



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

It was good to spookily welcome everybody back to school this week on Halloween, rested and raring to go. Parent/teacher consultations started to take place before half term and will continue again into next week. These meetings provide a good opportunity for parents to discuss their child's academic progress and they are useful in building positive relationships between home and school.

The Travelling Book Fair has arrived and the children have enjoyed looking at all the different books on offer and sharing what they have purchased with their friends today. The fair will be open after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday should parents wish to come along and purchase any books with their child for Christmas. The more books we sell, the more books school will benefit.

Our whole school topic 'We Will Remember' has been a tremendous success with all the children and some high quality work in all subjects has been produced; I hope you will enjoy seeing the various art projects the children have been working on around school next week. This Monday is, of course, our themed curriculum day, where children will have the opportunity to come dressed up in costume of that era and take part in some very special activities, including a hearty trench stew on the field. Our whole school Remembrance Service for all staff and pupils will take place next Friday morning in front of our School Chapel.

I do hope you can join us for a great night and compete for the famous Seddon Shield at the Barney Friends' Quiz on Friday 16th November at 7pm with quiz masters Mr Ayres and Miss White. This has always proved to be a highly enjoyable evening and all adults are welcome; there will be plenty of opportunities to join a team on the night. I do hope you have a lovely weekend.

Laura Turner

Boarders' News

After relaxing with family and friends over the half-term, the junior boarders returned to Old Courts on Tuesday evening in high spirits. Twenty-four hours later they were in even higher spirits, no doubt fuelled by the sugar intake following a successful trick-or-treat circuit of the staff homes on campus! The boarders went to a lot of trouble with their costumes and they all looked great (and scary!). A big thank you to all the families who generously provided goodies for them as well as the senior boarder helpers. Earlier in the evening there was a Halloween themed 'family dinner' complete with traditional apple-bobbing and a quiz.

Mr Robson



We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Sofia Wilson
Annabel Jackson

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!

Super scrapbooks

Year 3 came back to school after a well-earned rest very excited to share all of their half term news. There was a real buzz in the air in our corner of the school! The children enjoyed exchanging stories of holidays, trips out and visits to family by describing events and presenting holiday scrapbooks with friends. Thank you for sharing your experiences with us.



Creative commemorations

Over the half term holiday, the children in Year 2 were given a challenge to create something connected to our WW1 Centenary Commemorations. On Wednesday morning I couldn't believe my eyes when a vast array of wonderful creations began to appear; hidden in shoe boxes and carrier bags! The children proudly showed me medals, planes, moving tanks, stories, drawings, allotments, munitions, research and a whole variety of intricately constructed trenches. These were made from soil, clay, Lego, sticks, cardboard and even tea-bags and were all very different! The amount of work and research that has gone into these creations is quite awe inspiring and I know that in many cases they were designed and constructed as family projects. These wonderful models will be displayed in the Atkinson Hall and the children's drawings and written work can be found outside 2P's classroom.



Prep School Book Fair

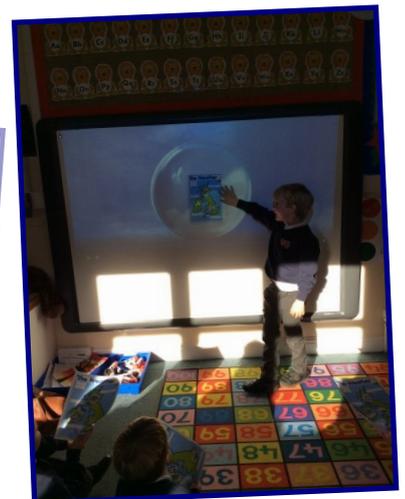
As a reminder, parents are welcome into school to purchase books this afternoon, Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th November from 3.45–4.45pm, in or near the Atkinson Hall on these days.

Please start your Christmas shopping here: the more books sold, the more Prep School benefits from a wide-ranging choice of free books for school. We hope to see you at the fair!



Adding adjectives

Year 1 have come back to school with a bang! The children are energised after their half term holiday and enthusiastic to tackle all the work set! We have been concentrating on adding adjectives to our writing and looked at the book 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'. The children described the pictures in pairs and wrote interesting sentences using nouns and adjectives. They enjoyed going to the Book Fair today and have continued to enjoy the work we have completed on WW1.



Having a go!

These concerts are a Barney Prep speciality: a totally voluntary pupil organised event. As ever, pupils organised themselves impeccably, choosing their pieces and preparing them themselves and then sharing them with a friendly audience! We had a range of pieces from own compositions to Queen, from modern pop bands to musicals, from traditional folk songs to classical pieces. If ever there could be such a thing as a musical collage in terms of instruments and styles, this is it. Some pupils were as young as Year 2 and had been playing for a few weeks and others were very experienced. The results were wonderful. We cannot wait for next year's events as they really reveal the range of talent and enthusiasm that our pupils have for making fabulous artistic sound! **Dr Harrison**



Cavernous cubes!

In Geography we have been looking at caves and how they are formed. The children had great fun using sugar cubes and warm water to see what happens to rocks in order to create some wonderful caverns underground. Collaborative work was needed to follow the instructions and work as a team to get the best results. Each group took photographs to evidence their findings.



Creating care packages

Year 6 have been exploring the 'Remembrance' theme through learning about, and trying to replicate, the care packages sent to soldiers and prisoners of war. During the War the British Red Cross and the Order of St John worked together, co-ordinating relief for British prisoners of war. The standard emergency parcel contained:

- three tins of beef
- 1/4 pound of tea
- 1/4 pound of cocoa
- two pounds of biscuits
- two tins of cheese or loaf goods
- one tin of dripping
- two tins of milk
- 50 cigarettes



The Maths element of this project included converting imperial measures to metric, making and packing biscuits and constructing boxes and tins from 'nets'. The pupils greatly enjoyed this project (particularly eating the biscuits that did not quite pass quality control!) but at the same time, appreciating how much these packages would have meant to the soldiers of WW1.

Cabbage Patch Kids!

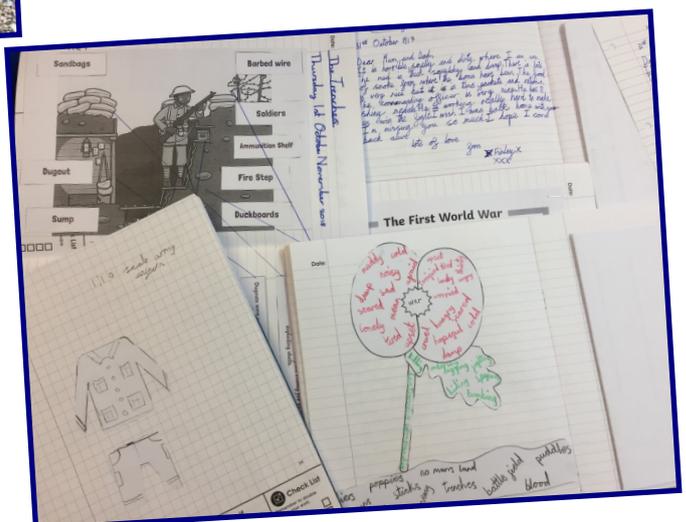
Reception have started talking about rationing and where our food comes from. The children guessed that the Brussels sprouts that they had had for lunch came from a vegetable patch and then went to see if they could



find some on the Prep School patch. They also recognised pumpkins (although they were green!), green beans and the more eagle-eyed spotted some carrots poking out of the soil!

Uniform lessons!

In Year 4, 'World War I and Remembrance' has been a theme throughout most lessons. The pupils have completed their work creating exact 1:10 scale uniform based on personal measurements, and have been doing code breaking activities in Maths. In English, they have been writing letters from the trenches, discussing key words associated with war to create a poppy, colour-coded with nouns, verbs and adjectives as well as labelling trench diagrams and understanding key terms. In PSHCEE we watched the end of the film 'Gallipoli' and discussed the impact of war on relationships, and discussed how difficult it must have been for soldiers to lose their comrades and friends.



Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Alia Saunders, Hugo Manners, James Nath,
Annabel Jackson, Harriet Hatton,
Thomas Scott-Priestley, Fiore Catellani,
Reuben Hosking, Leo Rokk, Zara Scott-Priestley,
Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Isla MacConachie,
Liberty Flounders, Louise Newcombe, Henry Johnstone,
Matilda Owens, Mila Johnson, George-Louis Boulton,
Henry Jenkinson, Isabel Fall, Mirabelle Harrison,
Niamh Hennessy, Tom Body, Lauren Baxter,
Joe Arnold, Luke Banner, Minnie Wilson, Jonny Royle

Merit Certificates:

Harrison Hutton, William Jones, Jemima Burton,
Zara Dobson, Abygail Jameson, Daisy Allison,
Fenella Heagerty, Pia Willcocks, Oliver Barrass,
Jessie Burgess, Hugo Manners, Alia Saunders,
Carter Wake, Annabel Jackson, Freya Turner,
Archie Walder, Isla Durban, Oona MacConachie

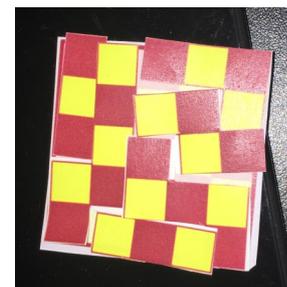
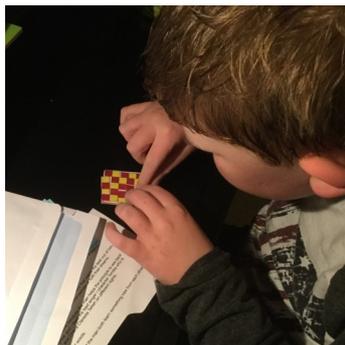
Headmistress's Commendations:

Oliver Barrass
Lily Shearn
Toby Rutherford
Ellie Derrick
Emily England
Saffron Flounders
Poppy Hendrix
Molly Rendall x 2
Minnie Wilson
Sienna Lawson

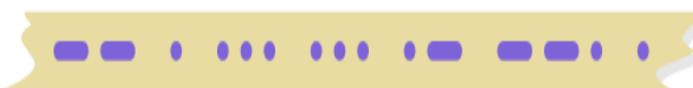
Well done!

Maths Puzzler

Congratulations to George Goad, Mila Johnson and everyone else who worked on the last puzzler.



This week I'd like to know what the following symbols translate to:



Good luck!

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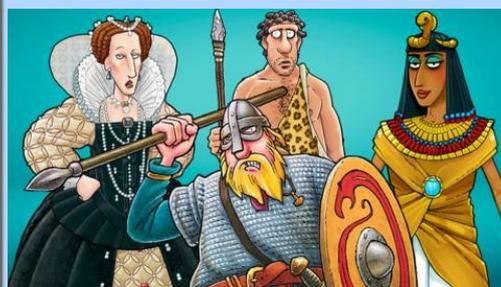


App of the Week

CBBC Horrible Histories Gruesome-Game-A-Thon

I know my class love Horrible Histories and this app seems like a great way to learn and play at the same time! The app allows you to travel through time and visit eras such as the Vile Victorians, Rotten Romans and Awful Egyptians playing some of the funniest and yuckiest mini-games throughout history.

Miss White
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Forthcoming Events

November

- Fri 2 Hockey v Pocklington: U11, U10 (A), 2pm
Rugby v Pocklington: U11, U10 (A), 2pm
Pupils visit Book Fair in classes during the day
Book Fair open to parents, 3:45-4:45pm
- Mon 5 Remembrance Theme Day for pupils
Pupils to come in WW1 dress please!
Book Fair open to parents, 3:45-4:45pm
- Tues 6 Year 5 & 6 Science Quiz, Moorlands School
Reception, Years 2 & 3 Parents' Evening
Book Fair open to parents, 3:45-4:45pm
- Wed 7 Years 1, 5 & 6 Parents' Evening
Book Fair open to parents, 3:45-4:45pm
- Thurs 8 County Cup Hockey: U11 (H), 1pm
Tag Rugby at Durham School: U8, 1:30pm
- Fri 9 School Remembrance Day Parade for pupils

Sideline



Reflecting on the first half term, there have been many sporting successes to celebrate, both inside and outside school. Sports performers of the week have thoroughly deserved the accolade. From a school sports perspective, the highlight of the first half term for me was the U10 girls winning The Seddon Cup for Hockey in convincing style. The thing I have been most proud of has been the participation levels, with opportunity for all pupils within a year group to participate. As I have said previously, this is something that pupils should be immensely proud of. Whether playing for 'A' or 'B' teams, all individuals are developing skills in a competitive environment and from what I have seen, are representing the school with pride.

One thing that I would like to see change in is how we perceive 'A' and 'B' team selection, and a change of mind-set (for some) as to how pupils and parents view 'B' team selection. For me, being selected for the 'B' team, even if previously selected for the 'A' team, can give a pupil a chance to excel against weaker competition and also gain in confidence. It can also give players more time to demonstrate skills they may not have been able to show when representing the 'A' team. Furthermore, one pupil playing for a 'B' instead of 'A' team may allow a space and an opportunity for another pupil to play for the 'A' team instead of 'B' and to see how they cope in more pressurised situations. Most importantly though, I think that the occasional 'setback' (for some) of being selected for a 'B' as opposed to 'A' team can help build resilience in an individual if they are to look to improve as a performer. As a school we need to ensure that we provide equal opportunities for all pupils to improve and this is something that we will continually strive for in terms of numbers of fixtures for both 'A' and 'B' teams.

Having previously attended Barnard Castle School, I recall being selected for the 'B' Rugby team at Under 12 level, yet by Under 16 age category I was representing County Durham. To give a more recent example, I was delighted to see a Prep School boy who was selected for a Rugby 'B' team near the start of the season go on to perform for the 'A' team in a tournament and be awarded 'player of the day'. The mentality of the individual concerned was superb as he never looked despondent about 'B' team selection, but played exceptionally well when representing the school and made it clear to staff that he ought to be representing the 'A' team.

I do not see any reason why, given plenty of hours of purposeful practice and a determination to continually improve, a 'B' team performer in Prep School could not go on to play at an exceptionally high standard as an adult. This is the mentality that I hope all pupils and parents will embrace and I hope that you support me in creating this ethos.

If any parent does experience a child upset that they have not been selected for a specific team, please relay the messages above and feel free to contact me. We will endeavour to ensure that we give your child the same message and some ideas on areas for development.

Thank you.

Martin Burgess
Head of PE and Games
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Forthcoming fixtures:

Friday 2nd November: U10 and U11 (**all Year 5 and 6 pupils**) Hockey and Rugby v Pocklington - away - 2pm. We aim to return to Barnard Castle at approximately 5:20pm – **not in time to catch school buses home.**

Thursday 8th November: U11 County Cup Hockey - home - 1pm

Thursday 8th November: U8 Tag Rugby at Durham School - 1:30pm. Pupils will be back in time for school buses.

As always, parents are welcome to come and support any of our fixtures.



'We Will Remember'

On Monday 5th November, Barnard Castle Prep School will be transported back one hundred years to remember all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

This will be a chance for the children to dress up, re-live the past and enjoy some exciting planned activities.

Will they be a soldier, a marine, a nurse, an evacuee or a historical figure of that time? The choice is theirs!

It is set to be an action packed day for them all and a great opportunity to learn more about life in the past as we commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One.

