



BARNARD CASTLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# The Barney Buzz

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## Headmistress's News

It has been lovely seeing you all at your child's parents' evening over the last week and I hope that you have enjoyed the process and getting to speak to all the teachers involved in your child's education. These have been very valuable evenings for all, albeit with a 'speed dating' twist in an amicable way!

The Year 5 and 6 outdoor pursuits trip departed this morning for Robinwood and all 60 of them were extremely excited to begin their adventure. This will provide an excellent educational opportunity for those taking part; I do hope the sunshine holds out for them!

As a reminder, our House Art Competition will take place on Monday, in which all pupils are involved. This provides the children with the chance to build on techniques they have learned thus far in their lessons. I am very much looking forward to seeing the results of their artistic endeavours. Mrs Small has made a small change this year allowing children to use whatever media they would like. This year's theme is 'animals' to tie in with RSPCA week.

We are hosting an open morning on Friday 11th May for new parents to see the school in its normal working environment. If you know of anyone who is considering the school for their children in the future please do pass this information on to them.

Have a lovely weekend!

**Laura Turner**

## Boarders News

On Saturday the Prep boarders went to the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds with Mr Langley. Here is what Emily and Lauren thought of the trip: *"When we got there the first thing we did was go up to the medieval section. We saw armour that they would have worn and weapons they used. We did some little games that you could play including which sword would be the best weapon for fighting etc. and that was really fun. We found the cinema where we watched a video about war. We also saw a short show that was about how you would put armour on in the medieval times. It was all very interesting. After lunch we went to the 'hunting and crime' scene section and we saw lots of guns and things that you would use like handcuffs. The day didn't stop there as we went to Mr Langley's village and we got an ice cream and went to the park before getting on the bus and going back home."*

On Sunday, after a relaxing morning in Old Courts we headed off to the cinema and there was a choice of two great films for the Prep boarders: 'The Greatest Showman' and 'Peter Rabbit' – everyone thoroughly enjoyed their choice (and their tuck!).

**Mr Robson**



## Stop, look and listen

The Reception class practised their road safety skills on the Senior School crossing this week. They all did very well and remembered to 'stop', 'look' and 'listen'. We are all eagerly anticipating our trip to the Fire Station next week!

**Mrs Rowlandson**



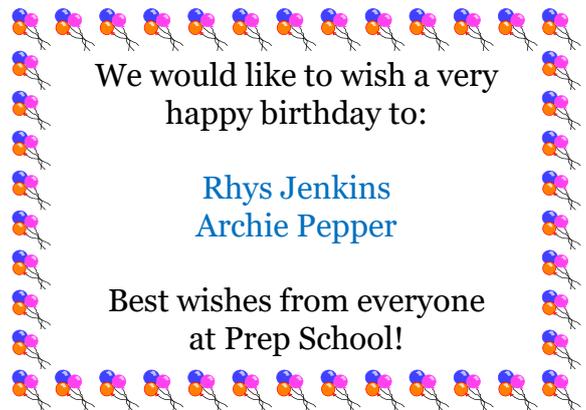
## A great debate!

This week Year 4 have continued to show their talent and skills, by preparing for their class assembly on the theme of 'Democracy'. In groups they have tackled the intricacies of what the European Union is, why a referendum was held and debated the pros and cons of voting to Leave or Remain. This is the beginning of our work in History, Geography, English and PSHCEE relating to the story of democracy. As always, the children have really taken the lead on this work and planned their own scripts and groups.



## I've got the power!

School Council have turned their attention to energy and recycling and have chosen to take part in the UK's largest battery recycling challenge. In line with this, pupils will be bringing home a battery box this week. We would be very grateful if you could collect all of your old and used batteries and send them into school and support us in filling our giant battery box which is located outside the entrance to the Atkinson Hall. When our big battery is full, it will be emptied and the batteries sent off for recycling.



## Barney Friends' News

### Calling all den-builders!

It's that time of year when we get all creative with some outdoor construction... Barney Friends' annual Den-Building Day takes place on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. We start at 10.30am and there will be bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and juice on offer during the morning. Everyone is welcome to come along and build their own den, as a family or by teaming up with friends.

In the meantime, we need materials! All donations of pallets, planks, branches, rope, tarpaulins and plastic sheeting will be put to good use. All materials can be dropped off at school from today – please leave them at the bottom of the school drive, on the left hand side on the grass. Thank you in advance.

### Save the date!

The Barney Friends' Prep School Fete takes place on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June**, from 1pm-4pm. Your children may be coming home full of chat about their class stall since plans are already underway for a host of attractions, from a teacher auction to lucky ducks and tuck buckets.

There'll be further updates in the weeks ahead, but as a taster can we ask parents to start saving jars of all sizes, any good quality teddy bears that can be given a new home and possible tombola prizes. Oh, and start practising for your Great Barney Bake Off entries...



## Knot a bad lesson!

The Year 5 children had great fun learning how to do a clove hitch knot in History this week. They also had a go at binding several sticks together using a weaving technique to add strength.

They are looking forward to using their new skills next week when they are going to make their own Viking boat. Watch this space!



## Headmistress's Commendations:

Alfie Simpson  
 Fenella Heagerty  
 Zara Scott-Priestley  
 Nathan Willoughby-Brown  
 Jonny Royle  
 Caitlyn McLean  
 Vivi Gledhill  
 Tilly Gray  
 Peter Stevenson

**Well done!**

## Going underground!

On Wednesday we finally got our chance to travel to Killhope Lead Mining Museum. Our reason for visiting the museum was to find out what life was like living in a mining community. When we arrived, the children had a fabulous time playing in a playground where they had to use logical thinking to move gravel using a series of pipes, pullies, zip wires, wheels, rockers and scoops. Next we split up into two groups to complete a series of exciting activities. These included a scavenger hunt, mine tour, mineral hunting on the wash floor, dressing up in Victorian clothes in the miner's lodgings and admiring the sparkling spa boxes. The mine tour was particularly exciting. In the old stable we donned helmets and lamps ready to progress underground. Before we could enter the mine, tokens were hung on the wall as a type of register to let others know how many people are underground. We headed downwards along a long tunnel lined with drystone walling, splashing through a shallow river of water. As we went deeper the walls became wet and slimy from water soaking through from the earth above and before long the walling was replaced with solid rock. On the way, we passed a 'Thunderbox' with a lid that echoed like thunder as it crashed down on the box below. None of the children chose to use it on this occasion! Finally we arrived at an underground waterwheel which was used to pump water. It was quite unnerving when we were asked to turn off our lamps as it was so dark that we couldn't see our hands in front of our faces. Once we returned to the surface and daylight, the children had an opportunity to experience life as washer boys and girls. Their job was to sift through broken rock and silt to find shiny minerals such as quartz, fluorspar and galena. We found lots! The huge waterwheel on site was very impressive and during our scavenger hunt we discovered channels of water leading from the pond where the water comes from. Rory was interested to know how the wheel could be stopped and we were shown a lever that when pulled redirects the water down another channel. The miner's lodgings were very cosy with a roaring fire burning in the range. It was quite a cramped room with several bunk beds where the miner's would have slept. All too soon it was time for us to leave with lots of memories to share. I would like to thank Mrs Roberts-Lilley, Miss Laverick and Mrs Stewart for accompanying us and, of course, the wonderful staff at Killhope Mining Museum who made it such a memorable and enjoyable day! **Mrs Priestley**



## Rolling on the river!

On Tuesday, the Year 6 pupils went off on a river walk in Barnard Castle. We first split up into groups then went down to the river and saw some erosion and a meander. We all went further down the river and saw some sand which I thought looked interesting. We were allowed to skim rocks across the river was fun, even though I am not that good at skimming stones! My group saw a mini waterfall which helps certain fish breed there and helps them get up stream as well. The castle was good, we were told the history of it and why it was built on a hill near a river. Bernard Bailey had the idea of a castle, so he built it on a hill and near a river for good protection and defence. My group walked past an old cotton mill, we saw how big it was and how it would have been scary to work there. This was a very good and interesting trip that has taught me a lot about rivers.

**William Shaefer, 6A**



## Perfect postcards!

The Year 1 children have made an excellent start to their 'Seaside' topic. They have enjoyed writing postcards inspired by



the story 'The Beach' by Roland Harvey and in Art they created wonderful sea turtles, crabs and scuba divers.



## Planting the seed!

The children got really involved in their new Science topic this week and investigated different plants growing in our school grounds. They examined roots and identified why these are so important in the growth of plants and flowers.



## Crime stoppers!

We have had a great start to this term's Forensics Club. Our Crime Scene Examiners are well on the way to solving the crime in the sleepy town of Barney! Suspects have been identified and fingerprints taken. Watch this space for further updates! **Mr Langley**



FINGERPRINTS											
Name: <u>Shay</u>		Date of Birth: <u>3.12.2006</u>		Case No: <u>7</u>		Crime Scene Number: <u>7</u>		Date: <u>12/12/12</u>		Signature: <u>Shay</u>	
RIGHT HAND			LEFT HAND			PRINT CHARACTERISTICS			OTHER		
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Print Location: <u>Barnard Castle School</u>											



## Awards This Week:

### Special Mention Certificates:

Annabel Jackson, Theo Swan, Dylan Dougal,  
Fiore Catellani, Freddie Wilks, Dexter Thomas,  
Louise Newcombe, Olivia Hall, Freddie Whitaker,  
Charlotte Blenkins, Edwin Barwick, Alex Metcalfe,  
Jessica Raper, Gus Coggrave, Ellie Derrick,  
Oscar Hewitt, Bella Staley, Lauren Baxter,  
Callum Gaffney, Katy Sludds, Tabitha Hilsdon,  
Archie Rickard, Isabelle Kerr, Bea Dolby,  
Talitha Hayward

## Maths Puzzler

Well done to Mila Johnson who solved last week's Sudoku style jigsaw. An excellent effort!

This week's puzzler is simple—I'd like you to find as many things as you can that are between 20 and 30cm. It could be a shoelace, a stick, a book, a tablet case - the choice is yours! Have fun!



As always, answers to me by Wednesday please.

Good luck!

**Mr Ayres**

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## DEN BUILDERS!

**CAN YOU BUILD A DEN LIKE THESE?**



**WE ARE BUILDING DENS ALL AROUND PREP SCHOOL, SUNDAY 20TH MAY, 10:30am**  
**BACON SANDWICHES ON SALE. TEA, COFFEE, JUICE PROVIDED**



...and guess what? They are allowed to stay up until the end of term, so we can keep playing in them!

## Forthcoming Events

### April

- Fri 27 Year 5 & 6 Robinwood trip departs, 9:30am  
Chapel Choir sing at Hexham Abbey
- Sun 29 Year 5 & 6 Robinwood trip returns, 4pm  
Chapel Choir sing at Confirmation Service
- Mon 30 House Art Competition  
Reception trip to Fire Station

### May

- Wed 2 Tennis at Durham High School: U8, 1:30pm
- Sat 5 Exeat Weekend
- Sun 6 Exeat Weekend
- Mon 7 Exeat Weekend  
**No school - Bank Holiday**

## App of the Week

### Habitat the Game

A Science app this week, for all those budding environmentalists in school, Habitat the Game helps younger children to learn how to care for the environment whilst looking after a virtual polar bear. Players must complete real-world actions -- such as turning lights off and conserving water -- to keep the creature healthy. By completing these tasks players will progress through levels, increasing the health of their bear and earn badges of recognition for their efforts. Ultimately the goal is to save the world by improving the bear's health. You can also find real world Habitats using the location settings in the game. Enjoy!





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**Prep School Open Morning  
Friday 11th May 09:30-11:30**

**Senior School Open Morning  
Saturday 12th May 09:30-11:30**

