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The Barney Buzz

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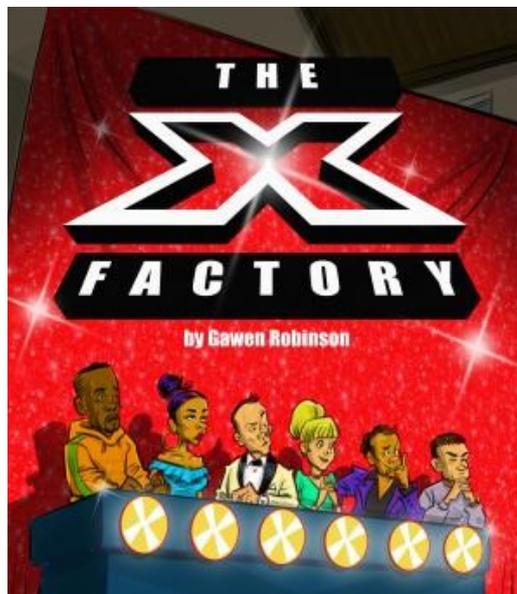
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Headmistress's News

So I am back and writing a few thoughts due to popular demand following on from feedback about our new style newsletter front, and it is lovely to do so again. I do hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing half term, I have certainly enjoyed hearing about the children's adventures and seeing lots of suntanned faces with white eyes from ski goggles! The glorious sunshine has made such a difference to the start of this half term and it has been wonderful to see all the children playing with no coats or jumpers on in February. We have had a great start to our sporting calendar this week with lots of successes already; I was delighted to have over 50 children take part in a Cross Country event on Thursday, giving some parents just a flavour of our upcoming Barney Run on Monday 11th March. Barney Friends are due to meet on Monday, so please do pass on any positive comments, suggestions or feedback to your Class Friends using the slip provided with today's email.

Have a great weekend!

Laura Turner



Year 3 & 4 Play 'The X Factory'
Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March
7pm-8pm, Atkinson Hall

School Menus

Week commencing 4th March will be **Menu 2** which can be found on the school website:

<https://www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk/prep-school/prep-school-catering/>



What's happening?

- **Barney Friends** - please send any suggestions/ideas to your class friends prior to the next meeting on Monday 4th March.
- **World Book Day** - we hope the children are getting lots of sponsors for the Barney-BeReading fundraising challenge! We are looking forward to seeing which book characters the children have decided to dress up as, should they wish to, next **Thursday 7th March**.
- **Car Park** - to assist the free flow of traffic please drop your child off and let them come into school by themselves (especially from Year 3-6). A member of staff will be there to assist. Please refrain from parking between the gates to aid visibility when exiting the car park.
- **Term Dates** - please refer to the website (at the bottom of the Home page 'Term Dates') for the latest term dates.

Forthcoming Sporting Fixtures



Netball

Thursday 7th March - HMC Netball Tournament at Hymers: U11A

Friday 8th March - Netball v Yarm: U11A&B (H), 2:15pm

Friday 8th March - Netball v Yarm: U10 (A), 2:15pm (rearranged fixture)



Rugby

Wednesday 6th March - Rugby 7s at Rossall: U11, 12:30pm



Football

Thursday 7th March - HMC Football Tournament at Hymers: U11A



Squash

Thursday 7th March - Squash Tournament at Norton Squash Club, 9:30am

Boarders' News

The boarders returned to Old Courts on Sunday afternoon after a good half-term break with their families and friends. On Monday night Miss Jones, our Resident Housemother, invited the Year 4 boys over to her lounge to enjoy some cheese toasties and digestives. From the look of the photos they loved it!

Mr Robson



App of the Week

Collins Big Cat - Around the World



Inspired by the imminent arrival of World Book Day, my app this week is aimed at the younger members of the school. This is an animated book for young readers by Collins. Children have several options: have the story read to them, read the story themselves, adapt the images to create their own story. They can write their own text or record their narrative. They also have opportunities to add speech bubbles and thought bubbles. It can be used to bring reading to life and create interactive books.

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Happy Birthday!

Jonny Royle
Ramneek Khokhar
Archie Walder
Emily England

Maths Puzzler

In the last newsletter, I asked you to solve the following puzzler:

Sandy has siblings named Alan, Neil, Diane and Yvonne. Aaron has siblings named Andrew, Ruth, Oliver and Nicola. Is it Gavin or Miles who has siblings named Ian, Louise, Esther and Sean?

Congratulations to Mrs Morse, Matthew Burgess, Mila Johnson, Niamh Hennessy, Megan Brown, George Goad and everyone else who submitted solutions. The answer is Miles has the siblings because, excluding the M, they contain the letters of his name!

This week can you add eight 8s to make 1000? You can put 8s together (e.g. 88) but cannot subtract or go over 1000.

Good luck!

Mr Ayres

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Blossoming nicely!

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about China recently and carefully painted some beautiful and delicate tree silhouettes. They covered their trees with intricate and colourful Chinese blossom. They all looked fabulous! Well done Year 2!



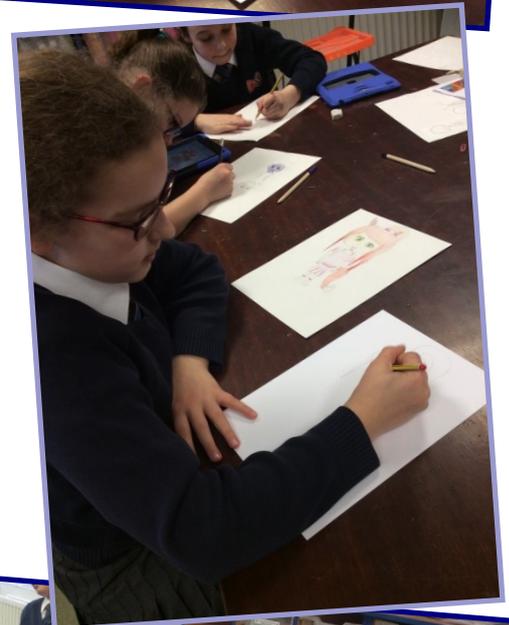
Creative creatures!

Year 5 have enjoyed creating their own mythical creatures this week, combining different animals and finding inspiration from existing characters to produce their own weird and wonderful creatures.

They worked out which parts of their creature they wanted to move, producing a template onto card to be turned into a moving puppet. I have been really impressed with the creativity of the pupils and some of the designs are certainly very ambitious!

I am really looking forward to seeing the various puppets in all their glory over the coming lessons.

Mrs Small



A helping hand!

Reception class have a new topic this half term 'People Who Help Us'. They have been thinking about which helpful jobs they might like to do and have started to paint pictures of the uniforms, equipment and special vehicles that they might need.

Jessie: "I want to be a lollipop person and help people to cross the road."

Carter: "I want to be a police officer. They catch bad guys."

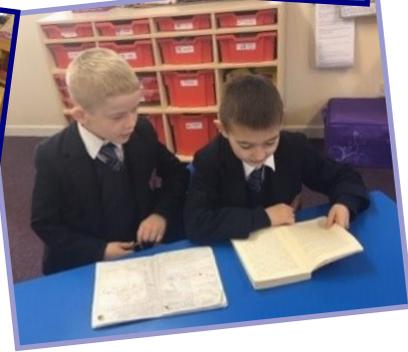
Juliette: "I want to be a mum and I want to be a teacher too. I play schools at home."



Top Ten Tales!

As we look forward to World Book Day, Year 4 have been creating their own lists of their favourite books. Having come up with lists in pairs, we then went through them to find the most popular in the year group. This is our Top Ten Books for Year 4, please excuse the equally placed ones – it was too contentious an issue to cut them down any further!

1. Harry Potter
2. Famous Five
3. Mary Poppins
4. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
5. The Midnight Gang
6. The Twits
7. The Lonely Puppy
8. = Ratburger/The Witches
9. = Billionaire Boy/James and the Giant Peach/
The Girl who Saved Christmas/Secret 7/BFG
10. The Hobbit



What a Knight!

Pupils in Year 6 have this week begun rehearsals for the Year 5 and 6 play, 'What a Knight!'. Rehearsals take place at lunchtime and after school each day and a timetable for rehearsals is put up each week in the Year 5 and 6 block. Following some initial script reading, it will soon be the turn of Year 5 children to join in

too. Early days, but, as you can see, our Year 6 children have begun with great enthusiasm!



Super stories!

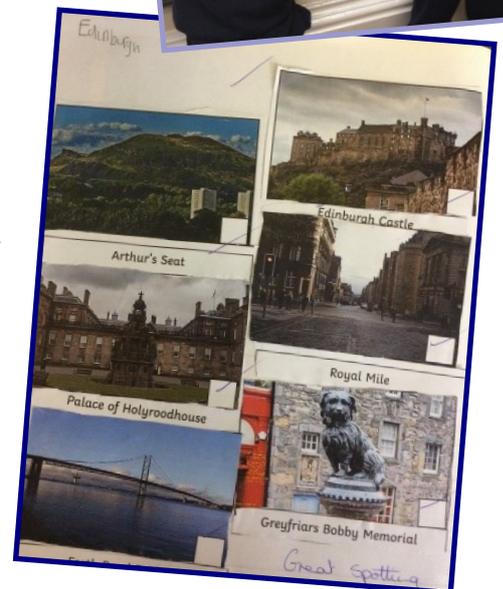
In preparation for World Book Day, the children in Year 3 were set a story writing challenge. They planned and wrote their own stories about anything they wanted; from fairies to rugby and magic paintbrushes to dragons, we think they covered just about every topic imaginable! We have some fairly fantastic authors in Year 3 and have thoroughly enjoyed reading their wonderful stories. Good work Year 3!



A bonnie wee trip on the horizon!

Year 1 have been getting prepared for our 'big' trip to Edinburgh next Friday.

We have been investigating all the famous landmarks in Edinburgh that we will possibly see when we are up there. We also found out that there had been a fire on Arthur's Seat this week!



Sideline



This is a busy half term for sporting fixtures, which has so far been aided by some fabulous February sunshine. On Tuesday, the Year 4 girls competed in a Netball Tournament at Durham High.

Netball at Durham High: U9

The U9 Netball team went to Durham High School to play in a friendly Netball Tournament. We played matches against Choristers, Bow and Durham High. The matches improved the more we played and we tried to use what we had learnt in our Games lessons. We all tried really hard and enjoyed the experience and we are sure it has helped us improve our Netball. **Tilly Gray**



On Wednesday, the Year 6 boys competed in their second Rugby 7's tournament of the season at Terrington Hall.

Rugby 7s Tournament at Terrington Hall: U11

The boys had a fantastic afternoon at the Tournament at Terrington on Wednesday. There was some great Rugby on display and our boys won four of their six matches which meant we finished second overall.

Barney (15) v Cundall Manor (0), Barney (15) v Sedbergh (10), Barney (0) v Aysgarth (30), Barney (5) v Terrington Hall (20), Barney (30) v Bow Durham (15), Barney (25) v Hymers (10). Well done to all the players. **Mr Langley**

Cross Country at Hunter Hall: Years 1-6

Wednesday proved to be a great day for sport as we also took 50 pupils to Hunter Hall, Penrith, to race in their annual Cross-Country competition. The event was run as a relay race in teams of four for boys and girls across the age categories of Under 7, 9 and 11. We sent two teams at each age group plus a couple of subs who also were able to run. To see 50 pupils from our school take on the challenging run, which included a steep ascent and decent at the end, was a great sporting spectacle. Well done to all pupils, especially the Under 7 girls' team comprising Freya Turner, Fiore Catellani, Flora Whitaker and Arabella Milbank, who achieved a Bronze medal. Congratulations also to the Under 9 boys' team of George Swinbank, Charles Bennett, Alexander Howard and Toby Rutherford who achieved a Bronze medal. Finally, a huge congratulations to the Under 11 girls' team made up of Anna Metcalf, Scarlett Hutchinson, Minnie Wilson and Sophie McGill who achieved a Silver medal. A big thank you also to the many parents who came to support what proved to be a fabulous event. **Mr Burgess**



Netball Tournament at Durham School: U10 Thurs

The Under 10 Netballers played with enthusiasm and determination at a High 5 tournament at Durham School yesterday. It took them a while to get into their stride and to get their heads round the rotational play, but they managed to scrape a 1-0 win in their first match. Two further victories and two narrow losses meant that they came joint second overall with Durham High School for Girls. However, despite having beaten Durham High, as they had scored more goals overall, they were awarded the runner up medals. Nevertheless, this was a fabulous effort from all the girls and hopefully they have learned that scoring goals is crucial! **Mrs Thompson and Mrs Summerson-Brown**

Sports performer of the week

With so many fixtures this week and so many teams and sub-teams performing so well, I feel that this week is one to celebrate team success. As such, the award this week is a 'team of the week'. This week it goes to the Under 11 Girls Cross Country team of Anna Metcalf, Scarlett Hutchinson, Minnie Wilson and Sophie McGill who achieved a silver medal at Hunter Hall. Well done girls!

Mr Burgess

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Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Oliver Barrass, Elliott Chapman, Annabel Jackson, Edith Smart, Harriet Hatton, Caitlyn McLean, Tom Staley, Alexander Milbank, Samuel Wake, George Swinbank, Harry Westgarth, Louise Newcombe, Finlay Toyne, Freddie Whitaker, Evie Durban, Harry Forrester, George-Louis Boulton, Millie Tague, Grace Dickinson, Ava Pittaway, Bella Bland, Kelvin Bell, Jemima Burton, Freya Pinwill-Price, Lottie Baptist, Gus Living, Theo Tweddle

Merit Certificates:

Juliette Harper-Wilkes, Lily Shearn, Carter Wake, Leo Rokk, Ben Arnold, Gus Coggrave, Mila Johnson, Nicol White, Grace Dickinson, Millie Tague, Edwin Barwick, Mirabelle Harrison, John Turnbull, Arabella Milbank, Kieran Armstrong, Alexander Howard, William Jackson-Ward, Henry Johnstone, Jemima Burton, Polly Heintz, Abygail Jameson, Jake Lawson, Emily Coggrave, Freya Pinwill Price, Bella Staley, Poppy Hendrix, Bruno Summerson-Brown, Minnie Wilson, Daisy Allison, Annabel Jackson, James Nath, Hugo Thompson, Fiore Catellani, Oona MacConachie, Megan Sunley, Lucy Willsmore, Oliver Barrass, Jessie Burgess, Elliott Chapman, Georgina Jackson, Toby Willsmore, Molly Rendall

Headmistress's Commendations:

Nathan Brown
Alice Burton
Hannah Lynn
Isla MacConachie
Leo Rokk
Zara Scott-Priestley
Liberty Forsyth
Sofia Wilson
Emily England
George Goad
Harriet Robson
Olivia Harland
Lilly Cassidy
Tom Body
Olivia Harland

Well done!

