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Headmistress's News

The Trinity Term is only three days old but we are already back in the swing of things. I am pleased that everyone has returned refreshed after the Easter break and keen to make the most of all lessons. It has been wonderful to return in the bright sunshine for what promises to be a very enjoyable term. You will have seen from the school calendars that you received on Wednesday that there is plenty ahead to challenge the children. Lessons are well underway and activities will start from Monday, subject to some disruption caused by the forthcoming parent/teacher meetings.

As always, the start of a new term affords us the opportunity to re-focus ourselves on making the most of life at school. Therefore, in the start of term assembly we looked at the importance that commitment plays in the gaining of success. We discussed how important it is for the children to apply themselves thoroughly in all lessons in order to make the most of the opportunities and the excellent teaching that is on offer at the Prep School. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Laura Turner

Boarders News

It was lovely to welcome back all of our boarders on Tuesday evening. They have all returned raring to begin a lovely summer at Barney. Luckily we have already been able to make the most of the gorgeous weather by playing outside after prep every day. Games of Tig, Football and digging to the bottom of the sandpit have been the favourites so far!

Those children staying in this weekend are looking forward to a trip to Leeds Armouries with Mr Langley. We are all excited about the many boarders' trips and activities that lie ahead this term.

Mr Robson

Activities ahead

Thank you for completing the online form for this term's activity programme. As a reminder, activities will start next week, from Monday 23rd April. For pupils in Years 5 & 6, rehearsal schedules are put up each week for the pupils to check if they are required for an after school rehearsal and they should record this information in their homework diaries for you to check.

School Photographs

We are all hoping for the nice weather to continue for our Prep School group photograph which will be taken in the school grounds on Thursday 26th April. We will also have class photographs taken on Monday 14th May. Please can all pupils come to school in their full uniform on both these days; summer dresses for girls.



Vaulting into third place!

On the last day of the Lent Term Mr Wicling and I took five girls to Newcastle for the HMC Gymnastics Competition. They were asked to perform a floor routine, which needed to last one minute, and include a range of gymnastic moves linked together by dance moves. The girls were also asked to do two vaults. They all had an amazing time and were placed third overall. Well done girls! **Mrs Killeen**



Acting out!

With the sun shining we made the most of being outside this week and used our drama skills to act out the story of Cinderella. The children enjoyed performing in their groups and took advantage of the outside stage area and story-telling chair.



A revolution!

This week saw Year 6 start their final term in Prep School, and with it, the anchor leg of their Achievement Award. Over the Easter holidays pupils worked on their Industrial Revolution project, detailing aspects of the Victorian era that interested them. So far we've had the privilege to read about child labour, coal mining and suspension bridges, and we look forward to receiving the rest of the projects over the next few days. The Trinity term is an exceptionally busy one for Year 6, and when they depart Prep School they will have completed and presented a Tourism Fair, Probability Fair and their auto-biographies. As they count down their final days as a preppie, they will also count off the final, fantastic elements of their achievement award.



Measuring madness

This week, Year 4 have undertaken a practical maths investigation. This has involved them measuring the entire Atkinson Hall. The task included working out the perimeter of the room as well as that of the two cupboards.

Following on from this they tried to work out the area and volume of the Hall. They used trundle wheels, metre sticks and the occasional 30cm ruler when being really accurate.

Following on from this they drew scale diagrams of the Hall into their Maths books and investigated how to work out the area of specific parts of the room. Although this has been a most challenging task, all of the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and practical applications of the mathematics we are learning in the classroom!



Singing in the sunshine!

Year 2 enjoyed the beautiful sunshine on Thursday during an outdoor Music lesson with Dr Harrison. They were singing Kodaly based games in order to further enhance their sense of pulse and pitch.



Marvellous music!

We had the wonderful opportunity to host the second of the Music Department Studio Concerts (informal showcases presented by our Visiting Music Teachers) at Prep School. Pupils of Sue Ferris, Chris Hibbard and Phili Dearsley all performed. The range of experience spanned from pupils who have been learning for a few weeks to a Year 13 pupil who is about to study Music at York University in September. It was wonderful to see that almost all of the Senior School participants pursued music at the Prep School in the last five years. The Prep pupils excelled themselves, performing with etiquette and decorum before a warm, friendly, relaxed audience in a very informal setting. We had tuba players, French horn, trombone and trumpet from the brass department as well as flute, oboe, recorder and clarinet from the woodwind. There were also many fine ensembles. The number of Prep pupils who participated was fantastic and our greatest congratulations go to: Henry Manley, Albie Kingsbury, William Shaefer, Mirabelle Harrison, Dermot Metcalf, Finlay Toyne, Sofia Wilson, Liberty Forsyth, Konrad Blake, Ella Turner, Kohana Armstrong, Katy Sludds, Harry Maguire, Archie Rickard, Samuel Baker-Bird, Oscar Hewitt. A great evening of fun entertainment, ending the term in high spirits!

Dr Harrison

Let's tidy up!

Reception class were busy this week. Our outdoor classroom needed a bit of care and attention following the harsh weather. After some team work and elbow grease it is ready for action and looking fantastic. Well done to the children; this is a great start to our 'People Who Help Us' topic.



Story time

Year 3 have started the term with great energy - our focus this week has been on collaborative learning. The children enjoyed working together on research and story-telling activities.



Do you measure up?

The Year 5 children have made the most of the lovely weather and spent some time outside learning all about measuring. They have used string, tape measures, rulers and calculators. They thoroughly enjoyed their experience of outdoor learning and look forward to more opportunities over the coming weeks.



Awards This Week:

Bikeability Certificates:

Alexander Howard, Adam Lee, Quinn Williams, William Shaefer, Megan Brown, William Watson, Talitha Hayward, Niamh Hennessy, Toby Rutherford, Joe Rutherford, Sophie Winnard, Liberty Forsyth, Kieran Armstrong, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Tilly Gray, Freddie Whitaker, Charlie Bridges, Olivia Bridges, Evie Wicling, Euan Metcalf, Rory Metcalf, Dougie Ross, Bea Dolby, Bertie Swan, Lorcan O'Neill, Zara Scott-Priestley, Lewis Maunder-Brown



Headmistress's Commendations:

Benjamin Pelly

Well done!

Here comes the sun!

As we are hoping for some sunny weather over the Trinity term, please can you ensure your child comes to school in or with suntan cream and a school cap on bright, sunny days. As a reminder, school caps are available from Brookes Tailors, Market Place, Barnard Castle.



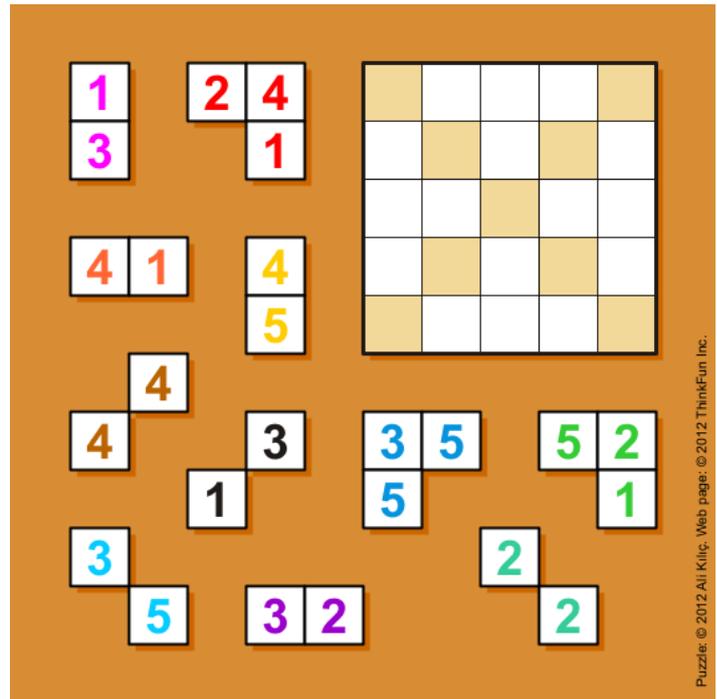
Forthcoming Events

April

- Sat 21 Chapel Choir sing at the George Bradford VC Commemoration
- Mon 23 Chapel Choir sing at the St George's Day Chapel Service, School Chapel
Year 1 & 2 Parents' Evening, 4:00-7:30pm
- Tues 24 Year 6 Rivers Walk
- Wed 25 Barney Friends' Meeting, Clarendon's, 8:45am
Year 2 Trip to Killhope Lead Mining Museum
Year 5 Parents' Evening, 4:00-7:30pm
- Thurs 26 Prep School Group Photograph, 3pm
Year 4 Parents' Evening, 4:00-7:30pm
- Fri 27 Year 5 & 6 Robinwood trip departs
Chapel Choir sing at Hexham Abbey
- Sun 29 Year 5 & 6 Robinwood trip returns
Chapel Choir sing at Confirmation Service

Maths Puzzler

Can you fit the pieces into the puzzle so that each row, column and diagonal contain the numbers 1-5, with no pieces rotating or overlapping?



As always, answers to me by Wednesday please.

Good luck!

Mr Ayres
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App of the Week

Flags of the World Quiz



An international feel for this week's app of the week inspired by the work that Year 4 are starting in Geography lessons relating to our 'Democracy' topic.

The game is simple but very tricky, and according to the designers of the app it has only been successfully completed by 2% of those who have started it!

You are given clues as to the country by boxes representing the number of letters – fill in the boxes with the name of the country and move on to the next.

I would love to know how you do!

Miss White

