



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing half term; I have certainly enjoyed hearing about the wonderful adventures the children have had. We were delighted that Prep School Sports Day went ahead, despite the only day of miserable weather in May, and this was a fitting way to conclude the first half. The athletics was of a high standard and the broad range of events were keenly contested. The children performed with a competitive and sporting spirit. Well done to all the children in Years 3 to 6 for their endeavours. I would also like to thank the staff, and in particular Mr Wicling, for organising and overseeing such a big event. I am also grateful to all those parents who baked cakes and biscuits for the Barney Friends' refreshments tent and to those who gave up their time to oversee operations. Our Pre-Prep Sports Day is fast approaching (Thursday 21st June) and I know Barney Friends would be grateful if parents could help support the refreshments tent on this occasion as well.

We are all looking forward to the Years 5 and 6 Play 'Rock Bottom'. This week has provided the first opportunity for the children to actually get onto the stage to rehearse and therefore there has been a comprehensive rehearsal schedule to ensure they are ready for the performances next Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June. To help with arrangements all those children performing will stay for tea at school next Tuesday and Wednesday. The play will run for approximately an hour and fifteen minutes without interval and therefore children can be picked up from Central Hall in the Senior School at 8:15pm.

The School Councillors and their classes have also been very busy preparing for the Summer Fete that has been organised by Barney Friends. We would be delighted to see everyone there with friends and family on Saturday 16th June from 1pm till 4pm. There are many exciting stalls, events and competitions and an information sheet has been sent home with all children this week. Please do take time to read it and help wherever you can.

This is a very busy and short term, with many events taking place. I strongly encourage you to read the updated calendar that features at the back of the newsletter each week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Laura Turner

Boarders News

The boarders returned to Old Courts on Sunday evening in high spirits with exciting tales from their half-term adventures with their families. It has been wonderful to witness how the new boarders, in particular, have grown in independence and confidence over the year.

We love to celebrate good news in Old Courts and we were thrilled to celebrate with Ben and his family upon the birth of his sister, Lily.

We have our own new addition at Old Courts – a lovely locally-sourced picnic bench. We were able to christen it this week with an outdoor supper!

Mr Robson



Cupcake day!

School Council would like to thank all children, parents and staff for contributing to their final fundraising event of the year. The pupils loved nibbling away on their delicious cupcakes, provided by our school kitchen on Wednesday. The event has raised a total of £137 for Alzheimer's Society.
Miss Strachan

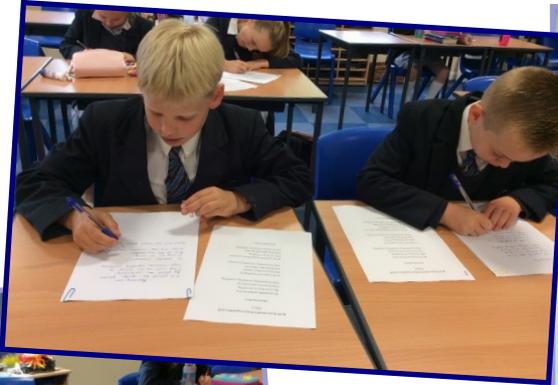


Sports Day

On the Friday before we broke up for half term we had our annual Sports Day for pupils in Years 3 to 6. Having had a glorious spell of weather up to that point, we were all very hopeful for another scorcher, oh how we were let down! The rains began and gradually closed in to thoroughly dampen the spectators but not the competitive nature of the athletes. I was extremely impressed by the attitude of the children who continued to run, throw and jump (and tug) with such enthusiasm. There were some outstanding performances and a nail biting climax which saw Raleigh come out winners by the smallest margin ahead of Gilbert. A massive thank you to all the staff involved and we will keep you informed of the Tug-of-War final which will be contested at an appropriate time. **Mr Wicling**

Amazing adverts!

Year 5 have thrown themselves into the final week of rehearsals for the Play 'Rock Bottom'. In addition to



this they have completed their entries for the House Handwriting Competition and designed some fantastic adverts for selling their Viking longhouses.

For Sale



This viking house is one of the best houses in history it has a fire in the centre which you can cook food on, quite a lot of lumps on the walls the beds hanging from the walls with cushions and heather, we have animal skin carpets and rugs to make it comfortable and at the end of the house we have lots of space for animals.

It's a wrap!

Year 3 have been going mummy-mad this week, constructing tombs, making Modroc mummies and even some life size ones too!



Barney Friends

The countdown has begun to our **Prep School Summer Fete on Saturday 16th June, from 1pm-4pm.** We do hope as many children, parents, siblings and family members will join us for the afternoon. Pupils will be hosting a range of stalls that they've helped devise and there will be lots of other attractions and refreshments. We're still accepting donations for stalls – more information on the sheet attached to this week's email – which can be left in the marked boxes at the main entrance to Prep School. We're also taking entries now for our children's Photography and Design a Potion competitions – photographs can be left in the Art Room and Mrs Morse has special entry forms for our Potion creators. All entries need to be in by next Friday. We hope bakers are busy perfecting their recipes for the Great Barney Bake Off – parents please note, you can enter too! More information on all the Fete Competitions is attached. PS. Thanks to everyone who contributed delicious bakes for Sports Day – they went down very well with a hot cuppa on a wet afternoon. The same donations will be gratefully received for **Pre-Prep Sports on Thursday 21st June.**

We're going on a minibeast hunt!

Year 2 are studying 'Habitats' this term and thoroughly enjoyed going on a minibeast hunt. They had a key to follow and the variety of creatures that they managed to find in a relatively small space was quite amazing! The Reception garden was a complete treasure trove and the children were delighted by their finds amongst the rotting wood, rocks and mud. Back in the classroom we compared results and discussed why different minibeasts were found in different micro habitats. Our next challenge is to design a wildlife area which will incorporate a range of different habitats to welcome a wide variety of creatures. The children already have lots of imaginative ideas!



Reading in the sun!

Year 4 took to the quiet area this week, taking full advantage of the sunshine during English lessons. Every week we read to each other in pairs to improve both our speaking and listening skills. The children really enjoy being the teacher and writing in each other's reading records. After our session

this week we gathered in the sunshine to read a chapter of our group texts, 'Beast Quest' and 'The Beak Speaks' which are proving to be a massive hit with all!



Creepy Crawly Café!

The children have had an exciting start to their last half term in Reception with the arrival of our Creepy Crawly Café! They have been making meals and taking orders of spider pizza and grasshopper soup as well as reading about The Hungry Caterpillar. The role play area has encouraged the children to think



further about the different minibeasts we come across every day and has opened up an array of different vocabulary for the children. We are crawling with enthusiasm in Reception!



Money, money, money!

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed learning about money in Maths this week. They worked hard recognising coins and notes and started to make amounts of money using the different coins. They particularly enjoyed using silver, copper and gold coloured pens to do coin rubbings.



Just my bag!

Mrs Small is still keen to collect plastic bags, especially different colours, as part of Year 4's recycling in Art and Technology lessons. Please feel free to donate any carrier bags that you no longer need to the Art Room. Thank you!



Sports News

Cricket v Polam Hall: U10

On Tuesday the U10 team hosted Polam Hall School for two cricket games. For the more experienced players, we had a close victory with some aggressive running between the wickets and striking. On the other pitch the boys showed an improved technique both when batting and bowling. They lost the first game but learnt from it and played much better to win the second match. Overall, a very positive experience for all the Year 5 boys.

Cricket Festival at Bow: U9

Yesterday the U9s went to Bow School for a Cricket Festival. We had two 6-a-side teams with three other schools. The A team lost to Newcastle Prep School and had an excellent win against Yarm before coming up against an extremely strong Bow side. The B team didn't win any matches but had a great afternoon where lots of exciting cricket was played. We look forward to our next fixture. **Mr Wicing**

Trinity Evensong

This year's Trinity Evensong marked a significant change from previous years. The aim this year was to produce a huge 'sing fest' with the whole school raising the roof, and they certainly did so! The traditional Evensong, found in Cathedrals, in which the equivalent of Harmony Choir lead most of the service (as we have performed in previous Trinity Evensongs) became a thing of the past and a much more modern repertoire was also included. The joy that our children in Junior Choir, Harmony Choir and the whole school have when singing wonderful material really showed and the future of Evensong, a service that used to be found weekly in Parish Churches but that is now rarely heard, is certainly thriving at Barney.

Dr Harrison

That takes the biscuit!

As part of their topic on 'Evolution and Inheritance', Year 6 has been studying famous scientists such as Charles Darwin, Alfred Wallace, and Mary Anning. Not only have they learnt about their background and early life, specific area of interest, theories or finds of note, controversies, but also their impact on modern scientific thinking. As a fun follow up, the children have looked at the evolution of the biscuit! Five different biscuits: Which are closely related? What common 'ancestral' features appeared along the way? Additional ingredients ... Layers... Chocolate coating. I'm sure that all the children will enjoy eating the biscuits at the end of their research!



App of the Week

OFFSET!



This is one of NASA's latest educational game—OFFSET! Take matters into your own hands and help cut back on carbon emissions to slow the pace of global warming. This game is challenging, exciting, and educational. Players learn how the global carbon cycle works, about different sources of carbon, and about the ways alternative energy and reforestation can help offset those sources. This is a super app for budding scientists who want to learn more.



Awards This Week:

Merit Certificates:

Fenella Heagerty, Freydis Blake,
Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Isla MacConachie,
Rory Metcalf, Toby Rutherford, Zara Scott-Priestley,
Bertie Swan, Kohana Armstrong, Samuel Baker-Bird,
Ethan Davis, Oliver Dickinson, Callum Gaffney,
Albie Kingsbury, William Shaefer, Frazer Wallace,
Scarlett Williams, Charles Appleyard, Sian Davidson,
Tabitha Hilsdon, Henry Manley, Lorcan O'Neill,
William Hutchinson, Harry Maguire, Joel Peart,
Shivraj Sehgal, Lilly Cassidy, Teddy Hall,
James Harburn, Olivia Harland, Harriet Hatton,
Annabel Jackson, Arabella Milbank, Isabelle Shield,
Edith Smart, Theo Swan, Freya Turner,
Francesca Wilks, Reuben Hosking,
Oona MacConachie, Caitlyn McLean,
Sophie Richardson, Tom Staley, Megan Sunley,
Hetty Barwick, Georgina Chapman,
Matilda Chapman, Alexander Milbank, Leo Rökk,
Dexter Thomas, Freddie Wilks,
Nathan Willoughby-Brown, Charlotte Owens,
Dominick Armstrong, Thomas Scott-Priestley,
Hugo Thompson, Flora Whitaker, Ed Wicling,
Jack Baptist, Fiore Catellani, Joel Morgan,
Lucy Willsmore, Alex Banner, Charlie Bridges,
Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Adam Lee,
Joseph Stephenson

Forthcoming Events

June

- Fri 8 HMC Athletics at Gateshead Stadium:
U11, U10, U9: 11am
- Mon 11 Year 5 & 6 Play Dress Rehearsal, 1:30pm
Rounders v Durham High: U9 (A), 2:30pm
- Tues 12 Year 5 & 6 Play 'Rock Bottom', Big School, 7pm
**All Year 5 & 6 pupils stay at school for
tea and can be collected from the Senior
School Central Hall at 8:15pm**
- Wed 13 Barney Friends' Meeting, Clarendon's, 8:45am
Reception and Year 6 medical screening
Year 5 & 6 Play 'Rock Bottom', Big School, 7pm
**All Year 5 & 6 pupils stay at school for
tea and can be collected from the Senior
School Central Hall at 8:15pm**
- Thurs 14 Year 6 trip to Beamish
- Fri 15 HMC Cricket at Woodhouse Grove: U11, 11am
HMC Rounders at Pocklington: U11, 11am
Cricket (6-a-side) Tournament: U11B (H), 1pm
Tennis at Mowden Hall: U8, 2pm
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**

Please note changes to the calendar in red

Maths Puzzler

We had some fantastic solutions to the last puzzler. Mila Johnson can blink her eye 136 times, smash 42 eggs with a hammer and, perhaps most impressively, can eat 192 redcurrant berries! Perhaps the best puzzler answer I've had all year was from George Goad who set himself the target of solving a pyramix in 43 seconds—no easy feat. After persevering through many, many attempts he got his time further and further down until finally he achieved his goal! Please click the link below to see George's brilliant efforts and the result of setting a goal and never giving up.

<https://vimeo.com/273677931/9974fd31fb>

This week I'd like you to add up all the numbers in this newsletter (including this puzzler!). Numbers as words don't count but phone numbers can be split i.e. 01234 567890 would already put us on 569124. What number will you end up with?

Good luck!

Mr Ayres

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