



BARNARD CASTLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# The Barney Buzz

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## Headmistress's News

The children have had a super day, raising money throughout break times today for Children in Need. My thanks to the School Councillors for organising such a wonderful day.

This week has been anti-bullying week and we have addressed issues to do with aspects of bullying and cyber-bullying through our assembly programme. It is important for all schools to promote positive behaviour and this has enabled us to reinforce teaching and learning with regard to the prevention of bullying. We endeavour to create an atmosphere in the school where it is unacceptable to be mean and this is central to the principles of 'The Barney Way'. We have taken a positive stance, fostering the understanding that all members of our community have a role to play in maintaining Barney as the happy and friendly place that we enjoy today. On the subject of community, we have always enjoyed the excellent support of the parent body and I do hope that parents will be joining us for the Barney Friends' Quiz this evening at 7pm in the Atkinson Hall. This annual event is an enjoyable and sociable occasion and I look forward to seeing you there for an evening of fun!

Next week, we are beginning our annual Mathematics focus with our House Maths Week at the Prep School. The children will have the opportunity to be involved in solving a variety of mathematical and logical puzzles throughout the week and I know that Mr Ayres has planned some wonderful activities to complete with the children.

With only 38 days until Christmas Day, preparations are already well underway for our school Christmas events. I have attached further details of our Christmas programme at the end of this newsletter with all the information necessary to help parents plan ahead. Most importantly, please could parents return the pantomime visit reply slip indicating their preferred pick-up arrangements as soon as possible, and before Friday 30th November, so that we can arrange transport.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Laura Turner**

## Boarders' News

Last Friday evening the junior boarders participated in some classic parlour games such as pass-the-parcel and sleeping lions. On Saturday Mrs Summerson-Brown joined the prep boarders for the morning and they enjoyed a trip into town (and the obligatory trip to Shiril's Shakes!). In the afternoon it was a chance to relax and play some table games with Mrs Priestley including Pictionary and Jenga as well as making their own ice-cream sundaes – which went down a treat. On Saturday evening some of the junior boarders joined their parents at the special commemoration dinner for armed forces families. They all looked fantastic in their 'mess dress'. Sunday morning saw a more reflective tone as we all attended both the school and town Remembrance Day events which were both poignant and moving occasions.

**Mr Robson**



## What did the Romans ever do for us?

Our main topic for this term has a historical slant and is based upon the 'Roman Empire'. Our homework tasks for the whole term are taking this as inspiration. Many children have been extremely creative with their endeavours. The pictures alongside show a small sample of the hard work being carried out at home. If you are interested, please feel free to pop up to Year 4 after school one day to see what else they have been making!

### Extended Care

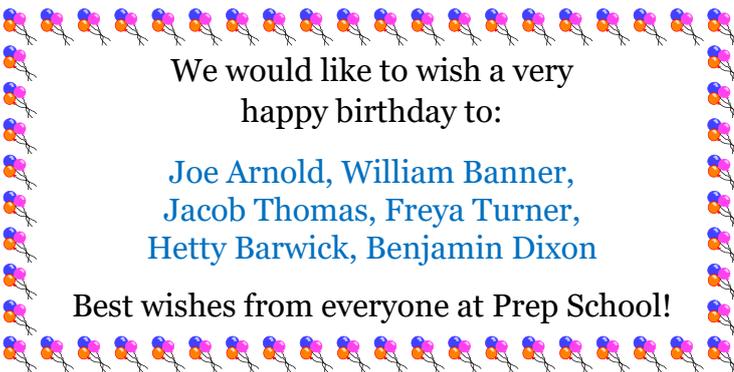
As a reminder, Mr Killeen's extended care provision runs every week night until 7pm with the following activities:

- Monday—Sports and Games
- Tuesday—Swimming (*pick up at school pool*)
- Wednesday—Board Games
- Thursday—Arts and Crafts
- Friday—Movie Night

If your child would like to take part, please book them in with Mrs Morse. Pupils should be collected from Prep School unless they are taking part in Swimming on Tuesdays.



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We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Joe Arnold, William Banner,  
Jacob Thomas, Freya Turner,  
Hetty Barwick, Benjamin Dixon

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!

### Uniform and kit

To alleviate the number of items not finding their way to the right home or ending up in lost property, please can we ask that all items of uniform and kit are clearly named and checked on a regular basis. Thank you!

### Lots of Lovely Labels!

Reception class are very proud of their new writing skills and this week they cannot stop labelling things! A few of the labels they have created are 'squares' for the shape table, 'no more toys' for our toy shop role play area and reading area. So if you come in to see us, beware you will be labelled!



### Preparing with Paddington!

Year 3 are continuing their Paddington adventures this week. They have been writing haikus inspired by this entertaining bear and look forward to sharing some of these in their upcoming 'Year 3 Art Evening' on Wednesday 28th November at 6:30pm; we hope to see you there!

They have also been doing some paired reading - Mrs Shearn and Miss Strachan enjoyed hearing the laughter as they got further into this story!



## Making memories!

Year 1 have been exploring the story of 'Rama and Sita' as part of their work on Diwali. After reading the story, they worked in groups to

sequence it. The children have also enjoyed collecting items for their memory boxes and sharing their memories with the class. In Science we started our work on mini beasts and went on a mini beast hunt around the school, using magnifying glasses to help us spot the tiny creatures in all manner of places!



## Super swimming skills!

This week during their swimming lessons, some of the children have thoroughly enjoyed wearing their pyjamas in the pool for some life saving fun! They have been treading water, signalling for help and retrieving bricks from the bottom of the pool, whilst others have continued working on their stroke techniques and water confidence.

Great work Year 2!



## What a challenge!

This week pupils in Years 5 and 6 took on the Primary Maths Challenge. Aimed at the top 20% of pupils, we were proud to enter our largest number of pupils to date. The challenge is designed to stretch pupils and develop their mathematical comprehension through fun and thought provoking problems.

I was really pleased with how pupils approached the task and the way they have developed their skills over recent weeks. We will await the results with baited breath!

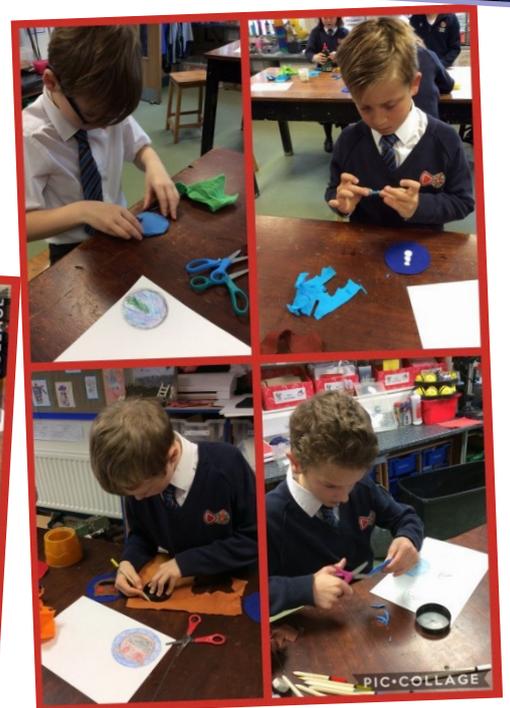
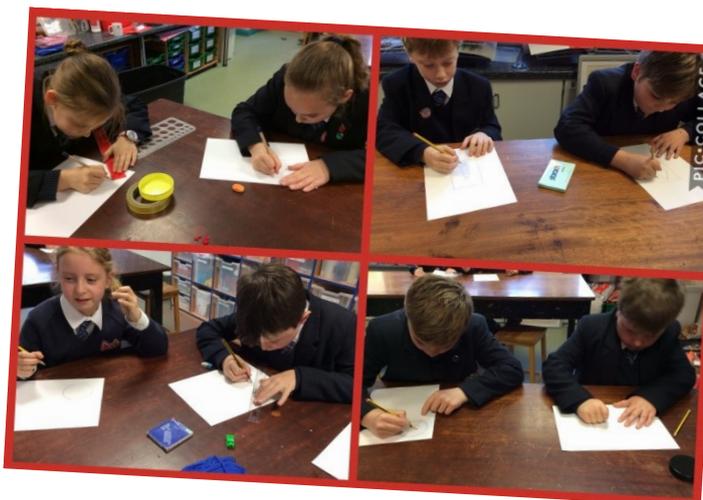


## Christmas is coming!

Year 5 have started their Christmas preparations this week. It has become a tradition that they design and make decorations for the tree in the foyer outside the kitchen and in Art and Technology lessons they have been busy finalising their designs and transforming them into felt baubles. There are some wonderful ideas complete with sequins and sparkles in true Christmas style!

Pupils will be putting their sewing skills to the test over the next few weeks and I can't wait to see the finished decorations covering the Prep School Christmas tree.

Mrs Small



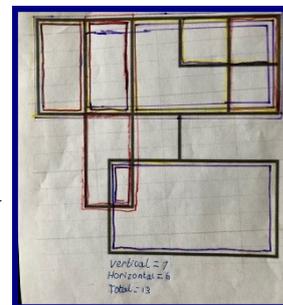
## Headmistress's Commendations:

Freya Turner  
 Liberty Forsyth  
 Charlotte Owens  
 Sofia Wilson  
 Isobel Heagerty  
 Frankie Preston  
 Benjamin French  
 Abygail Jameson  
 Minnie Wilson  
 Isaac Binks  
 Toby Willsmore  
 Edith Smart  
 Lucy Willsmore  
 Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe  
 George Swinbank  
 Harry Westgarth  
 Elodie Lavery  
 Thomas Scott-Priestley

**Well done!**

## Maths Puzzler

Merits to Mila Johnson, Benjamin French and George Goad who all looked for rectangles in the image I gave you in last week's puzzler. Mila found the most with 13 but I was very impressed with all the different ways you chose to record your answers.



This week I'd like you to tackle a different problem. A prison holds 78 prisoners and has 4 cells on 4 sides. Every cell has a different number of prisoners in it (1,2,3, ... up to 12 - the best behaved ones). Can you arrange the prisoners so that each side only has 25 prisoners on it. Have a go, if you are stuck, come and see me or one of our helpful Year 6s who tackled this in their Hall Maths session.




Good luck!

**Mr Ayres**

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## App of the Week

### ArtifactSnatch



Inspired by our work in Year 4 on the Romans – a history themed app of the week! This free app allows children to learn about the Romans whilst playing! The idea is to steal the artefacts before the time runs out. How many artefacts can you identify before time expires?

**Miss White**

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## Awards This Week:

### Special Mention Certificates:

Oliver Barrass, Lily Shearn, Fenella Heagerty, Isabelle Shield, Dominick Armstrong, Olivia Harland, Caitlyn McLean, Tom Staley, Georgina Chapman, Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Rory Metcalf, Matilda Chapman, Sophia Hare, William Watson, Kieran Armstrong, Tilly Gray, Harry Forrester, Gus Coggrave, Oscar Lawson, Oscar Bennett Collins, Isabel Warren, Alex Metcalfe, Dougie Ross, Abygail Jameson, Lucy Harburn, Benjamin French, Oscar Hewitt, Esme Berend

### Merit Certificates:

Isaac Binks, Juliette Harper-Wilkes, John Turnbull, Dominick Armstrong, Alex Banner, George Swinbank, Gus Coggrave, Harry Forrester, Ramneek Khokhar, Jacob Thomas, Oscar Bennett Collins, Isabel Fall, Isobel Heagerty, Benjamin Pelly, Millie Tague, Edwin Barwick, Fred Dullage, Tom Body, Dougie Ross, Joe Arnold, Oliver Barrass, Jessie Burgess, Hugo Manners, Alia Saunders, Carter Wake, Fenella Heagerty, Olivia Harland, Thomas Scott-Priestley, Frankie Wilks, Jack Baptist, Finley Cable-Jones, Fiore Catellani, Isla Durban, Oona MacConachie, Megan Sunley, Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Liberty Forsyth, Kieran Armstrong, Evie Durban, Alexander Howard, Henry Johnstone, Lavender Lawson, Matilda Owens, Freddie Whitaker, Sofia Wilson, Mila Johnson, Sophie Winnard, Ellie Derrick, Jake Lawson, Joseph Robin Truss, Freya Turner, Pia Willcocks, Elodie Lavery, Arabella Milbank, Freydis Blake, Adam Lee, Hannah Lynn, Alexander Milbank, Freddie Wilks, William Jackson-Ward, Emily Coggrave, Lucy Harburn, Matthew Burgess, Toby Gent, Oscar Hewitt, Theo Tweddle

## Forthcoming Events

### November

Fri 16	<b>Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need</b> <b>Year 2 trip to National Glass Centre, Sunderland</b> Barney Friends' Quiz, Atkinson Hall, 7pm
Mon 19	House Maths Week Year 3 & 4 House Hockey & Rugby, 2:15pm
Wed 21	Hockey v Mowden Hall: U11, U10, U9 (H), 3pm Rugby v Mowden Hall: U11, U10, U9 (H), 3pm
Fri 23	North Semi-Final Hockey: U11 (H), 1pm Orienteering at Polam Hall: U11, 1:30pm
Sat 24	Exeat Weekend
Sun 25	Exeat Weekend



## Sideline



### **Sports performer of the week:**

On one previous occasion, I gave 'sports performer of the week' award to a team: U10 Girls Hockey, following their victory in The Seddon Cup. As the Barney Buzz 'went to press' last week, I was delighted to report that the U11 girls won the County Cup for Hockey. As such, this week I am awarding them sports performers of the week. The girls fought off strong competition in Bow School, Durham High and Choristers and will compete in the Northern semi-finals on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Congratulations to all of the girls involved. What a fabulous achievement!

Congratulations to Bella Bland who was selected to represent Ripon Tennis Club in an LTA U10 match against Harrogate and Otley last Sunday, which was her first tournament. Bella and Cassey, her partner, played really well together and came a close third. Well done Bella!

### **County Hockey Cup:**

Hot off the press, this week the U10 girls have emulated the U11 girls and followed their triumph in the Seddon Cup by winning the County Cup. The girls defeated Choristers, Bow School and drew with Durham High. However as our girls had won more matches overall, they came out on top. This is a fabulous achievement, well done girls.

I am very proud of both the U10 and U11 Hockey teams regarding these victories. It is great to see competition for places, individuals and teams improving all of the time and girls being rewarded for their efforts. I also see their success inspiring the younger girls in school as well as encouraging more boys to get involved in Hockey next term, so huge congratulations to all involved.

### **Rugby:**

The U9 Rugby boys played St Olave's at the start of the week in thrilling games for spectators in both 'A' and 'B' matches. Mr Houltham reported that the 'A' team lost 35-50, but played really well for the majority of the game and expressed that; "the desire of all boys to support the ball carrier was exemplary". He also made reference to some great tackles and bravery shown by Kieran Armstrong and Alexander Howard. Mr Houltham's 'man of the match' was Henry Johnstone whose elusive, scintillating runs yielded three tries and his determination and doggedness in the tackle was most pleasing. Equally impressed with the 'B' team was Mr. Killeen. A very narrow defeat did not leave the boys feeling in any way despondent as the quality of rugby played was superb. Mr. Killeen spoke exceptionally highly of all the payers' performances and commented that it was pleasing to see a couple of players swap teams between 'A' and 'B' in order to provide opportunities for new players to shine. Support from Under 9 parents at the games has been superb, and your encouragement for the boys on the pitch is very much appreciated.

### **Hockey:**

Under 9 Hockey girls played Polam Hall on Thursday afternoon in some very enjoyable games. Polam brought enough girls to rotate on and off, allowing our 'A' and 'B' teams to play two games each. On both pitches, we lost narrowly in the first game and then drew in the second game. The girls improved throughout as marking tightened up when defending and movement off the ball increased in attack. Well done to all girls who played. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming and although results didn't go our way entirely, I thought the efforts of both groups of girls were exceptional.

### **ASA School Swimming Awards**

Congratulations to pupils for achieving the following levels:

Level 1: Edith Smart

Level 2: Reuben Hosking, Peter Stevenson

Level 3: Sebastian Howard (also, congratulations on 25m backstroke distance, outside school)

Level 4: Lucy Willsmore, Isla Durban

It has been particularly impressive to see a handful of Year 2s attempting to pass their Level 6 award whilst swimming in pyjamas!

### **Forthcoming fixtures:**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Years 5 & 6 House Hockey & Rugby, 2.00pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Years 3 & 4 House Hockey & Rugby, 2.00pm

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Years 5 & 6 (no Year 4 I'm afraid), Hockey & Rugby v Mowden Hall, 3.00pm @ BCS

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 6 Girls (U11 'A'), North Semi-Final Hockey. 1.15pm @ BCS

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Orienteering (U11 Boys and Girls) Cluster event, 1.30pm @ Polam Hall

**Mr Burgess**

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## Prep School Christmas Events

Please see below all the information concerning the forthcoming Christmas events. ***Please read the details carefully and return the reply slip below for the pantomime as soon as possible, before Friday 30th November***, to class teachers. Please contact us if you have any queries.

### Calendar of Christmas Events

Monday 26th November	Christmas Colouring Competition opens (available to all pupils)
Wednesday 5th December	Christmas Colouring Competition entries due in
Thursday 6th December	Dress Rehearsal for Pre-Prep Nativity
Friday 7th December	Pre-Prep Nativity, Chapel, 2pm ( <b><i>parents and families welcome</i></b> )
Sunday 9th December	Old Courts' Christmas Day
Monday 10th December	Boarders' Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, 5pm ( <b><i>parents and families welcome</i></b> )
	Reception Class visit Father Christmas at Bowes Museum, 12:30pm
	Carol Service with Christingles for Y3&4, Chapel, 4pm ( <b><i>parents and families welcome</i></b> )
	Carol Service for Years 5 & 6, Chapel, 7pm ( <b><i>parents and families welcome</i></b> )
Thursday 13th December	Prep School trip to the Pantomime 'Snow White' at Durham Gala Theatre
Friday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Prep School End of Term Gathering for pupils and staff, 9am
	Prep School Christmas Lunch for pupils and staff, 12noon
	Pre-Prep Christmas party for pupils, 2pm
	Year 6 Carol Singing at Charles Dickens Lodge, 2pm
	Term finishes at the end of the school day, as normal (pupils may sign in as usual)
	School buses depart at 5:10pm, as normal

### Pre-Prep Nativity Play

Everyone is welcome to attend our Nativity Play 'Baubles' in the School Chapel on Friday 7th December at 2pm. This is not a ticketed event so please just head straight to Chapel. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Big School.

### Carol Service with Christingles for pupils in Years 3 & 4

Parents are warmly invited to join us in the School Chapel on Monday 10th December at 4pm. This is not a ticketed event; the service will last approximately an hour and refreshments will be served afterwards in Big School.

### Carol Service for pupils in Years 5 & 6

Parents are warmly invited to join us in the School Chapel on Monday 10th December at 7pm. This is not a ticketed event; the service will last approximately an hour and refreshments will be served afterwards in Big School. Children in the Prep Choir will be expected to attend both services. All Years 5 & 6 pupils will stay at school for tea prior to the service.

### Pantomime

We will be continuing the annual Prep School tradition of taking the whole school to the pantomime at The Gala Theatre in Durham on Thursday 13th December to see 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. The Prep School staff will take the children on coaches to the matinee performance at 1:30pm. We expect to return to the Senior School at approximately 5pm, in time for children to catch the school buses home. ***If you do not wish your child to attend this trip, please let us know.***

The logistics of collecting the children after the pantomime can be very difficult to organise but we do try to accommodate parents by allowing children to be collected from either:-

- The Gala Theatre, Durham (inside the lobby) at 3:30pm
- From the top of the Senior School drive at 5pm
- To catch the school bus home, as normal

Please indicate your choice on the reply slip below. ***Please note that we book the appropriate size coach for the return trip and would therefore ask that your choice for collection remains unchanged.***

The cost of the trip will be £16 and this will be added to your end of term bill. The children should wear their full school uniform for this trip. Please complete and return the reply slip below as soon as possible and by **Friday 30th November** to indicate your collection choice in order that we can book transport.

### Pantomime Trip on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Please return to your child's class teacher by **Friday 30th November**

My choice for collection is as follows:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> From the Gala Theatre in Durham at 3:30pm | <input type="checkbox"/> From the top of the Senior School drive at 5pm | <input type="checkbox"/> I wish my child/children to get the school bus home, as normal |
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