



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

'Bonjour', 'Hola', 'Guten Tag', 'Namaste', 'Salaam' are just some of the many phrases that the children have heard this week as we have celebrated 'Languages Week' across the School. We were fortunate enough to have Emily and Jack, our Heads of Prep School, and some of their friends visit our assembly on Monday where they looked at foreign tongue twisters and different ways of saying hello with the children! I am sure you will agree that it is important that all our children get the opportunity to experience as many languages as they can to help them socialise with other people they may meet along their journey in life. The children also had the opportunity to experience Bollywood style dancing as a thank you for supporting the LEpra charity; I was humbled that Prep School alone had raised over £1,000 for the charity, a wonderful achievement. As many of our children demonstrate on a daily basis, in our typical Barney Way, a smile in any language is just as meaningful and powerful to all; it is amazing that a smile, whether in English, Spanish, Russian or Hindi, can mean so much to so many people. My thanks to Miss Strachan for helping to promote languages this week.

Continuing with the theme of smiling, on Saturday 7th October we have our annual Open Morning and I am very grateful to all 41 children who have already volunteered to come in and help with the day. I know their smiles will be beaming as they get ready to greet our visitors in School and particularly when they see the wonderful activities that we have organised for them. We look forward to a fantastic event. Please could all reply slips be returned to Mrs Morse by **Wednesday 4th October** if your child is able to come and help out on the day. Please do encourage any friends who may be interested in sending their children to Prep School to come along to our Open Day and experience some of the wonderful things we get up to on a daily basis.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival Service in the School Chapel on Friday 6th October at 9am and all parents, grandparents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend. As always, we would be pleased for the children to bring in harvest produce, such as flowers, fruit, vegetables, tinned food and dried food for the service.

Have a lovely weekend and I hope to see many of you at the Barney Friends' picnic and games event on Sunday afternoon. **Laura Turner**

Boarders' News

The boarders all came back refreshed after a weekend with family and friends. We are all still enjoying the daylight in the evening to play out with footballs and scooters.

It is great to see the boarders get involved in local community groups: a number have registered with the Barney Hockey Club on Thursday evenings, which meets on campus, and congratulations are due to Alfie and Archie as they were recently invested into the local Scout group. Meanwhile we continue to have a number of occasional boarders visiting to taste the Old Courts experience - they have enjoyed joining in with evening activities after their supervised prep. **Mr Robson**



Whole School Photograph

The whole School photograph is now available to order.

You can go to Tempest's website www.tempest-groups.co.uk and type Barnard Castle School into the search box to view the photograph.

You can either order directly from Tempest by giving them a call using the details listed on the web page or you can fill in an order form which will be given out to all children in the Prep and Senior Schools on Monday.

Envelopes should be returned to School by **Wednesday 11th October** at the latest or you can order directly from Tempest at any time.



Jai Ho!

After raising over £1,000 for the LEPR charity, the children experienced a slice of Bollywood Bhangra. With an uplifting soundtrack playing in the background, an expert LEPR representative guided the children through some traditional Indian dance moves and sequences. An assembly the previous week gave us an insight into the fantastic charitable work this organisation carries out on a day to day basis. The whole school really enjoyed the dancing and this was most evident from all the smiles on the children's faces as they left the Atkinson Hall. Thank you to all those who contributed.



Big steps forward!

The Reception pupils have certainly been sizing each other up this week ... with tape measures and rulers. We added some scales and new retractable tape measures to the choice of resources on offer, so that children could add a new dimension to their own investigations. The result; if it didn't move, the children measured it. Cue lots of discussion about size and numbers!



STEM club in action!

Did you just say that Barney Prep School are getting a rollercoaster? Yes ...yes I did! Fun and games once again at STEM club. Official opening of the coaster coming soon!



Forest School update

Teamwork and tools this week in Forest School. The children also spent some time looking out for our Great Spotted Woodpecker - seen and heard busy in our forest area - and observed a female blackbird enjoying the elderberries. Lovely weather again this week, so an opportunity to build a fire and boil the 'magic' kettle!

Mrs Michelin



Barney Friends' Picnic and Games!

We hope to see you all this Sunday 1st October at 12:30pm for our relaxed family fun and games afternoon with BYO picnic. It starts at 12.30pm - please park at Senior School and walk to the croquet lawn opposite Chapel. Please note: we have no wet-weather alternative, so in the event of rain or high winds, the event will be off. If you're unsure on the day, please call Rachel Goad for confirmation on 07770 426320.



On the map!

In Maths lessons, Year 1 have been working on one more and one less. The children have worked hard at recognising numbers, finding them on a number line and then working out what is one more and one less. They continue to work on their number formation and are making great progress. In Geography, they coloured in a map of the world and located the United Kingdom on the map. We also talked about which countries make up the United Kingdom.



Sports News

Rugby v Ashville & Yarm

On Friday 22nd September, the U11A Rugby team travelled 'down south' to Ashville College for a triangular with Ashville and Yarm School. Ashville proved a stern test and played aggressive rugby from the first blast of the whistle. Moving the ball quickly, they made life hard for the boys, scoring five tries over the twenty minutes of the game. The boys played some nice Rugby when they had ball in hand but struggled to contain a well drilled Ashville team. The final score was 25-0 to Ashville. After a quick chat, the boys ran back onto the field to play Yarm School. Yarm scored an early try, but this didn't affect the boys. With ball in hand they looked dangerous, running some nice lines and making it hard for the Yarm defence. Due to this, Archie Rickard, Euan Metcalf, and Rhys Jenkins all dotted the ball over the line scoring the tries for Barney. At the final whistle, the score was 25-5 to Barney. A much improved performance from the first game. Still lots to work on but overall a good afternoon of Rugby. Well done to all the boys from all the teams for some entertaining matches. **Mr Langley**

Hockey v Ashville & Yarm: U11 & U10

On Friday, the U11 girls all went to Harrogate for a triangular with Yarm and Ashville College. The A team had two tough opening games and were a little shell-shocked early on. However, once they got into the games they became far more competitive and showed plenty of potential for the season ahead. The B team had a similar story to tell, although the old hands held the team together whilst the debutant players started to tackle and get into the game far more as the afternoon went on. Altogether some very promising signs with some hard work ahead of us. **Mr Wicling**

On Friday all the U10 girls travelled to Yarm for a triangular fixture against Ashville and Yarm. It was fantastic to see the girls playing in a competitive setting, each of them showing elements of the skills we have been working on in lessons and practice. The A team showed grit and determination in our first game against Yarm to finish with a draw. In their second game Ashville came on very strongly and caught our girls on the back foot. However, all girls played really well. The B team had a similarly successful afternoon, showing they are really enjoying playing competitive Hockey against other schools, and finished with a win, draw and a loss. **Mrs Summerson-Brown**



Rugby Clegg Cup: U10

On Saturday, the U10 Clegg Cup was played at the weekend for the first time. The grounds were quite spectacular and compliments to Gary Ventriss and his team for the all the work they put in. On the pitch our team rose to the occasion. We started poorly against Sedbergh as we were behind at half time yet the boys pulled their proverbial socks up and scored 3 unanswered tries in the second half. This meant the winner of Newcastle School For Boys would go into the top group for the second phase of the tournament while the others would drop into Group 2. In a pulsating match we were 3-2 up on tries with seconds to go yet a try in the final moments of the game gave NSB the draw and progression into the top group with a greater try count. This meant we played Mowden Hall and Terrington Hall who we beat 4-2 and 4-3 on tries respectively and won the second tier group. It was a great day for the children who were fantastic throughout, and unbeaten. **Mr Wicling**



Hockey Seddon Cup: U10

On Saturday the U10 girls competed in the inaugural Seddon Cup. All the girls were overwhelmed with the set up and the crowds there to watch them. We started strongly against Mowden Hall, the girls worked well together as a team and it was obvious they were pleased with their performance. The next game was against an incredibly skilful Sedbergh team. This game highlighted the skills we need to work on as a team going forward. We finished with an equally-matched game against Terrington. It was a fantastic afternoon and I would like to thank all the parents who came to support the team. **Mrs Summerson-Brown**



Rugby v Yarm: U9 & U8

On Monday the U8 and U9 boys had their first fixture at Yarm School. A range of training games were played, which were very competitive, with plenty of tries and even a few tackles. The games will start becoming more competitive from now on as the U9s host St Olave's on Monday.

Mr Wicling

Hockey v Yarm: U8

The U8 team travelled to Yarm for a Hockey skills afternoon on Monday. The girls took part in various Hockey drills to help improve their basic skills. It was also an opportunity for them to experience travelling on the bus to an away fixture and also to meet new people and play against some different opposition. They all had a fantastic afternoon!

Mrs Summerson-Brown

You are my sunshine!

During our Science lessons, the Year 3 children have been further exploring the effect that the sun has on light. We have looked at the history of sundials and their uses to tell the time using the shadows created by the sun. The children have enjoyed making their own sundials and look forward to testing these with a little more sun in the playground.



What did the Romans do for us?

Our main topic for this term has a historical slant and is based upon the Roman Empire. Our homework tasks for the whole term are taking this as inspiration. This week several of the children decided to make Roman food, researching recipes and encouraging family members to assist them!

Ben made Roman bread, which he served with olive oil and grapes, as well as Roman biscuits. The children very much enjoyed the opportunity to sample the food during one of our History lessons. Dermot created some honey tarts, which also proved to be a hit with Year 4.

In Geography lessons we have researched the origins of many of our towns and cities and worked out why the Romans named them how they did. They enjoyed using atlases to locate and identify Roman settlements across England.



Tongue twisters!

This week Year 6 have been debating the importance of learning a foreign language, particularly when young. Many of our children do genuinely believe that learning a foreign language makes you smarter.

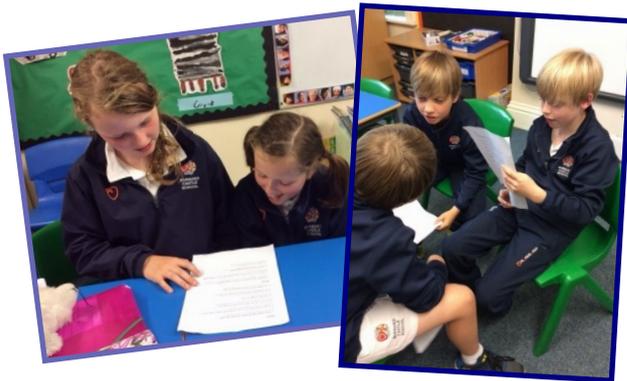
During French lessons, the children have said hello in a number of different languages and have experimented with tongue twisters in both French and German. Some children were left speechless!

Miss Strachan

Using our loaf!

In Year 2 the children have enjoyed a week of scientific enquiry related to our 'Health and Growth' topic.

Our first experiment demonstrated the importance of good hygiene and washing hands, particularly before handling food. Mrs Roberts-Lilley gave the children a slice of bread to pass around the class before sealing it in a clear bag labelled 'dirty'. At this point everyone's hands were unwashed. The children then washed their hands very carefully using soap and water before handling another slice of bread which was sealed in a bag labelled 'clean'. Finally the children used a hand gel to disinfect their hands and the bread was again sealed. Another slice of bread was sealed as the control specimen. Our aim was to see the effect of contaminating bread with dirty hands and to see if washing hands helps to prevent the spread of germs. Five days later the 'dirty' bread started to grow spots of mould. Six days later the 'clean' bread also started to turn a little green whilst the hand gel slice and control slice were still free of mould. After a week, the dirty bread was covered in various shades of nasty looking mould, including a red variety. Our experiment showed us that germs and bacteria from our hands contaminate food. Hand washing does help to prevent the spread of germs but hand gel is more effective. We also had a very enjoyable lesson sampling a variety of fruit juices and using observational skills and our sense of smell and taste to



We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:
Alexander Howard
Nathan Willoughby-Brown
Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!



determine what each juice was. This wasn't as easy as it sounds and it was interesting to see how our preferences varied. The most popular juice in our survey was pineapple whilst the least popular were mango and cherry. Next week we will record our findings using block graphs and Venn diagrams.



Loving learning languages!

As we celebrated European Day of Languages, this week in Prep School we have been recognising the importance of learning a foreign language. We welcomed some Sixth Form students to our assembly on Monday, who introduced us to greetings in other languages, important language facts and helped our children identify words which are recognisable in multiple languages, such as 'general' and 'pizza'.

During language lessons this week, all of the children have practised saying 'Hello' in a number of different languages, whilst Pre-Prep have also identified different flags around the world. Years 3 and 4 have been enjoying learning a new 'Greetings' song and talking about why they think learning a language is important. One of our Year 4 pupils also took the opportunity to teach her classmates how to count to 10 in Polish - very impressive! In Years 5 and 6, the children have discussed why they should be learning several languages to support future prospects, recognising the importance of being able to communicate with others, even in a small way, and what makes language learning fun. I challenged the children to practise and perform a tongue twister for Mrs Bale which they thoroughly enjoyed! The children are eager to start learning German after half term and Spanish in the Trinity term to extend their language learning. **Miss Strachan**



Year 5 are caving in!

On 27th September, Year 5 went to White Scar Caves. We brought wellies and raincoats because it was meant to be very cold in the caves. We all got off the bus after a long hour and a half journey. We went down the side of the barrier and put on hard hats. Then it was time to enter the cave. We all walked around the barrier and we could feel the temperature change as soon as we stepped inside, it was approximately 8 degrees.

We were all very excited. Firstly we saw a model of Christopher Long, crawling through a tiny gap, with his bowler hat on the floor and the candles on it. Our Guide told us the story of how he found the cave. As we walked through the passageways calcite covered the walls, it was damp but not soaking. It looked drenched with water at first. Eventually we had walked through all the passageways. We went past a huge waterfall, it was amazing! We were walking on bars with the stream underneath us and it was so satisfying. Eventually we got to the 'Squeeze', it wasn't much of a squeeze for us, although it might have been for the adults! Next was the 'Devil's Tongue'. If you got dripped on, you'd turn to stone! I got dripped on ... typical, but it hit my helmet! I am not stone! Next was the 'Judge's Head' it was pretty cool! We went past the 'Witch's Fingers' they were really cool. Finally we had to walk up nearly a hundred stairs! In the last area, they turned off all the lights but kept the LED lights on so you could see all the carrots and stalactites. We found the witch's hat and face and cat! Once we had finished the tour we had to go all the way back to the beginning...

At last it was time for lunch, there were loads of baguettes which were very yummy! After that we headed to the Harry Potter bridge (Ribblehead Viaduct) and we had a run around before we headed home. We saw two trains crossing the bridge and the passengers all waved at us!

Big thanks to Mrs Killeen, Mrs Summerson-Brown, Mrs Rowlandson and Miss Laverick for a fantastic day!

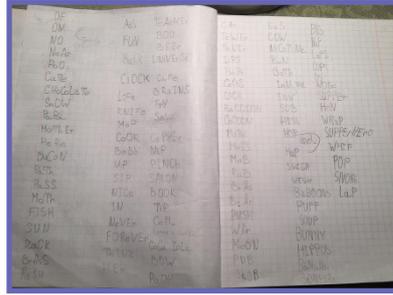
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Maths Puzzler

A fantastic response to last week's puzzler! Well done to Mila Johnson who found an absolute hat full of answers and to Rhys James who found over 30 words, including his own name!

This week I'd like you to be on the look out for anything you see that looks like a number - it could be a bent branch, a reflection in something or a marking on a wall. For example here is a cloud that looks like the number 3 and a cow with a number seven on it!



Answers to me, as always, by Wednesday please, for merits and a mention in next week's newsletter.

Good luck!

Mr Ayres

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Awards This Week:

Merit Certificates:

Freydis Blake, Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Freddie Wilks, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Theo Swan, Freya Turner, Tilly Gray, Henry Johnstone, Charlotte Owens, Ella Turner, Fiore Catellani, Reuben Hosking, Sebastian Howard, Oona MacConachie, Caitlyn McLean, Joel Morgan, Sophie Richardson, Tom Staley, Peter Stevenson, Megan Sunley, Hetty Barwick, Charlie Bridges, Georgina Chapman, Matilda Chapman, Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Adam Lee, Isla MacConachie, Rory Metcalf, Alexander Milbank, Toby Rutherford, Zara Scott-Priestley, Bertie Swan, Dexter Thomas

Headmistress's Commendations:

Zara Scott-Priestley
Bella Bland
Jessica Raper
Kelvin Bell
Esme Berend
George Goad
Ned Michelin
Molly Rendall
Bea Dolby
Rhys Jenkins

Well done!



App of the Week:

Duolingo



In honour of our Languages Week, here is an app for those budding linguists!

With Duolingo you can learn Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch, Irish, Danish, Swedish, Russian, Ukrainian, Polish and Turkish!

The app encourages you to practise speaking, reading, listening and writing. You can play games, answer questions and complete lessons to improve your vocabulary and grammar. It starts with basic verbs, phrases, and sentences, and builds up your vocabulary.

Forthcoming Events

September

Fri 29 Hockey v BGS & RGS: U11A & U10A (H), 1:30pm
Rugby v RGS Newcastle: U11A,B&C (H), 2pm
Hockey v BGS & RGS: U11B & U10B (H), 2:30pm

October

Sun 1 Barney Friends' Picnic, 12:30pm
Mon 2 Hockey v St Olave's: U9A&B (H), 2pm
Rugby v St Olave's: U9A&B (H), 2pm
Wed 4 Rugby v Aysgarth: U11A&B, U10A&B (H), 3pm
Fri 6 Harvest Festival Service, Chapel, 9am

Harvest produce would be gratefully received

Parents/family welcome to the service

~~Rugby Festival at Red House: U11A&B (A), 2pm~~

Cancelled

Hockey v Queen Mary's: U10A&B (H), 3pm
Open Morning, 9:30am-11:30am

Pupil volunteers to arrive at 9am please

Hockey v Queen Mary's: U9A (A), 12:45pm
Hockey v Queen Mary's: U11A (A), 1pm