



BARNARD CASTLE
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Headmistress's News

Our theme this week has been 'Celebrating Success'. This is of course appropriate given yesterday's End of Term Gathering and Speech Day this afternoon. However, more importantly, success should be measured by gauging individual pupil effort during the year and through their sense of happiness and purpose. We endeavour to praise all pupils for their progress and this is clearly demonstrated by the merit schemes that are inherent in our teaching and learning. 35,292 merits have been awarded this academic year! All children regularly receive certificates in assemblies and it is lovely to have the opportunity to publically praise every pupil. Of course, the prize giving at Speech Day does not afford this opportunity and therefore it is heartening to realise that the children at the Prep School are genuinely pleased for the other pupils who are presented with awards and prizes even if this time around they are not similarly recognised - and that is the true measure of our success and something we should celebrate. At our End of Term Gathering service yesterday, I was delighted to announce the new Year 6 leadership positions for 2018-19 - Head Boy: Benjamin French, Head Girl: Minnie Wilson, Drake House Captain: Zara Dobson, Gilbert House Captain: Lewis Maunder-Brown, Grenville House Captain: George Goad, Raleigh House Captain: Jemima Burton. Congratulations to all the Year 5 children who applied for the positions, I was heartened by the amount of enthusiasm and energy that they all ploughed into this process.

Speech Day

Speech Day will give us the opportunity to reflect on the year and I do hope that parents are able to attend. Please arrive via the Senior School drive where you will be directed to parking areas.

12:30pm 'Bring Your Own Picnic' - the picnic will take place on the **Croquet Lawn outside of Senior School**. Class teachers will bring the children out to the Croquet Lawn where you will be able to meet them for your family picnic.

1:15pm - pupils will return to their classrooms to prepare for Speech Day and Prize Giving.

2:00pm - Speech Day and Prize Giving in our new venue of a marquee outside Chapel, followed by afternoon tea in the Senior School.

The Prep School staff have thrown themselves in to life at the Prep School this year with their customary energy, enthusiasm and good humour and I would like to thank them all for their hard work.

I wish Year 6 lots of luck as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. I am so proud of them all and hope they keep in touch. I look forward to welcoming them back for their Sixth Form preppies lunch in seven years' time! I would also like to wish Mr Wicling, Mrs Michelin and Mrs Roberts-Lilley the best of luck for the future. I know you will all join me in wishing them all the best after Speech Day. All the pupils are now well deserving of a good break and to this end I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Laura Turner

Boarders News

For the final weekend of term, we were blessed with fantastic weather. On Saturday Mrs Summerson-Brown and Miss Strachan came over to the house and the Prep Boarders enjoyed time playing out around the site, including practising some of their tennis skills. Year 6 boarders, Frazer and Archie, took part in the Old Barnardians' Weekend by showing some of the former students around the Prep School and compared experiences of school life then and now. On Sunday, after attending the Old Barnardians' chapel service, it was time for Boarders' Fun Day. This was a great opportunity to join together with the older boarders for an afternoon of sports, fun on the inflatables and a BBQ. Some of the braver boarders even took advantage of the 'open-mic' night to perform a song or tell a joke. Overall it was a fantastic way to celebrate a great year in junior boarding.

Mr Robson



Ready to move up!

Reception class tried their hands at being Year 1 pupils on Monday morning this week, in preparation for their exciting move in September. They enjoyed an action packed morning with their new teachers and had a go at using the rather grown up blue trays for lunch in the dining hall. They had fun choosing their own lunch and were all super at using the trays! Well done Reception!

Mrs Rowlandson



Fun in the forest!

Year 5 had a fantastic time on Wednesday at Hamsterley Forest. The weather was perfect, albeit a little warm! The children were all able to put their map reading skills to the test when they completed the different courses set out for them. Alice, from OASES, was great with the children and set them lots of challenges throughout the day. At the end of the day, a much needed ice-cream was enjoyed by all. A lovely end to the year!



The Fab Four!

It is with great sadness that I write our last Year 4 report of the year. We have had so much fun this year starting with being Roman soldiers, turning the classrooms into rainforests as well as taking to the stage and, finally, exploring all things political! The children of Year 4 have continued to amaze and astound us with their humour, perseverance and work ethic and we wish them every success in their future adventures. I personally would like to thank Mr Wicling for three fabulous and extremely enjoyable years together in Year 4 and I will miss his dodgy accents and unending positivity! Have a lovely summer Year 4! **Miss White**



Sports News

Cricket Festival: U11

On Friday we hosted our first mixed cricket tournament. It started off on a small scale but all the children had a great afternoon. We have made a conscious effort to get more boys and girls playing the sport this year, with great success. Hopefully this will continue in years to come.

Cricket v Bow School: U11, U10

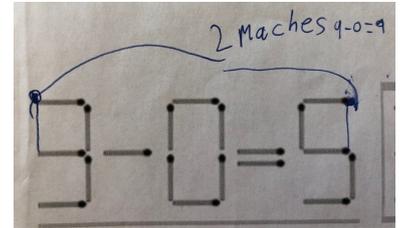
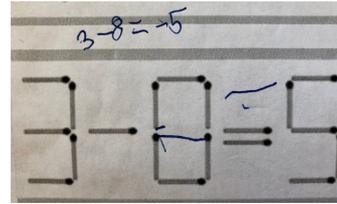
On Friday, we went to Bow School with the U11 and U10 teams. We had two very competitive games with a win and a loss. The U11s bowled first and a strong batting performance from the opposition meant that we were chasing a big total of 140 from 20 overs. In reply, Callum Gaffney (56), William Shaefer (16) and William Hutchinson (20) put us in a very strong position but a lower order collapse led to us being bowled out for 122 in an enthralling game. The U10s had greater success with a 4 run win. In this very close match, our batting and fielding certainly showed improvement from our performance against Yarm, which bodes well for next year.

Cricket v Sedbergh Juniors: U11, U9

We had our final match of the season on Wednesday as Sedbergh came to take on Barney. Putting them into bat, all of our players bowled two overs and put plenty of pressure on them. After a slow start they struck well late on to reach 89 in their 20 overs. In reply, we built strong partnerships and knocked off the total in 17 overs. The Under 9s did not replicate this victory but certainly gained a lot of experience and we have plenty of potential coming through for the future. **Mr Wicing**

Maths Puzzler

Congratulations to George Goad and Mila Johnson who both found brilliantly clever answers to the final puzzler of the year!



I hope you've all enjoyed playing along this year and I look forward to hearing all about the amazing maths you get up to over the summer. Just a quick reminder there is still time to book your place on the Jamboree!

Mr Ayres

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Teddies say cheese!

The Year 1 children had a wonderful time at Blue Reef Aquarium on Tuesday and it was lovely to see the whole of Pre-Prep playing on the beach together, building sandcastles and playing games. On Wednesday the fun continued with the Teddy Bears' picnic. The children enjoyed a magic show followed by a delicious lunch in the warm sunshine. I am so thankful for having such an amazing class in my first year as a teacher at Barnard Castle; they have taught me so much and made me laugh every day. I hope everyone has the most incredible summer holiday and I cannot wait to see all their smiling faces back at Barney in September.



The final countdown!

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting week, which is of course their last week in Pre-Prep! Throughout the week they have concentrated on finishing off their 'Moving on Challenges' and highlights were our visit to the Blue Reef Aquarium, the Teddy Bear's Picnic and End of Term Gathering. We felt very lucky to have such glorious weather for all these special events. I will certainly miss teaching this super class but know they are ready for the exciting challenges in Year 3. Have a super holiday Year 2 and I look forward to seeing you again in September!



Final flourish: eyes down for a full house!

Even though it's nearly the end of term, Year 6 children have been keeping as busy as ever. With the Achievement Award work at an end, they took to the skies – often upside down or spinning round – at Lightwater Valley, the end of year day of fun as a reward for all their efforts! A beautiful, sunny day ensured a good time was had by all. On Tuesday a change of scene, as we revisited Charles Dickens Lodge,

this time to play Bingo. Once again, the children thoroughly enjoyed chatting to the residents and it's safe to say they learnt a few 'tricks of the Bingo trade' from them. Well done to everyone for being such entertaining company!



Beautiful beetles!

The Year 3 children enjoyed putting the finishing touches to their scarab beetle designs in Art lessons this week.



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

George-Louis Boulton, Benjamin Pelly, Adam Lee, Leo Rokk, Ben Arnold, Fred Dullage, Dougie Ross, Lucy Willmsmore, Caitlyn McLean, Lilly Cassidy, William Jackson-Ward, Oona MacConachie, Theo Te Lintelo, Joel Morgan, Abygail Jameson, Edith Smart, Jessica Raper, Finley Cable-Jones, Tom Body, Sophie McGill, Olivia Bridges, Isabel Warren, Charlotte Owens, Matilda Owens, Kohana Armstrong, Lorcan O'Neill, Harriet Hatton, Sophia Hare, Olivia Harland, William Hutchinson, Henry Walder, Ellie Derrick, Joel Peart, Alex Banner, Harry Sinclair, Katy Sludds

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!

App of the Week

A challenge for you all this summer! Find some apps that you enjoy playing, that are free and have a bit of an educational spin and send me their names; I will feature them in the first newsletter next term and give you a mention for finding them. Happy and safe playing!

Miss White
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Fun in the sun!

You know summer has arrived when our Visiting Instrumental Teachers are enjoying outdoor teaching! Here is Mr Lawrance, our violin teacher, with Violet Heintz thinking about Grade 1 Sight Reading!



I do like to be beside the seaside!

Pre-Prep made the most of the beautiful weather this week. On Tuesday they all enjoyed a trip to Blue Reef Aquarium and the beach at Tynemouth. The children enjoyed a close look at the rock pool creatures and a fabulous seal show, before getting out buckets and spades and going for a splodge in the sea.

Mr Windbags the magician paid us his annual visit on Wednesday, as did a lot of fabulously furry creatures, for the Teddy Bears' Picnic. The children loved the magic show and then had a splendid picnic lunch outside in the shade.

It is a delight to spend this time with the children and these are fitting rewards for a year of hard work and exemplary behaviour. Well done to all the children and many thanks to the many staff who helped to supervise these events. **Mrs Bale**



End of Term Gathering Prizes

Congratulations to the following pupils on their end of term prizes:-

End of Term Special Mentions:

Flora Whitaker, Fenella Heagerty, Vivi Gledhill, Peter Stevenson, Georgina Chapman, Freydis Blake, Harry Milbank, Charlotte Owens, Freddie Harland, Matilda Owens, Jacob Thomas, Edwin Barwick, Isabel Fall, William Banner, Minnie Wilson, Dougie Ross, Bella Staley, Polly Heintz, Katy Sludds, Samuel Baker-Bird, Daniel Raper, Felicity Richardson, Seth Crisp, Isabelle Kerr

End of Term Prizes:

Music Cup	Scarlett Williams
Atherton Cup	Ethan Davis
Drama Cup	Rhys Jenkins
Drama Shield	Bea Dolby
Drama Certificates	Charles Appleyard
	Seth Crisp
	Henry Walder
Athletics Cup	Rhys Jenkins (boys)
	Thea Wilks (girls)
Athletics Certificates	Scarlett Hutchinson
Rounders Cup	Lydia Dixon
Rounders Shield	Celine Jolley
Rounders Certificates	Minnie Wilson
	Polly Heintz
	Scarlett Hutchinson
	Anna Metcalf
	Matilda Owens
	Olivia Hall
Swimming Cup	Clara Metcalfe
	Rhys James
Cricket Cup	Callum Gaffney
Cricket Shield	William Shaefer
Cricket Certificates	Tom Body
	Oscar Hewitt
	Edwin Barwick
	Theo Te Lintelo
	Joe Rutherford
	Freddie Whitaker
Boarding Prizes	Emily England
	Benjamin Loughney
Athletics Cup	Raleigh
Cricket Cup	Raleigh
Rounders Cup	Raleigh
Art Shield	Raleigh
Handwriting Cup	Gilbert
Pre-Prep Merit Prize	Reuben Hosking
Years 3 & 4 Merit Prize	Ella Turner
Years 5 & 6 Merit Prize	Felicity Richardson
Merit Shield for the Term	Raleigh

Forthcoming Events

June

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/>

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th July—Rec-Year 6—Activity Week 1
Mon 13th to Fri 17th Aug—Rec-Year 6—Activity Week 2

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

Awards This Week:

Merit Certificates:

James Harburn, Jack Baptist, Reuben Hosking, Alex Banner, Charlie Bridges, Archie Lanigan-O’Keeffe, Hugo Lanigan-O’Keeffe, Isla MacConachie, Peter Pelin, Toby Rutherford, Dexter Thomas, Henry Johnstone, Kieran Armstrong, Sophia Hare, Freddie Harland, Isla Morgan, William Watson, Freddie Whitaker, Joe Arnold, Luke Banner, Esme Berend, Tom Body, Emily Coggrave, Oscar Hewitt, Lewis Maunder-Brown, Oliver Stubbs, Jemima Burton, Zara Dobson, Emily England, Gus Living, Ned Michelin, Talitha Hayward, Daniel Raper, Felicity Richardson, Henry Walder, Thea Wilks, Annie Barker, Seth Crisp, Lydia Dixon, Bea Dolby, Rhys James, Rhys Jenkins, Isabelle Kerr, Clara Metcalfe, Lilly Cassidy, Olivia Harland, Harriet Hatton, Annabel Jackson, Arabella Milbank, Thomas Scott-Priestley, Theo Swan, Hugo Thompson, Freya Turner, Ed Wicling, 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, Alex Banner, Hetty Barwick, Freydis Blake, Charlie Bridges, Georgina Chapman, Matilda Chapman, Archie Lanigan-O’Keeffe, Hugo Lanigan-O’Keeffe, Adam Lee, Isla MacConachie, Rory Metcalf, Alexander Milbank, Peter Pelin, Leo Rukk, Toby Rutherford, Zara Scott-Priestley, Joseph Stephenson, Bertie Swan, Dexter Thomas, Freddie Wilks, Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Louise Newcombe, Charlotte Blenkinson, Liberty Forsyth, Matilda Owens, Joe Rutherford, Sofia Wilson, Oscar Bennett Collins, Bella Bland, Megan Brown, Violet Heintz, Henry Jenkinson, Sophie Winnard, Isabel Fall, Benjamin Loughney, Frankie Preston, George Goad, Kohana Armstrong, Samuel Baker-Bird, Ethan Davis, Oliver Dickinson, Callum Gaffney, Joseph Green, Talitha Hayward, Albie Kingsbury, Euan Metcalf, William Shaefer, Katy Sludds, Frazer Wallace, Scarlett Williams, Charles Appleyard, Matthew Collinson, Sian Davidson, Tabitha Hilsdon, Celine Jolley, Henry Manley, Lorcan O’Neill, Archie Pepper, Daniel Raper, Felicity Richardson, Archie Rickard, Thea Wilks, Annie Barker, Seth Crisp, Bea Dolby, William Hutchinson, Rhys Jenkins, Isabelle Kerr, Harry Maguire, Clara Metcalfe, Joel Peart, Freddie Ross-Mitchell, Shivraj Sehgal

Headmistress’s Commendations:

Hugo Lanigan-O’Keeffe
Rory Metcalf
Toby Rutherford
Rocco Catellani
Tilly Gray
Olivia Hall
Louise Newcombe
Matilda Owens
Alfie Simpson
Ella Turner
Bella Bland
Violet Heintz
Joe Rutherford
Alexander Howard
William Watson

Well done!

