds and animals.



## Minus 15!

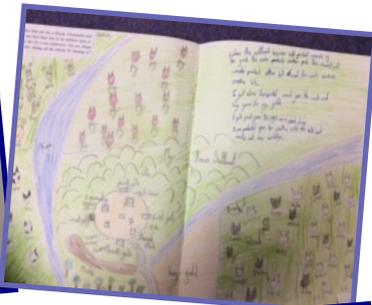
As part of Maths this week, Year 5 played a game called Minus 15. The aim of the game was to push a counter with their nail and the number it landed on was how many points they scored. This was used as part of our place value work and the children used their knowledge of adding and subtracting single digit numbers to score. They all thoroughly enjoyed trying to beat their partners!



## Settling down

As part of our work in Geography, and connected to our Roman Topic, this term we have been looking at where and why the Romans chose to settle in Great Britain. After many hours of research and exploration the children were let loose to create their own Roman village somewhere in the countryside.

They were tasked with becoming a Roman Commander and had to explain why they chose their location, relating to proximity to water, food and building materials, and then tell us how the site would be protected from invading forces. What you can see from the pictures is a small sample of some really imaginative forts and villages.



## Très bien!

On Wednesday morning the Atkinson Hall was transformed in anticipation of 187 thirsty children descending upon it, ready to practice their French. Prep School supported the Epilepsy Action French themed café in style and gave generously to such a brilliant cause. Thank you to Coghlan's at Barningham for their donation and to all the parents who gave up their valuable time serving in the café and baking until the early hours. We raised over £310 which is fantastic! Merci beaucoup!



## Marvellous magnets!

This week the children in Year 1 have been looking at the artist Mondrian and creating Mondrian inspired pictures on the computers. They have also learnt about magnets and enjoyed using a horseshoe magnet in



the class to investigate which materials were magnetic and which materials were not.

## Guess the sweets!

Bea Dolby (6R) is raising money for JHMT (Joe Humphries Memorial Trust) and CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) with a guess the sweets in the jar competition. If you would like to donate, it is 50p a guess and the jar is in Mrs Morse's office. The competition closes on Friday 10th November. The



## We are all ears!

On Monday the Reception class made some fantastic listening ears, as part of our topic of 'The Senses' and set off on an exciting listening walk around the School grounds. Birds, music, cars and children playing were all heard and the class enjoyed recording the sounds on their own personal checklist.



Mrs Rowlandson

## Sports News

### Rugby Tournament at Bradford Grammar School: U10

On Friday, the U10 Rugby team had a tough afternoon at the Bradford Grammar Tournament. After the long journey it took us time to settle in to the tournament as we were off the pace in the first two matches. However the boys rallied and started to play with greater cohesion and we began to be more competitive. This led to our final two matches where we played our best Rugby and recorded a few wins before the long trip home. Many lessons were learnt and it was a very positive day.

**Mr Wicling**

### Hockey Tournament at Bradford Grammar School: U10 & U9

On Friday 13th October the U9A and U10A Hockey teams travelled down to Bradford Grammar to take part in a tournament. This is one of the biggest tournaments we are involved in with lots of schools competing. The matches were short, only five minutes one way, so the girls had to work fast to make an impact. The U10s struggled to compete in the first two matches and looked a little tired but they brought it back to finish with two wins in a row. Unfortunately that left us out of the running for a trophy. The U9s had a fantastic afternoon, they started as they meant to go on with determination and absolute drive to win. They dominated all their matches and oozed confidence which put them in the final against Yarm, and they won, coming home with a wonderful, shiny cup! Awesome job girls!

Both teams were a pleasure to take away and a credit to the School; well done to all who took part.

**Mrs Summerson-Brown**



### Rugby & Hockey Training with Durham School: U9 & U8

On a very foggy afternoon on Monday 16th October the Year 3 and 4 girls took part in a skills workshop with Choristers and Durham High School. The aim of the afternoon was to give all the girls the opportunity to work on their Hockey skills and put them into some small game situations. They also got the chance to work with new people and form a team with them too. They all worked really hard and were actively playing or working on their skills for the whole session. The boys hosted Choristers School and we mixed up the year group for some training games which were very helpful for the year group as a whole. We are beginning to develop our game and they certainly showed plenty of spirit.

**Mrs Summerson-Brown and Mr Wicling**

## Prep School Book Fair

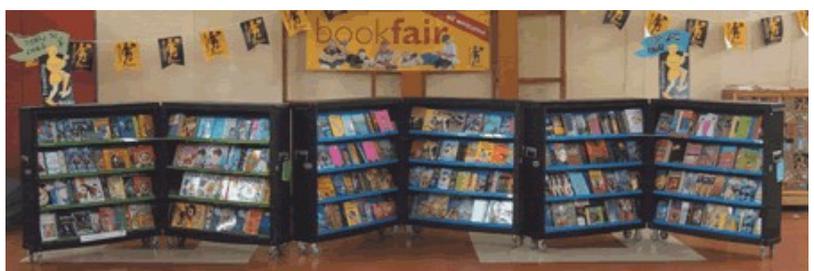
The Travelling Book Company is, once again, coming to Prep School!

Would children wishing to purchase a book please bring money into School on **Friday 3rd November**, when they will be given the opportunity to browse and buy. All children will be given an information booklet and the books are charged at standard book prices.

On **Friday 3rd November, Monday 6th November and Wednesday 8th November**, parents are warmly invited to come and buy books. The book fair will be open at the end of the School day, from 3.45-4.45pm, in or near the Atkinson Hall on these days. Please start your Christmas shopping here: the more books sold, the more Prep School benefits from a wide-ranging choice of free books for School.

We hope to see you at the fair!

**Mrs Robertson and Miss White**



### App of the Week:

#### Countries Capital Quiz



Calling all lovers of trivia and geography – a quiz to help you memorise the capital cities of the world.

This app contains ten levels of difficulty with thousands of capital cities across Europe, Asia, America and Africa.

Your score will be kept and you can rank yourself online with the millions of other players. How well do you know the world?

## Congratulations

Well done to the following pupils on passing their LAMDA Examinations:-

Annie Barker	Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 1	Merit
Euan Metcalf	Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 1	Merit
Talitha Hayward	Duologue Acting Grade 1	Distinction
Bea Dolby	Duologue Acting Grade 1	Distinction
Isabelle Kerr	Acting Grade 1	Merit
Benjamin French	Acting Grade 1	Distinction
George Goad	Speaking Verse and Prose Entry Level	Distinction
Molly Rendall	Speaking Verse and Prose Entry Level	Distinction
Sophie Winnard	Acting Grade 1	Merit
Rhys James	Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 1	Merit
Harry Forrester	Speaking Verse and Prose Entry Level	Distinction
Sofia Wilson	Introductory Stage 3	Distinction
Sophia Hare	Introductory Stage 3	Distinction
Joe Rutherford	Introductory Stage 3	Distinction
Mirabelle Harrison	Speaking Verse and Prose Entry Level	Distinction
Toby Rutherford	Introductory Stage 2	Distinction
Alexander Milbank	Introductory Stage 2	Distinction
Harry Milbank	Introductory Stage 3	Distinction
Tilly Gray	Introductory Stage 3	Distinction
Ella Turner	Introductory Stage 3	Distinction
Dermot Metcalf	Introductory Stage 3	Distinction
Oscar Bennett Collins	Speaking Verse and Prose Entry Level	Distinction
Rhys James	Acting Entry Level	Distinction
Benjamin French	Speaking Verse and Prose Entry Level	Distinction
Sophie Winnard	Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 1	Distinction
Rory Metcalf	Introductory Stage 1	Merit

## Glorious Gala Concert

A team of 52 dedicated students presented a wonderful concert last night. Junior Choir, Harmony Choir, soloists, Brass Group, pupil-led ensembles and bands all dazzled. The confidence and fun that the students revealed through their performances was beyond anything that we have ever seen before. To name individuals would be unjust because every child shone and all of the children worked extremely hard. The range of styles was considerable from musicals to traditional folk songs, blues to Bon Jovi, Stevie Wonder, Britney Spears and Ed Sheeran to the more traditional likes of Sir Hubert Parry. There was something for everyone and the standard of performance was exceptionally high, even for our fantastic musicians. We are so very proud of all the children who participated.



## Have-a-Go Concert

Any pupils in Years 2 to 6 can participate in the Have-a-Go Concert which literally "does what it says on the tin". If someone has been learning for a few weeks or a few years and has a piece ready, this is their opportunity to perform to an informal, friendly audience. The concerts take place on Thursday 9th November, which is only a week after we return from half-term, so pupils may like to think about their contribution over the holidays.

**Dr Harrison**

## A Class Castle!

There has been great excitement in Year 2 this week with the addition of a class castle. The children have been using it to help with their imaginative and descriptive writing and have produced some wonderful pieces of work containing similes and adjectives. The castle has been a great addition to the classroom, encouraging some wonderful discussions about settings, characters and plots of fairy stories. See Alexander Milbank's story below:

### The Dead Man's Castle

*The castle is haunted by a giant snake, a big dragon and ghosts. The King is called Alexander the Great. He has a black cape and green eyes, he has a staff and a crown and magic powers which explode blue and black. The castle is under the sea. The colour of the castle is grey like a storm cloud. The portcullis is as sharp as a razor and the door is as wide as a crocodile. The throne is as sparkly as a gem. Under the castle there is a tunnel leading from the dungeon, it leads to the treasure. The only way to get the treasure is to get through the magic triangle. You also need to get past the giant snake and dragon.*



## Year 6 in the City!

Day 1: 8.30am, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 saw 38 Year 6 children and their teachers filled with excitement as we set off for this year's residential trip to London. Two stops on the way; the first for a quick lunch and the second for the much-anticipated visit to Warner Brothers 'Harry Potter World'. The children were amazed by their first sight of the backdrop used for Harry Potter. Each experience from there only increased their awe, as every prop brought the pages of the books and the imagery of the films to life. This year we were also treated to a free individual 'green screen' photo on a broomstick which added to the fun. The newly opened 'Forbidden Forest', filled with gigantic descending spiders and dry ice, was a fantastic addition to the displays and, in the case of some children, brought on an unexpected preview for Macbeth, as they re-enacted 'witchy' scenes in the gloomy setting. The final room, filled with a 1/16th scale of Hogwarts, took everyone's breath away, as did the cave of wonders that was the gift shop! The children set to work snapping up everything Harry Potter and Gryffindor related, whilst managing to save a bit for the rest of the trip. We soon arrived at the hotel where we checked in before enjoying our evening meal and having a chat about what to expect the following day.

Day 2: Wednesday started with our tour of the Globe Theatre. The coach dropped us near St Paul's Cathedral and we had the opportunity for photos on the Millennium Bridge before arriving on Bankside with time for a quick group improvisation of scenes from Macbeth before the start of our tour. We had a fantastic morning at The Globe and, as we always do, had superb guides for our tour and workshop. The children really brought Macbeth to life and gained a new insight into the characters. A quick stop for lunch, before arriving at HMS Belfast for a voyage into life in the North Atlantic during World War II. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the many levels on the ship, from the Admiral's Bridge to the engine rooms, and learnt a lot about life on board in the process. Their experience of conflict was brought into even greater focus during our time at the Imperial War Museum where the children immersed themselves in all aspects of WWI, examining life in the trenches and various other aspects of the progress of the 'Great War'. The London Eye followed, with a pre-flight treat; experiencing the Eye in 4D. It was tremendously exciting to see London unfold before our eyes and we were all fascinated by picking out the various landmarks to be seen. We completed the day with a meal in Pizza Hut on The Strand. As ever, the staff there looked after us superbly, with endless pizza and, to our surprise, ice cream. We were all ready for this after our busy day!



Day 3: After a good night's sleep we were up, showered and ready to go! Thursday was a real mix of old and new, starting at The Tower of London, where we learned all about its many uses over the years, including a zoo and a vegetable patch! The pupils were all wowed by the grace and beauty of the Crown Jewels and the ceremony of the changing of the guards. Other attractions were, of course, Tower Green and the site of the scaffold, the Bloody Tower, where Sir Walter Raleigh was imprisoned, and the Beauchamp Tower with its famous graffiti, used to house high-ranking prisoners for nearly 800 years. After a well-earned lunch, we visited the Churchill War Rooms to find out all about how the war was directed and eventually won from beneath the streets of London. All the children enjoyed learning about the life of Winston Churchill in its interactive 'museum within a museum'; a thoroughly interesting and informative part of the trip. Moving into modern times and beyond, the pupils were absolutely blown away by everything the Science Museum had to offer (including the legendary shop!). We explored the museum's many floors in our groups, looking for clues and answers to Mr Langley's electricity trail. Another trip to Pizza Hut beckoned, before we completed the day with a visit to the Cambridge Theatre to see 'Matilda, the Musical'. I think it is safe to say that this was a highlight of the trip for many children...and also teachers! A truly mesmerising production and a taste of what the West End has to offer in terms of top class theatre. We arrived back at the hotel at nearly 11 o'clock; definitely time for bed!



Day4: The final day of our epic adventure. We began with a captivating tour of Westminster Abbey and nearly a millennium of history. The children were impeccably well behaved as they all soaked up knowledge like a sponge. Some of us were even afforded the privilege of a sneaky peek at the Queen's seat within the Quire, richly decorated with emblems of the United Kingdom. Our visit to Downing Street provided the pupils with a privileged opportunity to see democracy in action and bag the obligatory selfie in front of the most famous front door in the world. We completed our trip with an informative and fact-filled tour of the National Gallery, including talks on Van Gogh's Sunflowers, Constable's 'Haywain' and other famous paintings; an opportunity not wasted on the children. From the National Gallery we finally boarded the coach ready for the long journey home. Avoiding road closures, we arrived in good time, ready to be taken home for a well-deserved rest!

We have all learned so much this week about what it means to be British and what it means to enjoy the opportunities provided by such visits. It is important to add that the children were unfailingly enthusiastic and interested in all they experienced throughout the week. It was a pleasure to share these experiences with them; they will remember the Year 6 trip to London for many years to come!

Please click on the link below for more information, pictures and videos:  
<https://sway.com/7nrKEgm2EVFdcGLn?ref=Link>



## Awards This Week:

### Special Mention Certificates:

Annabel Jackson, Theo Swan, Caitlyn McLean, Finley Cable-Jones, Dexter Thomas, Rory Metcalf, Olivia Hall, Benjamin Dixon, Sofia Wilson, Charlotte Blenkinson, Oscar Bennett Collins, Bella Bland, William Banner, Anna Metcalf, Lucy Harburn, Minnie Wilson, Harry Sinclair, Ned Michelin, Katy Sludds, William Shaefer, Charles Appleyard, Matthew Collinson, Rhys James, Freddie Ross-Mitchell

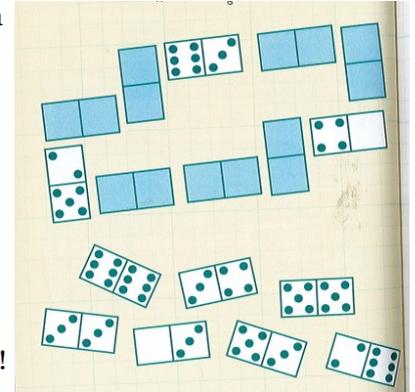
### Merit Certificates:

Hetty Barwick, Freydis Blake, Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Adam Lee, Isla MacConachie, Toby Rutherford, Freddie Wilks, Tom Body, Emily Coggrave, Ellie Derrick, Abygail Jameson, Lewis Maunder-Brown, Molly Rendall, Oliver Stubbs, Joseph Robin Truss, Lottie Baptist, Kelvin Bell, Polly Heintz, Gus Living, Harriet Robson, Harry Sinclair, Thea Wilks, Rhys James, Rhys Jenkins, Olivia Harland, Finley Cable-Jones, Reuben Hosking, Sophie Richardson, Tom Staley, Peter Stevenson, Georgina Chapman, Zara Scott-Priestley, Benjamin Dixon, William Jackson-Ward, Harry Milbank, Alfie Simpson, Finlay Toyne, Charlotte Blenkinson, Freddie Whitaker, Sofia Wilson, Emily Davidson, Harry Forrester, Evie Wicling, Luke Banner, Daniel Raper

## Maths Puzzler

Well done to Caitlyn McLean, Benjamin French and Mila Johnson who all worked out last week's tricky puzzler. At first glance the balls appear to be worth 6, however in the final calculation the balls are different (fewer patches), as are the fans and the clocks. We end up with  $2 \times 3 - 2$  which leaves us with 4 as our answer.

This week's puzzler is linked to dominoes. I love a game of dominoes and consider them one of the most versatile pieces of maths equipment in my classroom. I would like you to use the spare dominoes to complete the image adjacent. Remember, dominoes can only touch halves with the same number of dots. Good luck!



**Mr Ayres**

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## Forthcoming Events

### October

Thurs 19 Half term begins at the end of the School day  
School buses depart, 5:10pm  
Barney Friends' Halloween Party, Witham, 5:30pm

Tues 31 Boarders return, 4pm

### November

Wed 1 Second half of term begins  
Years 1 & 2 parents/teacher meetings, 4pm

Thurs 2 Years 5 & 6 parents/teacher meetings, 4pm

Fri 3 Book Fair open to pupils during the School day  
**Orienteering at Polam: U11, 1:30pm - ~~cancelled~~**  
Hockey v Red House: U11, U10 (H), 2:30pm

Mon 6 Hockey v RGS: U9 (A), **2pm (change of time)**  
Rugby v RGS: U9A&B, U8A&B (A), **2pm**  
Book Fair open to parents, 3:45-4:45pm  
Years 5 & 6 parents/teacher meetings, 4pm

Tues 7 Years 3 & 4 parents/teacher meetings, 4pm

Wed 8 Year 2 Trip to the National Glass Centre  
Book Fair open to parents, 3:45-4:45pm

Thurs 9 Rugby Festival at Durham: U8 (A), 1:30pm  
Have A Go Concert, Atkinson Hall:  
Years 2 to 4 at 2:30pm and Years 5 and 6 at 3:30pm

Fri 10 Remembrance Parade for all pupils, 8:55am  
Hockey v St Olave's: U11A&B (H), 2:15pm  
Rugby v St Olave's: U11A, B & C (H), 2:15pm

## Headmistress's Commendations:

Dominick Armstrong  
Oona MacConachie  
Joel Morgan, Tilly Gray  
Arabella Milbank  
Francesca Wilks  
Vivi Gledhill, Reuben Hosking  
Caitlyn McLean, Megan Sunley  
Alexander Milbank  
Oscar Bennett Collins  
Quinn Williams, Jemima Burton  
Abygail Jameson, Theo Tweddle  
Callum Gaffney, Talitha Hayward  
Albie Kingsbury  
Charlie Appleyard, Ned Michelin  
Alexander Carr

## Well done!

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Grace Dickinson  
Hugo Thompson  
Talitha Hayward, Polly Heintz  
Tilly Gray, Fiore Catellani  
Joseph Green, Sofia Wilson  
Annabel Jackson

Best wishes from everyone  
at Prep School!