



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

I had a wonderful start to my week as I was fortunate to interview twenty two Year 5 children who had put themselves forward for our new Year 6 leadership positions next year; Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains. A rigorous application, interview and presentation process took place and I will announce the positions at our End of Term Gathering for pupils next week. Following on from this, I am delighted that our Pre-Prep will be joining our House system from the next academic year.

Yesterday's Pre-Prep Sports Day was a tremendous success and showed that we have some promising talent moving into Prep School. It was great to see the children engaged in competitive yet friendly athletic activities, individually and in teams. Well done to all the children, the class teachers for their organisation and encouragement, and the PE staff for their ongoing teaching of athletic skills. I am also most grateful to all those parents who baked cakes, biscuits, buns and scones for the refreshment tent and to the parents from Barney Friends who manned it. Yesterday also saw the annual Year 6 Tourism Fair take place along with the Probability Fair on Tuesday. These excellent initiatives provide the children with the opportunity to work collaboratively and utilise all the skills that they have learned.

As we head into the final week of this academic year at a terrific pace, programmes of study are coming to an end, presentation of certificates for a variety of achievements are occurring on a daily basis during assemblies, rehearsals are taking place for the musical performances at Speech Day and the last of the educational excursions are being undertaken.

Our term concludes with **Speech Day** next **Friday 29th June**, and this is a major event in our calendar, providing a fitting finale to the school year. All the pupils in the Pre-Prep and Prep School will attend and all parents are warmly invited to join us for this end of year celebration. The proceedings start at 12:30pm with the traditional 'Bring Your Own Picnic' to enjoy with your children on the grassed area in front of the Senior School and the croquet lawn, adjacent to the car parking area. The children will be brought out to meet you there if you are able to attend, if not please do let your child's class teacher know. Speech Day will start at 2pm in the marquee outside Chapel and it will include the Chairman of Governors' welcome, speeches, musical performances by the children and the end of year prize giving. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the Senior School. It will also be an opportunity to say goodbye to Mr Wicling, Mrs Michelin and Mrs Roberts-Lilley. Please arrive via the Senior School drive where you will be directed to parking. I look forward to seeing you there.

Laura Turner

Boarders News

This weekend the Junior Boarders were involved in setting up for the Prep School Fete on Saturday morning – and of course attending in the afternoon! Congratulations to Archie Pepper (pictured with

his homemade cake for the tourism fair) for guessing the correct number of sweets in the jar. World Cup fever has struck Old Courts with the living room becoming very popular as special permissions have been granted to stay up for the late games. The highlight so far has been

England's late winner against Tunisia on Monday night. Watching great sporting moments with your friends can make for some really strong memories. On Sunday morning we all attended a special Father's Day Service in Chapel, with some of the Year 7 boarders from Old Courts taking part. Cricket continues to be popular and it was fantastic to see many inspired by the senior boys' boarding 'Lads vs Dads' game on Sunday afternoon. Indeed, we are regularly taking ten or so junior boarders to Barney Cricket Club practices on Wednesday evenings.

Mr Robson

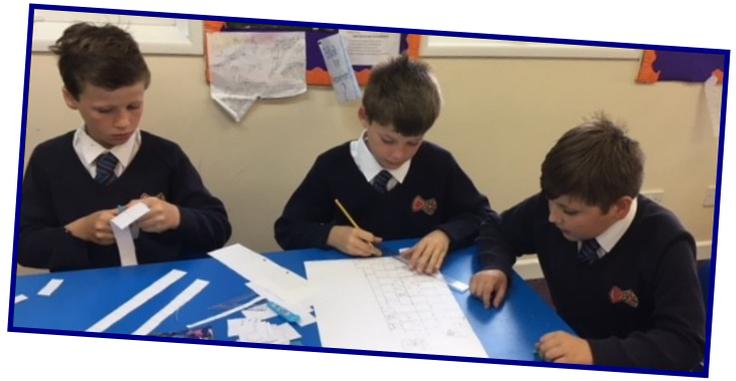


What have we learnt?

We have been thinking about our move up the school this week and so decided to provide the Year 3 pupils with a little taste of life in Year 4.



In groups of four, the children are creating board games relating to the major topics we have covered this year. Some are aiming for a 'Trivial Pursuits' style game, whilst others are taking a 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?' approach. Our hope is that Year 3 will be able to join us next week for a games afternoon and find out a bit more about the work they will be doing from September!



A wild night!

The Year 3 children, and a few hardy teachers, had a fabulous night under canvas last Friday as they enjoyed the first ever 'Operation Wild Camp'! Putting up tents, challenges



with the CCF cadets, team games in the evening sunlight, and stories and songs around the fire with Mr Fairwood were just some of the excitements of the evening. Supper was hotdogs cooked over the fire, followed by toasted marshmallow smores and just time for a few shadow shows before snuggling into sleeping bags with their waiting teddies. The children did well to go back to sleep after the slightly antisocial timing of the dawn chorus and we managed to pack up camp before the rain came the following morning. We all had an amazing time and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the night a success.

Mrs Michelin

Ticking along nicely!

It has been an extremely busy week in Year 1 this week. On Wednesday the children were incredibly excited about 'Bump Up Day' and spent a wonderful afternoon in their new Year 2 classroom with Mrs Priestley, getting to know the new routines and expectations. Yesterday afternoon they took part in Sports Day, displaying excellent skill and determination. In

Maths, we have learnt about 'Time' and practised making 'o'clock' and 'half past' times and in English we practised using connectives to expand our sentences.



A spot of cooking!

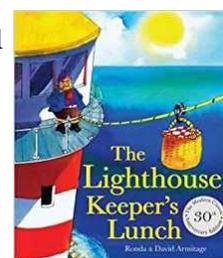
This week as part of our 'Minibeasts' topic, Reception class enjoyed making some ladybird biscuits using a variety of ingredients. They made sure there were the same number of spots on each side and used the word 'symmetrical'! Once completed everyone enjoyed tasting their efforts!

Mrs Rowlandson



A bit of light reading!

In Year 2 we have been reading the 'Lighthouse Keeper' stories written by Ronda Armitage and illustrated by David Armitage. We all love these stories which are very amusing! They contain a wonderful range of vocabulary, speech bubbles and fantastic illustrations. We have discussed and described the character traits of Mr and Mrs Grinling, Hamish the cat and, of course, those pesky seagulls! The books link in very well with our 'Island Life' topic. We will continue constructing our lighthouses later in the week.



Barney Friends

Enormous thanks are due to everyone who supported our Summer Fete on Saturday and for the positive feedback received. The children did a magnificent job running their stalls and we are also very grateful to the Barney Friends and other parents who worked with them to plan the stalls and help on the day.

Thanks also to all the parents and teachers who donated items for stalls, the wonderful stocks by Lee Hosking, Banner Contracts Ltd for the Steiff teddy, to Mrs Small and Miss Strachan for



helping to co-ordinate the School Council and artistic helpers, Mr Joy; and Mr Baker, Mr Goad and his assistant in the kitchen. We expect to have raised over £1,200, which is a great result.

The Barney Friends AGM, with dinner afterwards at Il Palazzo, has been moved to next Wednesday at 7pm. All parents are welcome to join us.

App of the Week

DreamLab



This week an app to help you, to help others, suggested by Mr Ayres.

DreamLab is an app that uses the collective power of smartphones to fast track cancer research. With cancer being one of the biggest causes of death worldwide, finding answers through medical research is incredibly important. The more people who use the app, the faster it works.

How it works - Researchers need super-computers to scan DNA in immense detail and crunch complex data. When you plug your phone in and power DreamLab, it downloads tiny parts of a huge research project from the cloud to calculate, and sends the results back to the research team. The more people who power DreamLab, the faster we can complete critical research. All you need to do is set up DreamLab once and it will get to work each time you plug your phone in.

Sports News

Cricket & Rounders v Yarm School: U10

On 15th June the Year 5 girls and some of the boys went on a fixture to Yarm. The girls played Rounders and the boys played Cricket. They were split into teams. One of the teams was Lauren Baxter, Minnie Wilson, Emily England, Emily Coggrave, Lucy Harburn, Sophie McGill, Polly Heintz, Harriet Robson, Jemima Burton. The other team had Abygail Jameson, Esme Berend, Molly Rendall, Zara Dobson and loads more. The first team got to bat first, then Yarm. The other team got to field first, then Yarm. The boys got to bat first. They all did well but sadly lost. The first team lost by 10 1/2 rounders the score was 7 to 17 1/2. The other girls lost by 4 rounders, the score was 10 to 14.

Lucy Harburn, 5K

HMC 6-a-side Cricket: U11

The Under 11 Cricket team travelled to Bradford for the HMC Cricket Tournament where victories against Bronte House and Dame Allans led us to the semi final of the Plate competition where the new 'double runs for the first over rule' led to our downfall.

Mr Wicling

HMC Rounders: U11

On Friday 15th June the U11 Rounders team travelled to Pocklington to compete in the HMC tournament. We got off to a rocky start against Barlborough Hall, looking a bit flustered and muddled. We then moved on to a very strong Yarm team (who went on to win the whole competition). After a team talk about the areas we needed to focus on their grit and determination shone through and they won the next three games against Bradford Grammar, GSAL and Pocklington. It was lovely to see the girls improve as the competition progressed and by the end they were giving very little away to the opposition. Well done girls! **Mrs Summerson-Brown**



6-a-side Cricket: U11B

We hosted an U11B team tournament. Four teams played off in a very friendly atmosphere, where introducing the game and enjoying a bit of competition worked extremely well. All the pupils improved over the afternoon and I was pleased with the contributions that they made. **Mr Wicling**

Tennis at Mowden Hall: U8

The U8 Tennis team travelled to Mowden Hall in Northumberland and performed very well. They came second, just one point off the winners, which is a superb result for the school. **Mr Wicling**

Athletics v Aysgarth: Y2

On Tuesday, we hosted Aysgarth in an Athletics meeting with our Year 2's. We ran through running, jumping and throwing events along with the Barney obstacle course. The pupils had great fun with plenty of competition. It was great for them to get out for their first fixture and they should look forward to many more to come. **Mr Wicling**



House Cricket & Rounders

On Monday all pupils in Years 3 to 6 took part in the House matches. The boys had a very competitive afternoon with Raleigh coming out on top with a very strong bowling performance throughout the afternoon, they beat Gilbert into second place in an enthralling match. The Year 3 and 4 competition was evenly contested but Grenville ended up on top with some excellent batting.

The Year 5 & 6 girls showed some excellent performances, working as a team and showing the skills they have been learning in Games. Raleigh were victorious after a hard fought game against Gilbert. The Year 3 & 4 pupils tried hard in their games and it was an excellent experience for them all with lots of teamwork on display. Grenville came out on top for the Year 3 and 4s. Well done to all!

Mr Wicling and Mrs Summerson-Brown





What are the chances?

On Tuesday morning the Atkinson Hall was transformed into a mathematical wonderland, filled with creative, exciting and (most importantly) fair games. The Probability Fair forms the mathematical arm of the Year 6 Achievement Award and saw pupils working in threes to design, make and play a fair game. This year we had a brilliant 'Make Your Perfect Holiday' game, an island survival challenge, a fair few sport related efforts and a great pupil inspired game 'Heads and Tallys'! The pupils should be really pleased with their efforts, the independent work they put in this week ranks among their best of the year and a real testament to their desire to make the most of every last opportunity at Prep School.



Terrific talks!

Year 5 have had an extremely busy week. The interviews went ahead for those children who had applied for the Head Girl and Boy positions as well as the Head of Houses. There were smiles all round when they had finished them as they all really enjoyed the experience. We have also had class talks every day. The topics ranged from 'Pets' to 'Flips and Twists' to 'Countries'. They were all very well received and lots was learnt too. Well done Year 5!



Around the world in 80 minutes!

"Like all great travellers, I have seen more than I remember, and remember more than I have seen" - Benjamin Disraeli.

This is certainly how any visitor to this year's Tourism Fair would have felt. It was a veritable feast for the senses; with spices from India, music from

Japan and Italy, a cacophonous Haka from New Zealand and delicious cuisine from the four corners of the globe. Whilst these added sensual delights, the truly important element was the learning that took place. Every year I learn new facts about the countries the pupils have been studying, and every year I am amazed by their creativity and willingness to broaden their horizons. This sense of astonishment is shared by everyone who sets foot in the Atkinson Hall, none more so than by our judge from Kyle Travel (this year Katy returned to



undertake the ever more difficult task of deciding between the various stalls). When the dust settled, the patriotism subsided and every last bit of biltong was gnawed on, we ended up with China in third place, Mexico in second and a superb New Zealand as worthy winners. A great effort from every Year 6 pupil saw them complete the final leg of their Achievement Award journey.

As they say in Japan: さようなら.

Pre-Prep Sports Day

The sun shone, the grounds looked wonderful, the children were fun-loving and happy and the parents were over-competitive, a typical Pre-Prep Sports Day! Yesterday saw the show piece event of the sporting calendar as our smallest pupils became gladiators on the sports track. Obstacle courses, sprints, jumps and throws were witnessed with great big smiles and a great atmosphere. It was lovely to see such potential on show with the right attitude displayed by all, something we can all learn from. A wonderful afternoon was had by all. Please have a look at the Barnard Castle School Facebook page for a video snapshot of the afternoon!



Summer Holiday Activities

Places still available!

Prep School Jamboree

A range of activities for pupils in Reception to Year 6

Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August

<https://www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk/prep-school/jamboree-sign-up/>

Summer Activity Weeks

Open to pupils in Reception to Year 6

Week 1 – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th July

Week 2 – Monday 13th to Friday 17th August

<https://www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk/activityweeks2018/>

Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Dominick Armstrong, Isabelle Shield, Alexander Carr, Joel Morgan, Peter Pelin, Archie Lanigan-O’Keeffe, William Jackson-Ward, Finlay Toyne, William Watson, Alexander Howard, Scarlett Hutchinson, Quinn Williams, Frankie Preston, Mila Johnson, Benjamin French, Joseph Robin Truss, Freya Pinwill-Price, Emily England, Samuel Baker-Bird, Scarlett Williams, Archie Pepper, Henry Manley, William Hutchinson, Clara Metcalfe

Merit Certificates:

Freya Turner, Toby Rutherford, Benjamin Dixon, Harry Milbank, Finlay Toyne, Joe Rutherford, Arabella Milbank, Theo Swan, Callum Clark-Alderson, Vivi Gledhill, Oona MacConachie, Caitlyn McLean, Sophie Richardson, Tom Staley, Peter Stevenson, Megan Sunley, Lucy Willsmore, George-Louis Boulton, Harry Forrester, Dominick Armstrong, Teddy Hall, Fenella Heagerty, Annabel Jackson, Isabelle Shield, Edith Smart, Flora Whitaker, Francesca Wilks, Finley Cable-Jones, Alexander Carr, Fiore Catellani, Dylan Dougal, Sebastian Howard, Joel Morgan, Charlie Bridges, Tilly Gray, Olivia Hall, William Jackson-Ward, Charlotte Owens, Alfie Simpson, Ella Turner, Konrad Blake, Fred Dullage, Quinn Williams, Ben Arnold, Olivia Bridges, Gus Coggrave, Oscar Lawson, Benjamin Pelly, Hetty Barwick, Freydis Blake, Georgina Chapman, Matilda Chapman, Archie Lanigan-O’Keeffe, Adam Lee, Rory Metcalf, Alexander Milbank, Leo Rokk, Zara Scott-Priestley, Joseph Stephenson, Bertie Swan, Freddie Wilks, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Liberty Forsyth, Alexander Howard, Matilda Owens, Sofia Wilson

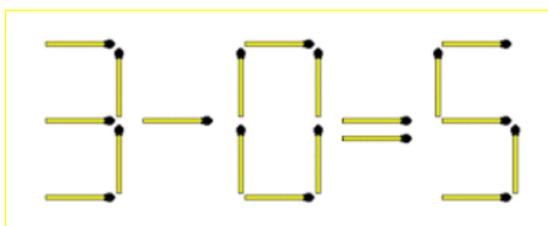
Maths Puzzler

With England having got off the mark in Russia and secured three vital points it was great to find out from George and Mila that there are a few different ways England can progress with only three points - if other results work (3 draws gets us through 2nd if Belgium beat Tunisia and Panama and they both draw, a single win gets us through in similar style). A lot of great work went into those solutions—well done!

For the last puzzler of the year I’d like you to add TWO matchsticks to the problem below so that it becomes a true mathematical statement.

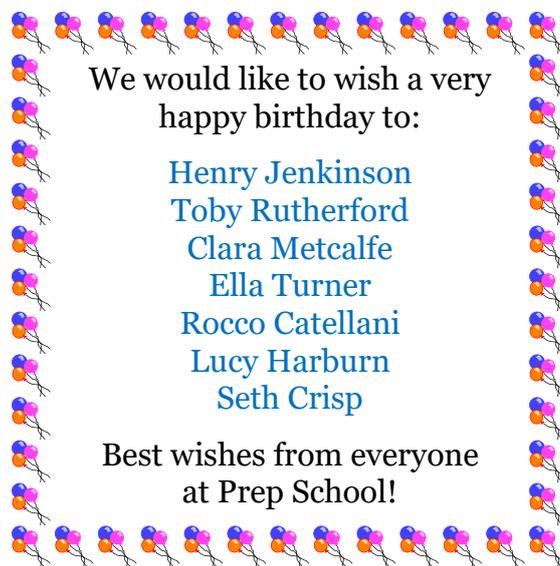


Good luck!



Mr Ayres

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Forthcoming Events

June

- 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
- Mon 25 Year 6 trip to Lightwater Valley
- Tues 26 Pre-Prep trip to Blue Reef Aquarium
Year 6 visit Charles Dickens Care Home, 2pm
- Wed 27 Year 5 orienteering in Hamsterley Forest
Pre-Prep Teddy Bears’ Picnic for pupils
Cricket v Sedbergh Juniors: U11, U9 (H)
- Thurs 28 Athletics at Durham Choristers: U11, 1pm
End of Term Gathering for pupils, 2:30pm
Year 6 Leavers’ Disco, Atkinson Hall, 7pm-9pm
- Fri 29 BYO Picnic for parents and pupils at 12:30pm, followed by Speech Day and Prize Giving at 2pm
Term finishes after Speech Day
School buses departing, as normal, at 5:10pm

Summer Courses

(places still available!)

Mon 30th July to Fri 3rd Aug—Rec-Year 6—Jamboree

<https://www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk/prep-school/jamboree-sign-up/>

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