



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

The second half of the Trinity Term always provides us with an opportunity to make the most of the wider curriculum and we have had another wonderful week at the Prep School, albeit putting us half way through the final half term! Our annual Years 5 and 6 play, 'Rock Bottom', played to packed houses on both evenings with the audience being treated to an absolutely FANTASTIC show! Comedy, high drama and wonderful music were all rolled into two magnificent performances. The children were excellent and I am still chuckling away at the multitude of gags and comic moments that were scattered throughout the play. All the children performed superbly well, with each having their own important part, ably directed by Mrs Robertson, with the significant musical assistance of Dr Harrison, and many of the staff behind the scenes. I would like to thank everyone involved in the production. Well done to all. It is a significant commitment of the school that we would like all pupils to be involved in a drama production every year and, as such, we are pleased that we can achieve this. We are also keen that these performances are high quality, therefore giving the children something worthwhile to aim and rehearse for. We subscribe to the view that if something's worth doing, it's worth doing well and we certainly did that this week. Additionally, the creative expression, collaborative approach and fostering of acting skills that are associated with participating in drama at the school are hugely important when we consider our aim to provide a broad educational experience for all the children. Congratulations must also go to our U9 girls who competed last Friday in the HMC Athletics fixture and after seven years brought the shield back home. Very well done to all—further details are given in the report over the page. The Year 6 Achievement Award will come to an end after the Probability and Tourism Fairs take place next week. We would welcome parents to come along to the Tourism Fair on Thursday 21st June at 3pm in the Atkinson Hall where you can see the Year 6 pupils' hard work in action. I highly recommend it, particularly if you are looking for last minute holiday ideas!

Looking forward, amongst other things, our Year 2 children have their first Athletics fixture at home against Aysgarth School on Tuesday, move up afternoon on Wednesday, which will be the first stage of the children's induction for the next academic year, followed by the eagerly awaited Pre-Prep Sports Day on Thursday. Any donations of sweet or savoury bakes to the Barney Friends' refreshments stall would be very much appreciated.

Finally we must not forget our Prep School Fete which takes place tomorrow afternoon from 1-4pm. Everything seems to be ready to go and the only thing left is a last minute burst of sunshine! The fete will go ahead, regardless of the weather, it may just be relocated indoors! I look forward to seeing you all there with your families and friends. Have a lovely weekend!

Laura Turner

Boarders News

On Saturday the Prep boarders spent some time in the art room with Miss Strachan working with clay amongst other things. In the afternoon the Year 6 boys had a special opportunity to join with their fellow Year 7 and 8 boarders to compete in the Senior House Cricket. The remainder of the boarders enjoyed a behind the scenes tour of the Year 5 & 6 play and had a chance to play the Chapel organ with Dr Harrison. There was, of course, lots of time for cricket and free play in the sunshine. On Sunday the house was full of excitement as we headed off for a day at Lightwater Valley. The weather was perfect and the queues were short. Some of the braver souls took on *The Ultimate* and *The Black Pearl* whilst others were content with more sedate rides!

Mr Robson



Getting handy!

Last Friday the children really impressed me with their amazing sewing skills and produced wonderful hand puppets. Several dogs, a couple of dinosaurs and even a soldier was created! This week we have been busy learning about question marks and the children produced brilliant posters complete with question words, examples of questions and a giant question mark in the centre.



Barney's got talent!

Thirteen enthusiastic Year 4 children enjoyed a day out on Wednesday performing at the Gala Theatre in Durham. Miss Strachan entered the children into A Song for Europe, a Eurovision style competition to give the children an opportunity to sing in Spanish, which they have been learning during Language lessons this term. Selected by Dr Harrison, the children have been practising their song choice 'Ceilito Lindo' and mastered some challenging pronunciation along the way. A fantastic effort by all and a very entertaining day.



Barney Friends

Tomorrow is the **Prep School Summer Fete** and we hope as many families as possible will join us. The children have put a tremendous amount of thought and effort into their class stalls and are very excited to be running them on the day. Please come armed with lots of coins ready to buy from them and to take part in their activities and competitions.

One slight change ahead of the Fete is that entries for the **Potion Competition** need to be in by **4pm today**.

The Fete opens at 1pm and runs until 4pm. The British weather is leaving us guessing, but whatever it throws at us the Fete **WILL GO AHEAD**. If the rain and wind are particularly bad, we have an indoor contingency so please do come along regardless.

May we encourage everyone travelling by car to park at Senior School – you also have the opportunity to return to a gleaming vehicle as some Senior School students are doing a car wash to raise money for their summer trip to Kipsaina, in Kenya, where they will be helping to build a primary school, learning about conservation, teaching and looking at local health care. They also have a stall selling merchandise at the Fete.

For those bakers who haven't submitted their entries for the Great Barney Bake-Off – don't forget mums and dads can enter too! – there is a short window of 10am-noon tomorrow for any last minute submissions.

Also on a baking note, we appreciate it's a very busy end to the term but we will be seeking donations for **Pre-Prep Sports Day on Thursday 21st June**.

Please leave any sweet or savoury bakes in the Prep School Kitchen on Thursday morning, or bring them along on the afternoon. Thank you in advance for your support.

Class Photographs

All pupils were given a class photograph order form earlier this week to bring home. If you would like to order a copy, please could you complete and return the form by the end of this **Monday 18th June** at the latest. If you miss this deadline, you can still order a copy directly from Tempest by following the 'late order' instructions on the form.

We are hoping they will be delivered to school before we break up for the holidays, but as this is a tight turnaround, they may not arrive until July. I will keep you posted!



House Matches

All pupils in Years 3 to 6 will be taking part in House Cricket and Rounders this Monday 18th June. Therefore, please can pupils in these year groups come to school in their full PE kit on Monday. Parents are welcome to watch if they would like to and the matches begin at 1pm.

A slice of the action!

Year 2 have had great fun investigating fractions. We have studied fractions of numbers and fractions of shapes. Cutting and eating pizzas introduced equivalent fractions. It's amazing how many times we indirectly use fractions each day. This is one of our favourite topics.



Flower power!

Year 3 have been continuing their work learning about plants. This week we looked at which parts of different food plants we eat, and the children made models of flowers to show the male and female parts.



A sporting chance!

The Reception pupils have been preparing for their very first Sports Day in PE this week. They have been honing their skills in running, jumping and throwing. Their warm up activity of 'Pacman' had them working together as a team which is a transferable skill which will help them to succeed at Sports Day. We can't wait to take part!



App of the Week

Endless Alphabet



An app for the younger members of our school this week, Endless Alphabet is a way for children to build their vocabulary and conquer their reading! Each word features an interactive puzzle with talking letters and a short animation illustrating the definition. Before you know it, your child will be using words like gargantuan and co-operate!



Sports News

HMC Athletics: U11, U10, U9

Last Friday, the Athletics team went to Gateshead Stadium for the HMC meeting. We took U9, U10 and U11 teams and made it through to some finals with some exceptional performances. This was highlighted by the U9 girls team who won the relay and 80m (Scarlett Hutchinson); came second in the throw (Bella Bland) and 200m (Anna Metcalf), with a strong showing from Mirabelle Harrison in the High Jump as well. They came away as overall winners, a fantastic achievement for the size of the event. **Mr Wicing**

Rounders v Durham High: U9

Last Friday all the U9 girls travelled to a Rounders fixture at Durham High School. Both teams played with enthusiasm and enjoyed some competition. Although both teams played well, the match highlighted the areas we need to focus on going forward. Our game play and tactics needed a little more focus but on the whole there was some good displays of throwing, catching and batting. Well done girls! **Mrs Summerson-Brown**

A step back in time!

As is tradition the day after the play, Year 6 set off for Beamish. We often sing play songs throughout the day and never have the songs fitted better than this year! 'Going back' was sung as we arrived (along with an excellent rendition of the Jurassic Park theme) to learn all about life in the past, 1825 and 1913 specifically.

My group and Mrs Robertson's group just managed to avoid a chorus of 'Down Low' as we traversed the mine to re-live the conditions that plagued workers from the age of twelve. As we went our separate ways we visited a working farm, a rather horrific dentist (think the Sweeney Todd of teeth and you're half way there), a sweet shop and demonstration, a bakery, a chip shop, a school (it wasn't all food related!) and travelled on a range of authentic transport.

It was a brilliant day, the children were able to see their industrial revolution topic unfolding before their eyes as Beamish transformed into an outdoor classroom. My thanks to Mr Langley, Mrs Robertson, Mr Killeen and Mr Joy for their steadfast support and for helping make the trip so memorable.

Mr Ayres



What a week!

Year 5 had great fun performing the play, 'Rock Bottom', for parents this week. Before each performance they had time to relax by playing board games.

In Geography, they completed two traffic surveys at different times to compare the types of vehicles going to and from town. Finally, Mrs Small helped the children make their very own Viking helmets in DT. A very busy but productive week; well done Year 5.



Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Freya Turner, Olivia Harland, Jack Baptist, Oona MacConachie, Alexander Milbank, Adam Lee, Alfie Simpson, Ella Turner, Liberty Forsyth, Sophia Hare, Oscar Bennett Collins, Sophie Winnard, Ben Arnold, Oscar Lawson, Oliver Stubbs, Lewis Maunder-Brown, Zara Dobson, Jemima Burton, William Shaefer, Albie Kingsbury, Lorcan O'Neill, Henry Walder, Annie Barker, Seth Crisp

Merit Certificates:

Finley Cable-Jones, Alexander Carr, Callum Clark-Alderson, Dylan Dougal, Vivi Gledhill, Sebastian Howard, Peter Stevenson, Rocco Catellani, Louise Newcombe, Megan Brown, Mirabelle Harrison, Violet Heintz, Henry Jenkinson, Nicol White, Sophie Winnard, Ellie Derrick, Benjamin French, Lucy Harburn, Abygail Jameson, Sophie McGill, Dougie Ross, Joseph Robin Truss, Minnie Wilson, Lottie Baptist, Lauren Baxter, Kelvin Bell, Emily England, George Goad, Jake Lawson, Freya Pinwill-Price, Harriet Robson, Jonny Royle, Harry Sinclair, Bella Staley, Theo Tweddle, Freydis Blake, Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Isla MacConachie, Rory Metcalf, Peter Pelin, Toby Rutherford, Zara Scott-Priestley, Jack Baptist, Reuben Hosking, Hetty Barwick, Georgina Chapman, Matilda Chapman, Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Adam Lee, Alexander Milbank, Leo Rokk, Joseph Stephenson, Bertie Swan, Dexter Thomas, Freddie Wilks, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, James Harburn, James Nath, Alex Banner, Isla MacConachie, Peter Pelin, Edwin Barwick, Oscar Bennett Collins, Bella Bland, Grace Dickinson, Niamh Hennessy, Scarlett Hutchinson, Alex Metcalfe, Theo Te Lintelo, Jacob Thomas, William Banner, Emily Davidson, Isabel Fall, Isobel Heagerty, Mila Johnson, Benjamin Loughney, Anna Metcalf, Dermot Metcalf, Frankie Preston, Jessica Raper, Isabel Warren, Evie Wicling, Molly Rendall, Polly Heintz

Headmistress's Commendations:

Peter Pelin
Freddie Whitaker
Violet Heintz

Well done!

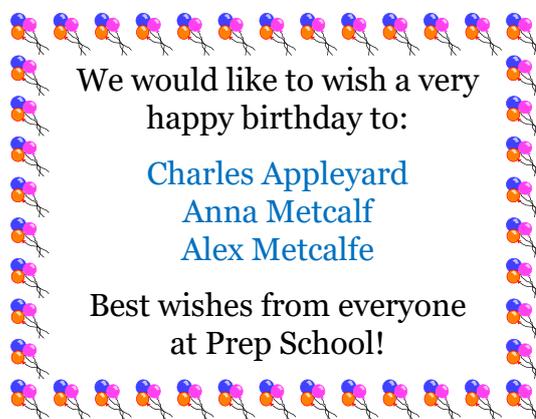
Maths Puzzler

Last week I asked you to add up all the numbers in that newsletter (including the puzzler!). Numbers as words didn't count but phone numbers could be split i.e. 01234 567890 would already put us on 569124. This was a really tough one as it turns out there are loads of numbers hidden throughout the newsletter. George Goad put in a huge effort and came up with 274,830,364! Mila Johnson came up with 275,817,805 - a lot of work went into both! It's amazing how quickly the numbers mount up. With the World Cup now underway this week's puzzler is suitably football related. England are in a group with Tunisia, Panama and Belgium. Normal group rules apply (3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, each team plays the other three). Can you find a scenario where England can escape the group (top two qualify) with only 3 points?

Good luck!

Mr Ayres

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Forthcoming Events

June

- Fri 15 HMC Cricket at Woodhouse Grove: U11, **9:45am**
HMC Rounders at Pocklington: U11, 11am
Cricket (6-a-side) Tournament: U11B (H), 1pm
Tennis at Mowden Hall: U8, **1pm**
Rounders v Yarm: U10 (A), **2pm**
Cricket v Yarm: U10 (A), **2pm**
Year 3 Wild Camp, 5pm
Year 3 pupils stay at school for tea and can be collected at 9am the next morning
- Sat 16 Barney Friends' Summer Fete, **1pm-4pm**
- Mon 18 House Cricket & Rounders, 1pm
Barney Friends' AGM, 7pm
- Tues 19 Year 6 Probability Fair, Atkinson Hall
Athletics v Aysgarth: Year 2 (H), 3:30pm
- Wed 20 Move Up and New Pupils' Induction Day
Second Hand Uniform Shop Open, 3pm-5pm
- Thurs 21 Year 6 Tourism Fair, Atkinson Hall
Parents welcome from 3pm
Pre-Prep Sports Day, 2pm
- Fri 22 Cricket Festival: U11 (H), 1pm
Cricket v Bow School: U11, U10 (A), 2pm
- Sat 23 Old Barnardians Reunion, Y6 volunteers needed between 12 and 1:15pm

Please note changes to the calendar in red

Rock Bottom!

The Cobblestones are just an ordinary Stone Age family of cave folk living on Stoney Street, Rock Bottom. But when cave boy inventor Bobby Cobblestone hatches his very first good idea, he's whisked off to work for none other than the beautiful celebrity Lady Lava! Unfortunately, BC is soon up to his neanderthal neck in trouble when he discovers his new boss hides a dark secret that will rock Rock Bottom to its foundations. With mysterious monsters terrorising the town and a volatile volcano ready to blow its top, can BC become a little boulder and hatch a plan to save his family, his friends and his very own precious Rock Bottom? Only time will tell...

A cast of crazy cave folk from Years 5 and 6 joined in the neolithic naughtiness, including dinosaurs, sabre-tooth tigers, mini miners, mad inventors and a particularly demanding sorceress. The play was over all too soon, having raised the rafters in Big School with audience laughter and applause throughout two fabulous performances. The children once again proved that they rise to every occasion with confidence, focus and, most importantly, a sense of humour! Well done to everyone concerned and thanks to all the staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

Mrs Robertson

