



BARNARD CASTLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# The Barney Buzz

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## Headmistress's News

I do hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing half term, I have certainly enjoyed hearing about the children's half term adventures on Monday and Tuesday this week. It has been an interesting start to this half term with the 'Beast from the East' deciding to join our community and he certainly has made his presence known here at school! With limited numbers of children in school on Wednesday, the Pre-Prep came together and went back to the Jurassic era, whilst the older children had a spontaneous trip to the Bowes Museum to take part in the snow sculpting competition. Yesterday the school was open for the boarders only who were entertained by Mr Ayres, Mrs Bale, Miss McNulty, Miss White and myself. My thanks must go to them all, as well as Mrs Morse, for braving the conditions and walking into school. I am pleased that today we have finally begun to see some normality return.

We are all looking forward to 'Zoom!', the Year 3 and 4 play which takes place at 7pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March in the Atkinson Hall. All Year 3 and 4 children will stay at school for tea before both these performances. In addition to this, the Prep School are once again taking part in the Barney Run and Fun Run at 11.00am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

I do hope that you are all safe at home and please accept my apologies for a shorter newsletter this week. I look forward to welcoming you all back into school again once 'The Beast' has finally flown! Have a lovely weekend.

**Laura Turner**

## Boarders News

It takes more than a wee bit of snow to stop the fun in Old Courts! After a dump of the white stuff this week we ventured outside after prep and enjoyed impromptu snowballing after dusk! All good, clean, cold, wet fun. As we know, the school never closes (not for the boarders anyway!) so it was back to school again in the morning. With a bit of an interrupted week due to the weather there was a bit of extra time to play with the new Lego that has arrived and watch a couple of movies together as the Old Courts family. With all the school's facilities at our disposal, the Sports Hall and pool proved very popular.

**Mr Robson**



## The Barnard Run

Prep School have, once again, been invited to join in the Barney Run. During the morning of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, all Prep School children from Reception to Year 6 will be running. Parents are more than welcome to join us on the school fields from 10:40am. Hot drinks will be available to all.

A selection of boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 are going to compete in the Prep School Barnard Run. The rest of the school will be running part of the course as the Barnard Fun Run. Everyone should come to school in their PE kit on this day.

## Zoom, Zoom!

Rehearsals are well underway for the Years 3 and 4 production of 'Zoom!' which will be debuted on 13<sup>th</sup> March for the school in the afternoon, followed by two evening performances for all our parents and friends.

The children are most excited now that the staging is up and looking forward to putting on their costumes for the first time next week. Lines have been learnt, songs prepared and villain and hero characters are being perfected as we speak. We look forward to welcoming you all to the Atkinson Hall in two weeks' time.

Mrs Morse has emailed all Year 3 and 4 parents a ticket request form. As tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis, if you haven't already replied, please get in touch as soon as possible to reserve your seats and avoid disappointment! Please also note all Year 3 and 4 pupils will stay at school for tea on both evenings (Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March) prior to the performances.



## Winter weather!

In light of recent weather, please keep an eye on the school website, the school's Facebook page and check your phone and emails for updates from the school.

Please can you ensure children come to school equipped for the wintry weather! If the current climate keeps up, waterproof coats, hats and gloves are a must! Wellies and a spare pair of socks would also be helpful.

Pupils should remember to wear their coats, hats and gloves when travelling to and from Prep and Senior School for lessons—particularly Swimming if they are leaving the pool with damp hair!

## Second Hand Uniform

I know it doesn't feel like it but summer is coming! The second hand uniform shop has a good stock of summer dresses ready for next term; we also have a large number of pairs of cricket 'pads' which would be suitable for older Prep School children. We are open Fridays 3-5pm term time and you're welcome to come and browse or drop off any outgrown uniform for sale. Many thanks.

**Julia Greaves**  
**Senior School Barney Friends**

## Happy Families!

The Year 3 pupils have been having fun playing Happy Families in French this week.

Their challenge was to collect a complete 'family' by asking questions about people's brothers and sisters in French.

Très bien!



## Awards This Week:

### Merit Certificates:

Lilly Cassidy, James Harburn, Thomas Scott-Priestley, Isabelle Shield, Lucy Harburn, Sophie McGill, Minnie Wilson, Lottie Baptist, Harriet Robson, Bea Dolby, Shivraj Sehgal

### App of the Week

#### Swift Playgrounds

This is an app for iPads created by Apple to encourage children to code.



It introduces you to Swift - a powerful programming language created by Apple and used by the experts to build many of today's most popular apps. It allows you to solve puzzles to master the basics and then take on a series of challenges and step up to more advanced creations. Swift Playgrounds requires no previous coding knowledge, but also provides a platform for those more familiar with the language of coding. I would love to know what you think of it.

## Maths Puzzler

Sadly no solutions to last week's puzzler, although Year 6 did solve it in their Hall Maths session and came up with a variety of ways. Some groups used cones and people, whilst others opted to use a whiteboard and pen. The freedom to solve a problem in a way that best suits you is a key part of Mathematics here at Barney.

This week's puzzler comes courtesy of a problem sent to me by Benjamin French over the holidays. It is a Diophantine problem (one that involved two variables but only whole number answers). In this version of the problem there are a number of cows and chickens in a field (all healthy and with the right number of heads and legs!). If I can see 39 heads and 124 legs, can you work out how many cows and how many chickens are in the field? Try using real objects to help you.

Good luck!

Mr Ayres

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We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Frazer Wallace  
Rhys James  
Freddie Ross-Mitchell  
Isabelle Kerr  
Emily England  
Felicity Richardson

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!

## Forthcoming Events

### March

- Fri 2 ~~Cross Country at Teesside. U11, U10, U9, 1.30pm~~  
~~Netball v Red House. U10 (A), 2pm~~  
**Cancelled due to weather**
- Mon 5 **County Hockey Tournament: U11 (H), 1pm**  
**(rearranged from last term)**
- Wed 7 Year 5 Trip to Bolton Castle  
Year 6 River Walk, Barnard Castle
- Thurs 8 County Squash Tournament at Norton Squash Club: U11, 9:30am  
HMC Football & Netball Competitions at Hymers College: U11, 11am  
Growth Mindset and Maths Presentation for Parents, Atkinson Hall, 7pm-8:30pm
- Fri 9 Year 1 Trip to Edinburgh  
Football & Netball v Westville, Terrington Hall & Bow School: U11 (H), 2:15pm
- Sat 10 Bridging the Gap for Year 6 pupils, 9am

## World Book Day

Unfortunately the weather has put a stop to our World Book Day plans starting this week, so watch this space for details in next week's newsletter!

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★ **Headmistress's** ★  
★ **Commendations:** ★  
★ Oscar Bennett Collins ★  
★ Quinn Williams ★  
★ James Nath ★  
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Come and explore the power of a Growth  
Mindset and its impact on Mathematics  
here at Barney.

Learn why it works and how you can help  
your child become a better learner.

**Thursday 8th March**

**7:00-8:30pm in the Atkinson Hall**

We hope to  
see you there!

**Growth  
Mindset**

