



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

Another exciting and extremely busy week for Prep School with a whole School photograph, our first School trip out and woodcarving; there certainly hasn't been a dull moment this week. I was delighted to witness Election Day for the Prep School Council on Wednesday. I have enjoyed reading manifestos, listening to the children's enthusiastic electioneering and witnessing children as young as four being given the right to vote. The election of the School Council symbolises that the new academic year is well and truly underway. The new Council was announced this morning and I know they are already excited for their first meeting on Wednesday. The first Special Mention Assembly of the term also took place this week and it was pleasing to congratulate the recipients of this week's certificates on their endeavours. In addition, I handed out Bikeability Awards to those children who attended the holiday cycling course – well done to all. As a School, we enjoy celebrating success and I look forward to our ongoing assembly presentations throughout the term.

Most people have now completed and returned the General Consent form, and we would be grateful if those who haven't could do so by next week as many of our educational trips are already fast approaching.

I would also like to remind parents of our fantastic breakfast club facilities and extended day service after 5.00pm. Children can stay for tea and be picked up afterwards; this service is available up to 7.00pm. Children staying for an extended day will join our boarding community until they are collected. Please contact Mrs Morse for further details.

In addition to this the new Junior Boarding House will be open for an informal open afternoon next week, on Friday 22nd September between 2pm and 4pm. Please do come and have a look around the house if you are interested in boarding or want to see the fantastic facilities that are available. Mr Robson, his team and myself will be available should you have any questions about boarding at Barney.

Have a lovely weekend.

Laura Turner

Boarders' News

The Junior Boarders are settling in well to their new routines. The Year 7s have adjusted to the demands of Saturday School and the Prep boarders are gaining greater independence as they learn to organise their equipment and laundry. On Saturday we were fortunate to have Mrs Michelin and Mr Joy visit Old Courts. The children really enjoyed baking (and tasting) their own bread as well as participating in some arty activities. We had a late night on Saturday as we ventured across to see Kynren in Bishop Auckland, which actually featured Clara, one of our Year 7 boarders, who was volunteering along with her mother. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the history of England told in such spectacular fashion. Sunday was a little more chilled out but that didn't prevent a big game of football taking place in our vast back garden!

Mr Robson



New Councillors

Following all the pupils' hard work writing their manifestos, the votes have been cast and counted and we are delighted to announce our new School Councillors are:

Reception - Freya Turner

Year 1 - Vivi Gledhill

Year 2 - Nathan Willoughby-Brown

Year 3 - Olivia Hall, Isla Morgan

Year 4 - Niamh Hennessy, Emily Davidson

Year 5 - Sophie McGill, Theo Tweddle

Year 6 - Samuel Baker-Bird, Henry Manley,
Rhys Jenkins

Boarding House - Emily England

They are all looking forward to the first School Council meeting next Wednesday.



It's all coming apart!

Year 6 have had an exciting week in Computing as they started to learn about what is actually inside a modern PC. They took them to pieces and identified a number of key components from ram to motherboards and were amazed to learn that most modern phones had larger capacity hard drives than the computers they were dissecting! Look out for some exciting and informative YouTube style videos later in the term as the pupils share what they have discovered with the world.



A number of teddies!

What a busy week we have had in Year 1 this week. On Wednesday, the children were hugely excited about voting for who they felt would be a good Year 1 School Councillor.

In Maths this week, we have been focusing on sequencing numbers to 20 and practising our number formation. The children loved our lesson outside where we counted fallen leaves and arranged them into arrays. In English, we have been working on upper and lower case letters. We also arranged for their favourite teddies to be brought into School on Thursday as part of our topic on 'Toys'. The children loved sharing their thoughts on why their teddies were their favourite. This led to lots of speaking and listening opportunities. I hope their teddies had an enjoyable day out in Year 1!



Round the block!

In Year 2, our children have enjoyed using base ten blocks to solve problems linked to place value. In pairs they managed to construct four digit numbers and confidently added two digit numbers using this apparatus. The children then used a line of 20 blocks to solve a series of multiplication and division questions. Their next challenge is to subtract two digit numbers using the base 10 blocks.

All About Us!

The Reception pupils continue to familiarise themselves with their new friends and surroundings. Our topic work has really helped the pupils to find out more about each other and their families. It is lovely to see the children starting to bond as a group.



Heads up!

We are delighted to welcome Jack Rowlandson and Emily Warren as our new Head Boy and Girl of Prep School.

Both Jack and Emily are ex-preppies and are really looking forward to getting involved in life at the Prep School.

They will be introduced to the children in our assembly next Tuesday and will be helping us out over the next academic year.

Welcome back Jack and Emily!



Individual Photographs

Your child will have brought home an order form for the Tempest individual photographs that were taken last week. If you would like to order a copy, please can you complete and return the form before next **Friday 22nd September** to your child's class teacher? Alternatively you can order online by following the instructions on the form.



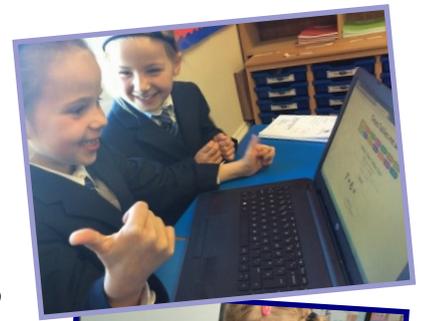
Sign up!

Year 5 have started reading War Game by Michael Foreman in their English lessons. They had fun creating a recruitment poster trying to persuade young people to join the army and fight for their country.



What a team!

Children in Year 3 enjoyed a morning of group Maths tasks, playing place value games and practising their times tables. It was great to see such excitement and good team work in our new classes!



Living like a Roman

Yesterday, Year 4 launched themselves into the life of a Roman Soldier during their first trip of the year to Arbeia Roman Fort in South Shields. They had a super day investigating the past as part of our 'Romans' topic in History.

The day began with a whistle-stop tour of the Fort, the Barrack Block and the Commanding Officer's Home to understand the significance of Arbeia and the role it played as a supply fort for all the forts along Hadrian's Wall. Following this, we entered the Time Quest where they played the part of archaeologists and dug for Roman remains – amongst the items they discovered were sheep and cow bones, broken pottery and even a human skull. They examined their objects and worked out what they would have been used for. They also attempted to reconstruct Roman pots and even put a pig's skeleton back together. The children also looked at Roman methods of writing, counting and creating a mosaic.



In the afternoon we got creative and spent some time in the Museum looking at artefacts discovered at the site. The children sketched their favourite item to be put onto a frieze that we are now searching for the perfect location to display! The day ended with the inevitable trip to the shop where many pencils and roman coins were purchased! It was a super day and our thanks go to Mr Killeen and Miss Laverick for accompanying us. The children were superb and a real credit to themselves, asking pertinent questions and engaging with every task.



Miss White and Mr Wicling

Carving out a great lesson!

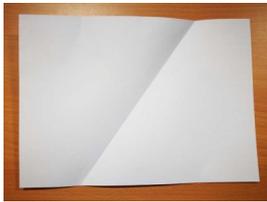
As the Forest School begins to take shape, the children got a taste for ergonomics as they measured themselves for custom-sized log stools, cut on site for them by Lee Hosking and his team.

The Prep School children were also treated to a display of chainsaw carving this week. Blessed with a still and sunny day in this blustery week, they watched spellbound as two owls were sculpted from logs before their eyes, taking just half an hour. Once finished, the pieces were set dramatically alight so as to accentuate the contours and shapes. It was a real celebration of transforming nature into art and amazing to watch. More photographs can be found on our Facebook page!

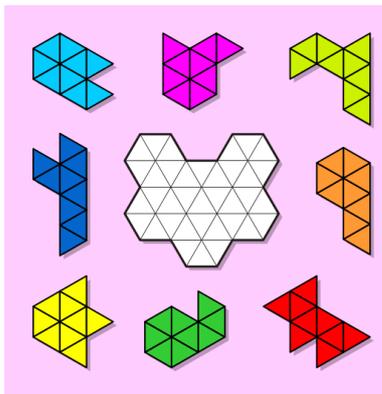


Maths Puzzler

Last week I set you the challenge of finding as many different ways of folding a piece of A4 paper in half. Well done to Rhys James who found four solutions and worked out that if the two parts fit exactly over each other they must be halves and to Scarlett Williams who worked out that if you don't use a straight line there are an infinite number of solutions. Below is another possible solution that folds 'mid point' to 'mid point'.



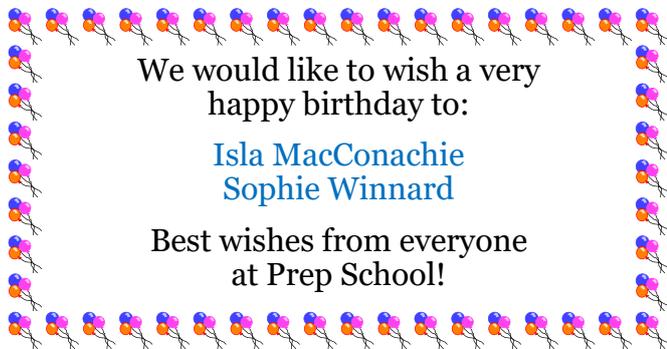
This week I'd like you to choose FOUR pieces to fill the 'bowl' in the middle. Pieces can be flipped or rotated but not overlapped.



Good luck!

Mr Ayres

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Forthcoming Events

September

- Sat 16 Rugby v Sedbergh: U11A&B (H), 1pm
- Mon 18 Maasai tribal music performance for pupils in assembly
- Fri 22 **Tempest individual school photograph order forms due in before 5pm please!**
Rugby v Ashville & Yarm (A—Ashville): U11B, U10B, 2pm
Hockey v Yarm & Ashville (A—Yarm): U11B, U10B, 2pm
- Sat 23 Exeat Weekend
Rugby Clegg Cup Competition: U10 (H), 10am
Hockey Seddon Cup Competition: U10 (H), 10am
- Sun 24 Exeat Weekend

Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Reception Class, Jack Baptist, Joel Morgan, Freddie Wilks, Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Charlotte Owens, Henry Johnstone, Freddie Whitaker, Matilda Owens, Sophie Winnard, Fred Dullage, Emily Davidson, Jessica Raper, Oscar Hewitt, Dougie Ross, Harriet Robson, Jake Lawson, Scarlett Williams, Albie Kingsbury, Archie Pepper, Sian Davidson, Clara Metcalfe, Lydia Dixon

Merit Certificates:

Lilly Cassidy, Teddy Hall, James Harburn, Harriet Hatton, Arabella Milank, Edith Smart, Theo Swan, Freya Turner



App of the Week:

iGeology App—Britain's rocks in your pocket

This super app will help you to discover the landscape beneath your feet.



The app lets you take over 500 geological maps of Britain wherever you go, to investigate what is under the surface. It also explains how certain features are formed.

Happy investigating!