



BARNARD CASTLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# The Barney Buzz

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## Headmistress's News

We have been very active in the closing days of term. Our Nativity play 'Baubles' was hugely enjoyable for the participants and audience alike. I was very impressed with how well our youngest children learned their lines and with how well they all sang. Thank you very much to all the children for their wonderful performance and thank you to all the Pre-Prep staff and Dr Harrison who prepared them so well.

Equally as enjoyable were the Christingle and Carol Services on Monday. I was impressed with the quality of the readings and the outstanding singing. Well done to the children for practising hard and performing with pride; I am also very grateful to the staff for their input, in particular Dr Harrison, Mrs Robertson and Miss White.

Yesterday's trip to the pantomime was great fun for all. The children behaved well, cheered, screamed and sang heartily and were super ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Mr Langley, Mrs Morse and Miss White for their efficient organisation of this whole school excursion.

Well done to Year 3 for delivering all the Christmas cards around school over the last week; 2,912 cards were sent this year!

The End of Term Gathering this morning provided us with the opportunity to summarise what has been a very active and successful term. Looking back the children have achieved an awful lot in what seems such a short time!

This afternoon there was much excitement as after our wonderful Christmas lunch, the Pre-Prep celebrated with their Christmas party whilst the Year 6 pupils headed off to Charles Dickens Lodge in the town to entertain the elderly residents with carols and readings.

I hope you all have a lovely relaxing break and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Merry Christmas everyone.

**Laura Turner**

## Boarders' News

The Junior Boarders had a great time at the 'Old Courts Christmas Day' on Sunday. We enjoyed breakfast together in the house – with the house monitors making pancakes for all to supplement the bacon and sausage rolls. This was followed by the giving and receiving of presents then it was on to building and decorating gingerbread houses and some party games. After lunch there was time to get some fresh air or have a big game of football. As the darkness fell it was off to the chapel for the inspirational Boarders' Carol Service. Finally, it was time to join with the rest of the boarding community in the dining hall for Christmas Dinner and a festive sing-a-long. On Wednesday afternoon, the boarders invited representatives from the non-teaching staff (housekeeping, kitchens, maintenance, medical centre and IT department) to join them for an afternoon tea to thank them for looking after us all so well throughout the year. The pupils had made and decorated cookies, especially for the occasion. It has been a big term for everyone and I know the boarders are looking forward to a well earned rest and time with their families.

**Mr Robson**



## It's Christmas!

It has been such a fun week in Year 1. We have completed many Christmas activities including decorating Christmas tree ornaments, making reindeer Christmas cards and getting covered in glitter making snowmen. The children also loved writing letters to Father Christmas. We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2019!



## Santa Claus is coming to town!

This week our Reception children had a fantastic time visiting Father Christmas at The Bowes Museum. The children did a range of fun Christmas crafts, making a lovely Santa and tree decoration. The children were very excited to meet Father Christmas and are feeling very festive!



## Congratulations!

We would all like to wish Mr and Mrs Bainbridge a huge congratulations on the fantastic news that they will be expecting a baby brother or sister for George!

Very best wishes to you all from everyone at Prep School!



## Priestley's Pre-Prep Potter!

On Tuesday, Year 2 went on a Geography field trip linked to our 'Barnard Castle' topic. It was a mild morning and everyone set off in good spirits, heading down Mount Eff Lane towards the centre of town. On the way we looked at street signs, identified plaques showing the town trail and looked at different architectural styles and building materials. Our first stop was Bowes Museum where the children posed for a photograph in front of this most impressive building, built in the style of a French Chateau. Many of the children have seen the silver swan and it was lovely to see many of the town's decorations dedicated to this incredible automaton. We continued along Newgate and turned off toward the Demesnes and then on to Thorngate Bridge and The River Tees. Here we enjoyed watching the ducks swimming in the sunshine. Soon it was time to head up The Bank looking at Thorngate Mill, Blagraves Restaurant and The Buttermarket on the way. We spotted houses with cellars, lightning conductors, electricity and gas meters, a red telephone box and even an ornate lead drainpipe. It was interesting deciding which buildings were old and which were new. Many were made from sandstone and some walls had become quite weather-beaten over the years. It was a long walk, but the children had enough energy left at the end to have fun clambering in the playground before finally arriving back at school for a well-earned lunch. Thank you Miss Laverick, Miss Penny and Mrs Rowlandson for accompanying us on a very enjoyable and informative walk.



## Marvellous Movie Nights!

The School Council would like to say a huge thank you to all the children who came to watch films after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The turnout was overwhelming and we all hope that you enjoyed the film and treats. The Councillors would also like to thank all the teachers who helped to look after the children in the Atkinson Hall.



## If I could give a gift ...

To complete our work in PSHCEE for the term, Year 4 have been thinking about the real meaning of Christmas and those around the world who are not as lucky as we are. We made lists of all the things we would give to people to make their Christmas better, starting with children who do not have anywhere to live at Christmas, through to those who are alone or in hospital.

The empathy shown by the children was beautiful and they were able to put themselves in the places of these people asking Santa to send them love, happiness, presents, friendship and shelter.



## App of the Week

### *Merry Christmas from the App of the Week Fairy!*

This week a choice of websites and apps, that might help you to prepare for Christmas! <https://santatracker.google.com/village.html> allows you to track Santa across the skies as he makes his way around the world on 24<sup>th</sup> December. Until then you can play games and explore the North Pole.



<http://www.noradsanta.org/> is the official Santa tracker from the North American Aerospace Defence Command. Games and tracking facilities, voted best Santa Tracker!



Where is Santa Lite - Santa Tracker An app to use to find out Santa's estimated arrival time in your town or village, with a countdown timer. Millions of Santa tracking stations are set up and they will diligently report and update Santa's every move during the Christmas Eve. A complete trail of Santa's journey can be accurately traced and you won't want to miss that.



Miss White

## Carols in Chapel

The children in Year 6 took the lead in two impressive Carol Services on Monday, with all children singing, some Choir, and others reading or taking the collection. For ten of the children in Year 6, this year's Carol Service marked the seventh and final contribution to the Prep School Christmas celebrations in Chapel. Some of them were proud to be chosen to lead Father Darren into Chapel at the beginning of the service, bearing the large silver cross and two candles. Others took their collection duties seriously and everyone in the year group played their part magnificently. Moments like these are a source of genuine pride as we see our oldest Prep School children, some of whom we have known for many years, getting ready to move onwards and upwards through their Prep School journey. Well done to all.



## Five are feeling festive!

The Year 5 classes have had a great week getting creative, making lots of different Christmas decorations. We hope they enjoy a well earned break this Christmas!



## Are you sitting comfortably?

Year 3 rounded off their 'Paddington' topic this term with a story -writing competition! After reading numerous different

Paddington stories, they planned and wrote their own Paddington inspired adventures! We read tales of Paddington going camping, enjoying his first Christmas and even scoring winning goals in football games.

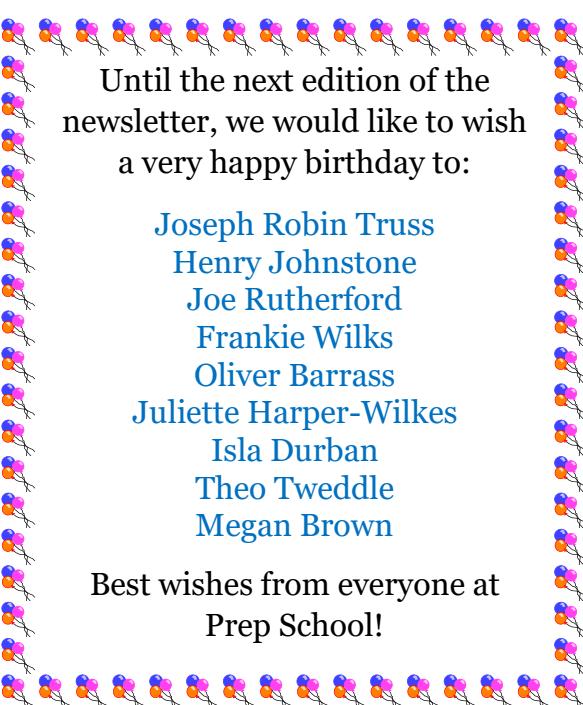
Mrs Shearn and Miss Strachan thoroughly enjoyed reading all of the children's stories but in the end the winners were Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe from 3K and Georgina Chapman from 3J who had us both entertained from start to finish! Well done Year 3, what a lovely way to round off our topic.



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

Joseph Robin Truss  
Henry Johnstone  
Joe Rutherford  
Frankie Wilks  
Oliver Barrass  
Juliette Harper-Wilkes  
Isla Durban  
Theo Tweddle  
Megan Brown

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!



## Awards This Week:

### Special Mention Certificates:

Georgina Jackson, Carter Wake, Annabel Jackson, Archie Walder, Edith Smart, Caitlyn McLean, Alexander Carr, Dexter Thomas, Freydis Blake, Nathan Brown, Felicity Lineton, Charlotte Owens, Sophia Hare, Charlotte Blenkiron, Sofia Wilson, Frankie Preston, George-Louis Boulton, William Banner, Grace Dickinson, Fred Dullage, Theo Te Lintelo, Jake Lawson, Jemima Burton, Emily Coggrave, Toby Green, Oliver Stubbs, Emily England

### Merit Certificates:

Daisy Allison, Fenella Heagerty, Hugo Thompson, Alex Banner, Adam Lee, Samuel Wake, Louise Newcombe, Evie Durban, Henry Johnstone, Freddie Whitaker, Millie Tague, Jemima Burton, Zara Dobson, Sophie McGill, Joe Arnold, Lottie Baptist, Saffron Flounders, Benjamin French, Lucy Harburn, Matthew Burgess, Oscar Hewitt, Oliver Stubbs, Bruno Summerson-Brown, Oliver Barrass, Hugo Manners, Daisy Allison, Hugo Thompson, Finley Cable-Jones, Alexander Carr, Dylan Dougal, Reuben Hosking, Jenson Moody, Sophie Richardson, Peter Stevenson, Hannah Lynn, Alexander Milbank, Zara Scott-Priestley, Benjamin Dixon, Liberty Flounders, Liberty Forsyth, Sophia Hare, Freddie Harland, Louise Newcombe, Charlotte Owens, Joe Rutherford, Finlay Toyne, William Watson, Laura Watts, Alexander Howard, William Jackson-Ward, Lavender Lawson, Emily Davidson, Ramneek Khokhar, William Banner, Isobel Heagerty, Olivia Bridges, Fred Dullage, Anna Metcalf, Ava Pittaway, William Pittaway, Theo Te Lintelo, Isabel Warren, Lauren Baxter, Kelvin Bell, Ellie Derrick, Polly Heintz, Dougie Ross, Emily Coggrave, Benjamin French, Freya Pinwill-Price, Harry Sinclair, Bella Staley, Esme Berend, Toby Gent, Poppy Hendrix, Gus Living, Theo Tweddle, Minnie Wilson, Oscar Lawson, Benjamin Pelly, Quinn Williams, Jake Lawson, Toby Green, Harriet Robson, Esme Berend, Matthew Burgess, Emily England, Jonny Royle

**Well done everyone!**

## Forthcoming Events

### December

Fri 15      Christmas Jumper Day for charity  
End of Term Gathering for pupils, 9am  
Prep School Christmas Lunch for pupils and staff  
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  
Buses depart 5:10pm, as usual

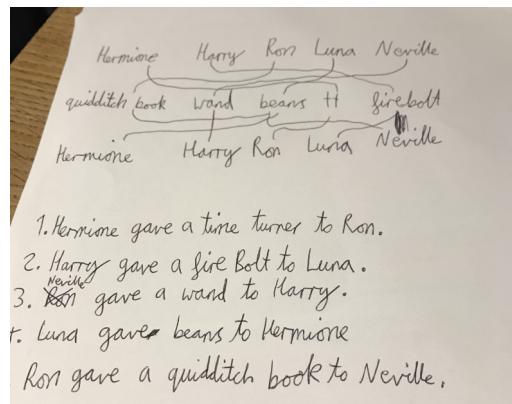
### January

Tues 8      Boarders return from 4pm  
Wed 9      Lent Term begins

## Maths Puzzler

No puzzler this week but well done to Matthew Burgess, Mila Johnson, Benjamin French and George Goad who all solved last week's festive, Secret Santa puzzler. Using the clues below they managed to work it out!

- There were no direct reversals (no one gave to the person who gave to them)
- Ron gave a Quidditch Book to the person who gave a Wand to Harry
- The person who received the Firebolt gave some every flavour beans to Hermione
- Ron received a time turner from the person who got the every flavour beans
- The Luna gave to the person who gave the time turner
- A girl in Ravenclaw gave to a girl in Gryffindor



Merry Christmas everyone!

**Mr Ayres**



## Headmistress's Commendations:

Arabella Milbank  
Alexander Carr  
Fiore Catellani  
Oona MacConachie  
Megan Sunley  
Alex Banner  
Matilda Chapman  
Felicity Lineton  
Isla MacConachie  
Rory Metcalf  
Samuel Wake  
Harry Westgarth  
Freddie Wilks  
Liberty Forsyth  
Esme Berend

**Well done!**



# Sideline



## Team of the Term:

What a great term of sport we have had and what better way to 'wrap things up' (no pun intended) before Christmas, than to reflect on a 'Team of the Term'. There have been many 'highs' this term for our teams; the strength in depth of Year 4 Rugby players, the improvements in Rugby across other age groups and the U11 Hockey girls winning the County Cup, to name but a few. However, my 'Team of the Term' for Michaelmas 2018, is the U10 Girls' Hockey team. What a fabulous start to the year they had, winning the Seddon Cup in September, and going from strength to strength throughout the season to end up as County Cup winners. There has been real competition for places with significant improvement in the standard of performances. In addition, two of the girls, Scarlett Hutchinson and Anna Metcalf, are now playing in the Durham County squad. What an achievement for all of the Year 5 girls who have contributed to make the standard across both 'A' and 'B' teams very high indeed. Thank you also to the teaching and coaching staff involved, not least Mrs Summerson-Brown who has enjoyed every minute of this season and who is immensely proud of the girls' achievements.



## Toby Gent - Cricket

A couple of months ago, I reported that Toby Gent was awarded 'Most Improved Player of The Season' for Darlington Cricket Club with bowling stats of 20 wickets from 39 overs. Toby has been attending Durham County Cricket trials over the past five weeks at Longfield, in Darlington as part of the player performance pathway process. He has been notified that he has been shortlisted for a further three weeks of training and assessment at Chester-Le-Street. We wish him continued fortunes over the festive period.



## ASA School Swimming Awards

Congratulations to pupils for achieving the following levels:

Level 2: Edith Smart, Fenella Heagerty, James Nath, Elodie Lavery, Thomas Scott-Priestley

Level 3: Reuben Hosking, Peter Stevenson, Archie Walder

Level 4: Lilly Cassidy

Level 5: Jack Baptist, Alexander Carr, Isla Durban, Callum Clark-Alderson, Flora Whitaker, Frankie Wilks, Arabella Milbank

Level 6: Tom Staley, Megan Sunley, Caitlyn McLean, Fiore Catellani, Sophie Richardson

## Mr Burgess

## End of Term Prizes

At this morning's End of Term Gathering the following prizes were awarded:

Music Cup  
Atherton Music Cup  
Paul Taylor Cup for Public Speaking/Performance  
U11 Rugby Cup  
U11 Griffiths Cup for Most Improved Rugby Player  
U10 Rugby Player  
U10 Most Improved Rugby Player  
U9 Rugby Player  
U9 Most Improved Rugby Player  
U8 Rugby Player  
U8 Most Improved Rugby Player  
U11 Hockey Cup  
U11 Harrison Trophy for Most Improved Hockey Player  
U10 Harrison Trophy for Hockey Player  
U10 Most Improved Hockey Player  
U9 Hockey Player  
U9 Most Improved Hockey Player  
U8 Hockey Player  
U8 Most Improved Hockey Player  
Swimming Cup  
Hayward Reading Cup  
Boarder of the Term  
Most Improved Boarder  
Rugby Cup  
Deverall Hockey Cup  
House Maths  
House Drama  
Merit Shield  
Merit Prizes:

Lucy Harburn  
Joseph Robin Truss  
Zara Dobson  
Bruno Summerson-Brown  
Tom Body  
Edwin Barwick  
Max Hunton  
Joe Rutherford  
Kieran Armstrong  
Rory Metcalf  
Samuel Wake  
Zara Dobson  
Poppy Hendrix  
Scarlett Hutchinson  
Bella Bland  
Matilda Owens  
Laura Watts  
Alice Burton  
Hannah Lynn  
Matthew Burgess  
Edith Smart  
William Jones  
Freddie Whitaker  
Drake  
Grenville  
Raleigh  
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Lucy Willsmore (Pre-Prep)  
Ella Turner (Years 3 & 4)  
Mila Johnson (Years 5 & 6)



End of Term Special Mention Certificates were awarded for Academic Achievement to Matthew Blackburn, Freya Turner, Elodie Lavery, Isla Durban, Leo Rokk, Toby Rutherford, Liberty Forsyth, Tilly Gray, Emily Davidson, Violet Heintz, Mirabelle Harrison, Tom Body, Joe Arnold, Matthew Burgess and for a Positive Attitude to Jessie Burgess, Fenella Heagerty, Flora Whitaker, Lucy Willsmore, Charles Bennett, Alice Burton, Liberty Flounders, Matilda Owens, Megan Brown, Jessica Raper, Anna Metcalf, Ellie Derrick, Saffron Flounders, Oscar Hewitt

The winners of the Christmas Colouring Competition were:-  
Flora Whitaker (Pre-Prep)  
Evie Durban (Years 3&4)  
Harriet Robson (Years 5&6)

Well done to you all.