

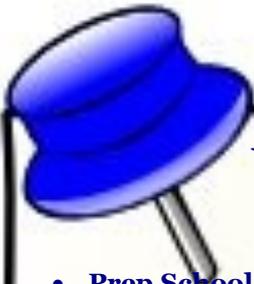


BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Barney Buzz

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What's happening?

- **Prep School Open Week** - Monday 11th to Thursday 14th February, 9:30am-2pm. If you know of anyone interested in Prep School, please let them know!
- **Founders' Day Service, Chapel** - Friday 15th February, 2:30pm - parents and families welcome to this service.
- **Half Term** - begins Friday 15th February, **3:30-5:00pm**. Signing in/activities as normal and buses at 5:10pm as usual. Second half begins on Monday 25th February.
- **World Book Day** - Thursday 7th March. Optional dress-up day as favourite book character. See back page for further details.

Forthcoming Sporting Fixtures



Rugby

Friday 8th February at 1pm - U11 Rugby 7s at Durham School (Away)



Football

Wednesday 13th February at 3:30pm - U11 & U10 Football v Aysgarth (Home)

As a reminder, parents are always welcome to come and support our sporting fixtures. Please ensure your child has the correct sports kit on the day.

Go Barney!

School Menus

Week commencing 11th February will be **Menu 3** which can be found on the school website:
<https://www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk/prep-school/prep-school-catering/>



Founders' Day Service

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2:30pm, Chapel**

Parents and families welcome to this service of thanksgiving about the history of the Prep School

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Boarders' News

On Friday evening Mr Morrill rigged up the mike, PA and disco lights for an impromptu Karaoke session in Old Courts. There was no need to worry about whether anyone was game enough to sing... there was a never ending queue of boarders eager to belt out hits from Queen, Josh Turner and the Backstreet Boys!

On Saturday morning Miss White took the boarders to Prep School where they enjoyed

some bracelet making, hide-and-peek and relaxing. In the afternoon the sledges came out of storage and there was a chance to play in the snow with Miss Strachan. On Sunday, many of the older junior boarders went off paintballing while the younger ones popped over to Planet Leisure to have fun ten-pin bowling.

Mr Robson



App of the Week

Hopscotch



Key Stage 1 and 2

Following our focus on Computing this week, this app is a perfect one for helping you to start coding, or to enable you to build on your coding knowledge. Hopscotch focuses on making coding easier via graphical elements that children can drag and drop to build up programs. It is very similar to Scratch but for iPads. It works by dragging and dropping colourful blocks of code to build routines. These routines can then be saved and attached to different objects and activated by different events on the iPad (such as "when the iPad is shaken" or "when the iPad hears a loud noise"). So you could, for instance, program a bear to do a somersault every time you clapped your hands.

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Maths Puzzler

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the numbers puzzler outside 6A so far, there are some amazing links to so many numbers between 1 and 100, even ones I'd never thought of. I will leave the sheets up for another week, there are still plenty of spaces left so come along and see if any of the links you have found have already been listed.

This week also saw Tom Body and Joe Arnold taking part in the next round of the Primary Maths Challenge. The original 70,000 pupils have been whittled down to around 3,000 and it is a real credit to them both that they have got this far and worked at this level. The test was much harder than anything they have faced before but they both rose to the challenge and should be proud of their performance.

The popularity of origami across the school has grown immensely in the past eighteen months. One of the most successful aspects has been the making of lucky wish stars, with many of the pupils (and a few staff) in Years 5 and 6 now incredibly proficient. The idea is that you make a wish when you make the star and then give it to someone else who can make a wish when they receive it. It is a great mindfulness task. With that in mind, Year 6 have started a wishing jar on my desk to be filled with stars. If anyone wants to learn how to make the stars or wants to contribute, please come along to 6A!

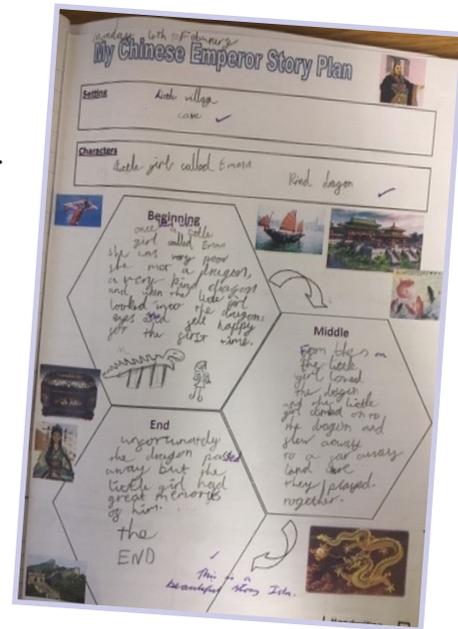
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Charming China!

Year 2 have been developing their creative writing skills based upon our 'China' topic. First they looked at various pictures of Chinese palaces and described a setting using adjectives and verbs. Their next task was to look at an image of the Chinese Emperor and describe his appearance; thinking about his clothing, stature and possible personality traits based upon his expression. Finally the children created Chinese story plans using picture prompts. Many contained dragons, treasure chests, princesses, Emperors, Junks and even the Great Wall of China. Their completed stories were so imaginative and I thoroughly enjoyed reading them all.



Hunting Habitats

Our Science topic this term is 'Habitats' and to support our investigations we went for a walk around the school site to search for ecosystems. We did not let the snow put us off and luckily found lots of animal tracks captured in the snow! We discovered that trees contain a multitude of creatures, living in the roots, on the bark, inside the trunk and in the branches. We also found woodlice, rabbit holes and spiders! We took lots of photographs, discussed the environment and learnt a great deal of new vocabulary relating to the topic. Using the information we learnt we will be graphing our results, creating food chains in preparation for our visit to the Centre for Life in Newcastle.

Safety Superheroes

I have had a great week visiting classes to talk to them about Internet Safety. Our week on 'Our Internet, Our Choice – Understanding Consent in a Digital World' started with assembly on Monday where we discussed what is meant by consent and when we need to check before sharing.

This was followed by sessions in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 where we talked about the rules of staying safe online – not talking to strangers and sharing our personal information.

In Years 3 and 4 we watched some video clips relating to cyber-bullying and what can happen to our information when we share it.

With Years 5 and 6 we discussed peer pressure and the intricacies of what is acceptable to share online as we get older.

If you have any questions about what I have been talking to the children about, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email.

I am also sending home a Digital Parenting magazine this weekend, which is produced in association with Vodafone. This edition covers finding a better digital-life balance and a safe start to social media.

It is worth remembering that although we have a week to focus on Online Safety, it is an issue that is relevant all the time and one which continually needs addressing with our children.

Thank you for your help and support.

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Head Lice

As I am sure you are aware, head lice are an ever-present problem in schools and other



organisations where children gather together. We have been made aware of a few cases of head lice in the school and in an effort to stop them spreading we would like to suggest that parents choose a day each week as their 'bug busting day'.

Therefore, please can parents check and treat their child's hair as necessary once a week, even if you have treated your child recently, as they may have picked them up since you last looked. Whilst we hope that you have no need to treat your child's hair at this point, we do ask that you continue to check their hair on a weekly basis. By regularly checking your child for head lice, we can alleviate the opportunity of them spreading easily from person to person.

If you do discover head lice in your child's hair please let Mrs Morse or class teachers know so that we can inform parents and hopefully stop the spread early.

For further information, please click on the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Getting fired up!

With this week being Internet Safety Week in school, Year 1 saw it fit to create their own e-safety badges highlighting some important messages. In Forest School this week, as it was dry and the sun was shining we were able to light a fire for the first time! The children enjoyed toasted marshmallows and drank hot chocolate around the campfire.



Marvellous Medusa masks!

Avert your eyes unless you wish to be turned to stone! The children in Year 3 have been busy making Medusa masks, inspired by our 'Groovy Greeks' topic. The classrooms were filled with the sounds of bursting balloons and happy chatter as they had lots of fun getting messy with Papier-mâché. Watch this space for some truly terrifying masks coming your way soon ...



Sew happy!

The Reception class have been learning about cold climates recently and this week they looked at St Bernard dogs and how they help people. Everyone has begun to make a super St Bernard hand puppet with Mrs Bainbridge and we are looking forward to seeing the finished articles soon!



Sideline



Following last week's snow, fixtures went ahead this week as planned, with some successful outcomes:

Football

Well done to the U9 'A' Football team who played in a cluster group 7-a-side competition at Durham Soccerena complex. Mr Killeen was delighted to see our players putting their skills into practise. The boys won two, drew two and lost one game, on what proved to be a very enjoyable afternoon of football. Congratulations to all those involved, particularly well done to our boys for winning the 'Respect' award from the referees, and thank you to all the supporting parents.



Swimming

Congratulations also to our U9 Swimming team that attended the gala at Mowden Hall School. I am pleased to report that the girls finished second, with the boys coming fourth. Well done to Ella Turner, who won her backstroke race, and to Joe Rutherford who won individual butterfly. Mrs Norrie reported of a fabulous effort from all competitors and that she was proud of the achievements of both the boys' and girls' teams. We look to increase the number of swimming galas we attend to provide more competitive swimming opportunities for other age groups.

Netball

Well done to our U11 and U10 Netball players who travelled to Sedbergh to compete in a tournament this week.

U11 report by Emily England, Lauren Baxter and Harriet Robson:

On Wednesday 6th February the U11 'As' went to Sedbergh for a Netball tournament, the journey was long (1 hour and 30 minutes), there were eleven teams there playing netball. We had a slow start to our first match, we didn't do our very best but we didn't let that stop us. Then we had our second match but lost. Luckily our final two matches we got into the game better and we won these two. As a conclusion that meant we were in the cup tournament for third/fourth play-off. We got a few goals and played the best yet, unfortunately Mowden Hall took the win and we came fourth overall. Then when all the matches were finished, as a reward on the bus for playing well, we got a slice of Mrs Thompson's tiffin! Thank you Mrs Thompson and Mrs Summerson-Brown for taking us!

U10 report by Lucy Harburn:

We travelled to Sedbergh School on Wednesday to participate in the Netball tournament. After six games we reached the semi-final following lots of hard work and good team play. We won the semi-final 3-1 so we went onto the final. We played Highfield School; it was a hard match but we all played our best. We lost 7-4 to Highfield but to lift our heads up Mrs Thompson said "that was the best Netball I have ever seen girls". The B team got a medal for being runners up which was an amazing team effort - well done "Breakfast Bunch!"



Rugby 7s

Best of luck to our Year 6 squad who are competing at the annual Bow Durham School U11 Rugby 7s tournament today. The boys face RGS Newcastle, Terrington Hall, Mowden Hall and Bow Durham in their group matches.



Sports performer of the week

This week's sports performer of the week goes to Joe Rutherford. Joe has performed exceptionally well across a range of sports since the start of the academic year. In Rugby Union he demonstrate outstanding attacking skills, scoring lots of tries. In Hockey, he has looked very competent this term. This week, he scored some great goals at the cluster group Football Festival and at the Swimming Gala he won the individual butterfly race. Joe also takes part in a range of clubs to improve skills and works hard to improve his fitness, as demonstrated in cross-country club. Well done, Joe!

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Calling all Barney Bookworms ...



World Book Day 2019 is nearly upon us! This year's focus is very much upon sharing stories and in Prep School we have planned some exciting activities for the children to share throughout the day.

We have decided to make it an **'optional dress-up day'**, so your child is very welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day. At the end of the day, each child will receive their World Book Day book token to spend in national book shops.

In addition, we will be giving out new 'Around the World in 80 Books' challenge booklets for all children in Years 2-6, so now is your child's perfect chance to get reading and try to get as far through their current challenge before World Book Day, when the new 'Around the World' begins!

So, for your diary:

When?

Thursday 7th March

What do we need to do?

- Be reading and sharing stories together. Encourage your child (Years 3-6) to work their way through their current '80 Books' challenge, if they have not already done so, in preparation for the launch of the next booklet on World Book Day.
- Prepare a costume from one of your child's favourite books (optional).
- Watch out for further exciting news from the Barney Friends regarding an exciting 'BarneyBeReading' challenge to work alongside the 'Around the World in 80 Books' challenge!

