



# The Barney Buzz

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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## Headmistress's News

Wednesday's Pre-Prep Concert was a terrific success and the children and staff should be congratulated on an excellent performance all-round. I would like to particularly thank Dr Harrison for putting together another great show. I would also like to take this opportunity to say well done to the children in the Pre-Prep for the wonderful Easter bonnets that have been created; these were superbly modelled by the children during their Easter parade in Chapel this morning.

The French trip was also a great success and I hope that parents enjoyed reading about the pupils' exploits on Facebook. Well done, and thank you, to the children and staff, Miss Strachan, Mrs Bale, Mr Ayres and Mr Killeen for their enthusiasm in making the trip so memorable for all. Mr Ayres will be putting together a Sway presentation of their adventures in France which will be a special memory for them all to recall their highlights of the trip.

We have had a whirlwind of a term and it is hard to believe that Easter is just around the corner. Despite the bad weather, we reflected on how much we have achieved in our End of Term Gathering service with staff and children this morning.

A reminder to you all that term finishes at **12 o'clock** with the buses leaving at 12:15pm and I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back in their summer uniforms, rested and refreshed for the start of next term, along with hopefully some Spring weather.

**Laura Turner**

## Boarders News

On Saturday Mrs Small spent the day with the Preppies. They had a lot of fun with a multitude of art projects, including ModRoc sculptures, scratch card door signs, Hama beads and Easter egg boxes. The weekend was interrupted with the sudden dump of snow on Saturday afternoon; we were on to 'plan D' for our Sunday activities! In the end after some badminton and dodgeball in the sports hall, a few brave souls enjoyed sledging on the school grounds whilst the rest of the house enjoyed a hot drink and a movie afternoon!

**Mr Robson**



Until the next newsletter, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Scarlett Hutchinson, Konrad Blake, Niamh Hennesy, Lydia Dixon, Freddie Whitaker, Dylan Dougal, Quinn Williams, William Shaefer, Joseph Stephenson, Gus Coggrave, Henry Manley, Isobel Heagerty, Oscar Bennett Collins

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!

## Money, money, money!

In PSHCEE Year 5 have been looking at how we can manage money. Firstly we talked about how we can earn money and the processes different people go through to do different types of jobs. We then looked at what we would spend our money on if we were an adult. The final element of our topic was when we decided what we would spend £1,000,000 on. There were many different ideas ranging from buying a five bedroomed home in Florida with a swimming pool to buying a Lamborghini! As you can imagine some children spent their million pounds within seconds, whilst others took their time and they still had some 'spare' money to put away for a rainy day. A fun but informative task!



## A wheely good collaboration!

In anticipation of our visit to Killhope Mining Museum our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils completed a collaborative waterwheel project. First the Year 6 researched, designed and created working waterwheels using a variety of junk materials. These were incredibly imaginative and provided inspiration for our Year 2 children. Following this the younger children created their own. When the Year 2 pupils visit Killhope Mining Museum early next term we will take the waterwheels which will be tested along ducts made from guttering. We are looking forward to seeing how well they work!



## Amazing assembly!

This week, Year 4 have continued to show their talent and skills by preparing for their class assembly on the theme of 'The Rainforest' and performed it to the school yesterday. In groups they have tackled the intricacies of deforestation, global warming, rainforest myths and animals of the rainforest.

This is the culmination of our work in Geography, English, PSHCEE and Science relating to the rainforest. The children have really taken the lead on this work and planned their own scripts, chosen their topics and created their presentations.

Super work, again, well done Year 4!





## Easter Egg-stravaganza!

The Year 1 children have had a wonderful week making Easter cards, creating chocolate nests filled with mini eggs and parading their Easter bonnets.



## Getting their teeth into it!

Year 3 have been learning all about teeth this term. They investigated how acid affects eggshell, linking this to how tooth enamel can be damaged by acid from sugars. This week they checked their own teeth to see how well they were brushing, and how much plaque was hiding!

We had beautiful weather for our final Forest School of the term, the children got busy planting trees, finishing off some coppicing in our hazel grove and making cone seed feeders for the birds.



## The great debate!

On Wednesday we had a very special guest to start off debating in the school. Caitrin Robertson, daughter of our Head of English, is currently studying at York University and competes nationally at debating. She introduced us to a Mace system which includes two proposers and opposers. It was a great afternoon which was presented to children from Years 4-6. It was fantastic to see the pupils have a go at putting together arguments and pulling apart their opponents! The children learnt lots and were enthused to further debate next term where we will be introducing more throughout the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Caitrin again for giving up her time. **Mr Wicing**



## Barney Friends

Barney Friends are looking forward to seeing over 50 children from Prep School at ROF59 after school finishes today. Our session starts at 1pm and there are places available should any families still wish to come along. Our next event is Den Building at school on the morning of Sunday 20th May. If you are planning any garden clearance or sorting out a shed during the Easter holidays, please remember to keep any materials that can be used for construction, including planks, pallets and plastic sheeting. There will be more details after the holidays, but this is always a popular event with the children, with bacon sandwiches and coffee to keep the builders going!

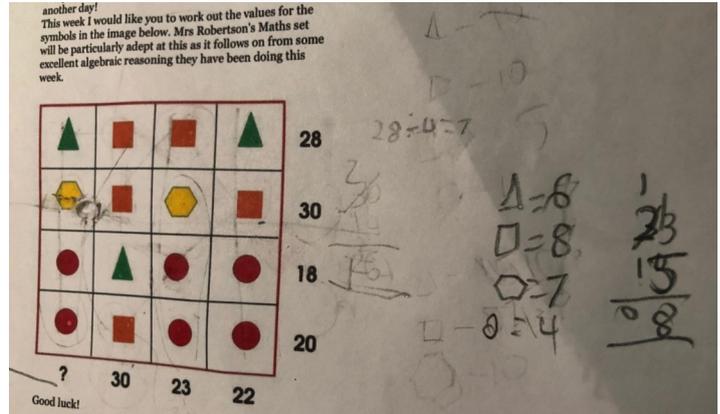
## Awards This Week:

### Merit Certificates:

Dominick Armstrong, Lilly Cassidy, Teddy Hall, James Harburn, Olivia Harland, Harriet Hatton, Arabella Milbank, Jack Baptist, Finley Cable-Jones, Alexander Carr, Callum Clark-Alderson, Vivi Gledhill, Sebastian Howard, Oona MacConachie, Sophie Richardson, Peter Stevenson, Megan Sunley, Lucy Willsmore, Liberty Forsyth, Freddie Whitaker, Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Leo Rokk, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Harry Milbank, Kieran Armstrong, Matilda Owens, Oscar Bennett Collins, Grace Dickinson, Mirabelle Harrison, Violet Heintz, Sophie Winnard, William Banner, Emily Davidson, Isabel Fall, Benjamin Loughney, Dermot Metcalf, Jessica Raper, Evie Wicling, Dominick Armstrong, Lilly Cassidy, Teddy Hall, James Harburn, Fenella Heagerty, Annabel Jackson, Arabella Milbank, James Nath, Thomas Scott-Priestley, Isabelle Shield, Edith Smart, Theo Swan, Hugo Thompson, Freya Turner, Flora Whitaker, Ed Wicling, Francesca Wilks, Jack Baptist, Finley Cable-Jones, Alexander Carr, Fiore Catellani, Callum Clark-Alderson, Dylan Dougal, Vivi Gledhill, Reuben Hosking, Sebastian Howard, Oona MacConachie, Caitlyn McLean, Joel Morgan, Sophie Richardson, Tom Staley, Peter Stevenson, Megan Sunley, Lucy Willsmore, Hetty Barwick, Freydis Blake, Rory Metcalf, Alexander Milbank, Bertie Swan, Benjamin Dixon, Olivia Hall, William Jackson-Ward, Alfie Simpson, Finlay Toyne, Sophia Hare, Freddie Harland, Joe Rutherford, William Watson, Edwin Barwick, Megan Brown, Scarlett Hutchinson, Henry Jenkinson, Jacob Thomas, Nicol White, Isobel Heagerty, Anna Metcalf, Benjamin Pelly, Frankie Preston, Zara Dobson, Kohana Armstrong, Samuel Baker-Bird, Ethan Davis, Callum Gaffney, Albie Kingsbury, Euan Metcalf, William Shaefer, Katy Sludds, Frazer Wallace, Tabitha Hilsdon, Lorcan O'Neill, Archie Rickard, William Hutchinson, Harry Maguire, Freddie Ross-Mitchell

## Maths Puzzler

Congratulations to Benjamin French, Toby Rutherford and Mila Johnson who all solved last week's algebra-shape puzzler. With a triangle (6), a hexagon (7) and two circles (2x3), the left column totals 21. Merits to all three of you!



This week I'd like you to solve the following puzzle. What is the next letter in this sequence: A, A, B, C, E, H, M...

Good luck!

Mr Ayres

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## Forthcoming Events

### March

Fri 23 End of Term Gathering for pupils, 9am  
HMC Gymnastics Competition at RGS, 11am  
**School finishes at 12noon**  
**School buses depart at 12:15pm**  
Barney Friends' ROF59 trip, 1pm-3pm

### April

Mon 9 Prep School Easter Course, Years 2-6  
Tues 10 Prep School Easter Course, Years 2-6  
Wed 11 Prep School Easter Course, Years 2-6  
Mon 16 Staff INSET  
Tues 17 Staff INSET  
Boarders return, 4pm-8pm  
Wed 18 Trinity term begins  
Year 6 Parents' Evening, 4:00pm-7:30pm  
Thurs 19 Reception Parents' Evening, 4:00pm-7:30pm  
Year 3 Parents' Evening, 4:00pm-7:30pm

## App of the Week

### CBeebies Playtime

This is a super app to entertain your children if you happen to be embarking on a journey this holiday! It is a fairly big download and will take up about 1GB on your device, but is a brilliant game if your children enjoy CBeebies.

It includes several games based on CBeebies shows such as Topsy & Tim, Alphablocks and Teletubbies and lets the player create their own profiles and customise their avatar.

Most importantly there are no ads or in-app purchases.



## Fun in France!

After a much anticipated wait, 36 Year 5 and 6 children, along with five members of staff, set off for France just before midnight on Thursday night. Very excited children found it challenging to settle to sleep, resulting in tired children as we arrived for our early morning tunnel crossing to France! We then headed on to a local biscuit factory with a personal tour and tastings. The children were fascinated by the number of cookies which could be created from the dough made before their eyes! We swiftly made our way to the sunny beach at Boulogne, where the children had the opportunity to play in the sand before heading in to the Aquarium at Nausicaa before the final leg of the journey to Chateau de Chanterine. After a warm welcome and obligatory fire drill, we headed for tea and then the children quickly settled into their rooms before having an early night to catch up on some sleep.

Waking to extremely chilly conditions on Saturday, we all wrapped up warm before heading on to Dieppe where the children had a brief tour of the harbour area. We then moved to the market where the children could spend some of their pocket money and complete the group challenge using their budget to dress a teacher from their group. After lunch we headed to Rouen for a tour of the town's history and architecture. The children were all in awe of the cathedral and the clock with one hand! During our tour the children confidently put their language skills to the test and ordered a crepe from a street vendor; it certainly helped to blow away the cold of the wind and snow! We returned to the Chateau for a warm supper, and a Mini-Olympics challenge, before heading to bed.

The freezing conditions continued in to Sunday and after breakfast, and the children making their own packed lunch, we set off for a day of history and poignant remembrance for those who gave their lives during World War I and II. The next morning we visited the Canadian National Memorial at Vimy. The vast landscape gave the children a visual of the areas covered, an opportunity to walk through the deep trenches controlled by each army and the below zero conditions made the experience all the more real for the children. This was soon followed by a visit to the mines at Wellington Quarry at Arras, where we saw a range of artefacts found at the end of the war. On Sunday evening, the teachers arrived to dinner dressed in the clothing purchased at Dieppe market and the children were given a flavour of traditional French cuisine, tasting frogs legs and snails. There were many whose taste buds certainly were not keen, but we did have a few who were asking for more! Our day finished with Scrapheap Challenge and the final competition of the trip - The Best Dressed Teacher as they walked the catwalk and gave us all a dance!

After breakfast on Monday, we did our final bits of packing, tidied our rooms, and did our daily exercise with some games before setting off on the coach for the journey home! The children left the chateau knowing that they really could speak French and that for many, new friendships had been made! Despite arriving in Coquelles ahead of schedule for our tunnel crossing, we were delayed by three and a half hours, resulting in a much later than expected return time! Along with excited parents, we were welcomed back to school by Mr Jackson who was eager to ensure we had all arrived home safely.

We would like to thank all the children for their polite manners, fabulous sense of humour and positive attitude throughout the trip. Thank you to Miss Strachan, Mrs Turner, Mrs Bale, Mr Ayres and Mr Killeen for making the trip such a memorable experience for all the children who participated in the trip. We hope you enjoyed Facebook updates during the trip and a Sway presentation will be available soon. The pupils will also be given the opportunity to download copies of photographs at school at the beginning of next term.



## End of Term Gathering

At this morning's End of Term Gathering, we were delighted to award the following prizes:-

Music Cup  
Atherton Music Cup  
Paul Taylor Cup for Drama  
Hester Shield for Drama  
Drama Certificates  
Running Cup  
J Ballantyne Cup for Cross Country  
Cross Country Shields  
Cross Country Certificates  
Swimming Achievement Cup  
Football Cup  
Football Shield  
U10 Football Player of the Term  
U10 Most Improved Football Player  
U9 Football Player of the Term  
U9 Most Improved Football Player  
U8 Football Player of the Term  
U8 Most Improved Football Player  
Netball Cup  
Netball Shield  
U10 Netball Player of the Term  
U10 Most Improved Netball Player  
U9 Netball Player of the Term  
U9 Most Improved Netball Player  
U8 Netball Player of the Term  
U8 Most Improved Netball Player  
Boarder of the Term  
Most Improved Boarder  
Football Cup  
Cross Country Cup  
Netball Cup  
General Knowledge  
Merit Shield  
Merit Prizes

Scarlett Williams  
Bea Dolby  
Violet Heintz  
Henry Jenkinson  
Evie Wicling, George-Louis Boulton, Mirabelle Harrison  
William Hutchinson  
Lydia Dixon  
Scarlett Hutchinson, Edwin Barwick  
Sophie McGill, Joe Arnold, Anna Metcalf, Rocco Catellani  
Oscar Bennett Collins and Kelvin Bell  
Daniel Raper  
Joseph Green  
Harry Sinclair  
Dougie Ross  
Edwin Barwick  
Alex Metcalfe  
Henry Johnstone  
Alfie Simpson  
Felicity Richardson  
Clara Metcalfe  
Emily Coggrave  
Harriet Robson  
Grace Dickinson  
Emily Davidson  
Tilly Gray  
Matilda Owens  
Kelvin Bell  
Oliver Stubbs  
Raleigh  
Gilbert  
Raleigh  
Gilbert  
Raleigh  
Tilly Gray  
Bea Dolby



End of Term Special Mentions for academic achievement: Arabella Milbank, Joel Morgan, Toby Rutherford, Ella Turner, Liberty Forsyth, Sophie Winnard, Emily Davidson, Tom Body, Harriet Robson, Oliver Dickinson, Charles Appleyard, Clara Metcalfe; and for a positive improvement: James Harburn, Lucy Willsmore, Adam Lee, Louise Newcombe, Kieran Armstrong, Grace Dickinson, Isobel Heagerty, Lucy Harburn, Theo Tweddle, Ethan Davis, Felicity Richardson, Bea Dolby

The winners of the Pre-Prep Easter Bonnet Competition were Francesca Wilks, Fiore Catellani and Alexander Milbank.