



BARNARD CASTLE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Headmistress's News

Wednesday's Pre-Prep Concert was a terrific success and the children and staff should be congratulated on an excellent performance all-round. I would like to particularly thank Dr Harrison for putting together another great show. I would also like to take this opportunity to say well done to the Pre-Prep children for the wonderful Easter Egg boxes that have been created; these have all been displayed in corridors and classrooms for all to see. The Year 5 and 6 children who went to France hosted an evening of entertainment with wine and cheese, photos aplenty, videos and an entertaining breakdown of their adventures. The Atkinson Hall was transformed into a Barney Bistro on Wednesday and great fun was had by all. We have had a whirlwind of a term and it is hard to believe that Easter is just around the corner. Despite the bad weather, we reflected on how much we have achieved in our End of Term Gathering service with staff and children this morning before being given the opportunity to see the visiting European Rugby Champions Cup and European Challenge Cup at Senior School. The children are all tired and ready for a relaxing break but before we do that, we have our final Year 5 and 6 House Football competition to play at 2.00pm. I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back in their summer uniforms, rested and refreshed for the start of next term, along with hopefully some warmer weather.

Laura Turner

School Menus

The menus will be changing for next term and will be uploaded on the school website once updated:

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



Uniform

Please note we have our Prep School group photograph on the afternoon of the first day of next term, Wednesday 24th April. Therefore, all pupils should come to school on that day in their full summer uniform: grey shorts for boys and summer dresses with short white socks for the girls. Hopefully we will have warmer weather when we return to match the summer uniform!



BarneyBeReading

Thank you for all the sponsorship money and forms that have been handed in so far for the BarneyBeReading challenge.

The Barney Friends have extended the deadline to Friday 26th April. There will be a box in Mrs Morse's office for envelopes with sponsorship forms and money to be posted in. Thank you for your support.

Boarders' News

On Friday night we decided to celebrate the many recent March birthdays with some party games: pass-the-parcel (with forfeits!), the dress-up/dice/chocolate eating game and lucky dip! On Saturday, Dr Harrison visited Old Courts and (spoiler alert) the Prep boarders made very innovative Mother's Day cards. They also had fun with hide-n-seek, football and enjoyed playing the djembe drums. On Sunday afternoon we braved not only the biting winds but our hard-wired fears of heights at Air Trail near the Tees Barrage. I was very impressed with the resilience and courage shown by the junior boarders as they traversed rope bridges, walked the plank and flew along zip wires. I wish all the boarders a safe and restful time with their families and friends over the Easter period.

Mr Robson



App of the Week



Star Chart

Although I have mentioned this app before, in light of a holiday fast approaching, I thought it might be a nice one to look at over the break! This app provides you with a virtual star chart in your pocket. Look through the eyes of your phone or tablet to see a window into the universe. When you hold your device up to the sky, Star Chart will automatically start tracking your movements to match the sky. Using the Time Shift feature, you can also see how the skies looked 10,000 years ago! Have fun exploring.

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Maths Puzzler

Congratulations to George Goad and Mila Johnson who both worked out that the answer to last week's puzzler was C.

This week I've got two puzzlers for you - the first one courtesy of Abygail Jameson: How do you make 7 even?

The other inspired by Violet Heintz and her penchant for hilarious Maths jokes: How do you make 7 even?
The Symmetry!

Can you send me your best Maths joke?

As always, answers to me by the first Wednesday back at school, 24th April.

Happy Easter!

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We're not board!

Continuing on from the investigations last week, Year 4 have been creating their own board games based on some of the Maths we have explored! Great fun was had by all, another excellent opportunity for collaboration and listening to each other. Completely exhausted by the play, sporting fixtures and general learning – we wish Year 4 a very happy and restful Easter break.



Riveting River Ramble!

Year 6 had a fantastic day exploring their locality as part of their Geography topic on 'Rivers'. The pupils strolled the banks of the Tees looking for examples of meanders, deposition and rapids. It was amazing to bring pupils' learning to life and expand their knowledge of an area of outstanding natural beauty that is right on their doorstep.



Hose me down!

Reception class had a wonderful trip to the Emergency Hub in Barnard Castle last week to support their learning on the topic 'People Who Help Us'. The children had a fantastic time looking behind the scenes, talking to a firefighter and policeman before sitting in a fire engine and spraying the water hose!



Egg-cellent work!

Year 2 have all made some amazing Easter boxes using eggs at home this week!

There was everything from The little Mermaid, the Silver surfer, to the Garden of Gethsemane and everything else in between! Well done to all the children and their parents, every box was amazing!



Super Smoothies!

Year 1 have been busy this week cooking and preparing lots of healthy food including smoothies, celery boats and healthy mozzarella, and as a special treat for Easter, we made our own 'nests' as part of our 'Food and Nutrition' topic in DT.



Realistic role-play!

This week in PSHCEE the Year 5 pupils have been looking at the topic of 'Emotions' and what they are. Children shared experiences of losing loved ones and loved pets and discussed how each of us felt at these times. We used role play to help us to understand how we, and others, might deal with grief.



Top Ten of Term!

To round off another action-packed term, the children in Year 3 made a list of their 'Top Ten' memories from the term. Then they played charades and everyone had to guess each others favourite event. Despite a lot of giggles and some interesting actions, we were amazed by how much we had packed into such a short term! Here were some of the most popular memories: Forest School, sport, writing our own French books, Art, Bowes Museum trip, Maths, making our own games, exploring emotions in PHSCEE, SOLE and takeaway homework ... there were many more but the list was far too long to put here!



Marvellous Music!

Pre-Prep Recorder Group, led by Ms Ferris, our woodwind specialist, performed as we arrived at Chapel on Wednesday. They were so excited and enthused that they simply had to open the Pre-Prep Music and Poetry Concert later that afternoon. It is wonderful to see such young children being so enthusiastic about playing their instruments and we definitely hope to hear them again as soon as they have another piece ready to play to us.

The Pre-Prep Concert once again showed that it doesn't matter how young a child is, they can all sing tunefully to a high standard, they can all play instruments in a large orchestra and they can all recite poems clearly. We certainly don't underestimate the levels that young children can achieve at Barney and we aim to give them many opportunities to shine in the Performing Arts. It was wonderful to have Reception distinguish between beat and rhythm whilst singing; to have Year 1 perform on chime bars, glockenspiels and bells whilst reading from notation; and many of Year 2 singing solos as well. Our Pre-Prep Choir are the strongest they have ever been under the able direction of Mrs Bale, they even managed a small two part harmony ending to one of their songs. The Pre-Prep Recorder group ably rose to the challenge with Hot Cross Buns and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 recited poems with great enthusiasm; this year, Year 2 even wrote their own poem. The theme may have been "Up and Down" for this concert, but there's no doubt that the children were very much all "on the up"!

Dr Harrison



Happy Birthday!

Freddie Whitaker, Dylan Dougal,
Quinn Williams, Toby Gent,
Joseph Stephenson, Ava Pittaway,
William Pittaway, Gus Coggrave,
Oscar Bennett-Collins, Isobel Heagerty

Best wishes!

Awards This Week:

Special Mention Certificates:

Matthew Blackburn, Toby Willsmore, Hugo Thompson, Daisy Allison, James Harburn, Arabella Milbank, Alexander Carr, Peter Stevenson, Freydis Blake, Leo Rokk, Charlie Bridges, Felicity Lineton, Laura Watts, Sophia Hare, Kieran Armstrong, Alexander Howard, Gus Coggrave, Ben Arnold, Benjamin Pelly, Scarlett Hutchinson, Olivia Bridges, Dermot Metcalf, Jake Lawson, Dougie Ross, Emily Coggrave, Lewis Maunder-Brown, Emily England, Toby Gent

Merit Certificates:

Oliver Barrass, Isaac Binks, Jessie Burgess, Elliott Chapman, Georgina Jackson, Hugo Manners, Alia Saunders, Toby Willsmore, Annabel Jackson, James Nath, Isabelle Shield, Hugo Thompson, Freya Turner, Pia Willcocks, Dominick Armstrong, James Harburn, Olivia Harland, Harriet Hatton, Elodie Lavery, Arabella Milbank, Edith Smart, Archie Walder, Flora Whitaker, Finley Cable-Jones, Alexander Carr, Fiore Catellani, Dylan Dougal, Isla Durban, Jacob Griffin, Reuben Hosking, Oona MacConachie, Caitlyn McLean, Jenson Moody, Sophie Richardson, Peter Stevenson, Megan Sunley, Lucy Willsmore, Alex Banner, Freydis Blake, Georgina Chapman, Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Adam Lee, Hannah Lynn, Leo Rokk, Zara Scott-Priestley, Joseph Stephenson, Dexter Thomas, Samuel Wake, Freddie Wilks, Hetty Barwick, Alice Burton, Matilda Chapman, Archie Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Sienna Lawson, Felicity Lineton, Toby Rutherford, George Swinbank, Harry Westgarth, Benjamin Dixon, Liberty Flounders, Liberty Forsyth, Sophia Hare, Freddie Harland, Louise Newcombe, Charlotte Owens, Joe Rutherford, Finlay Toyne, William Watson, Laura Watts, Kieran Armstrong, Charlotte Blenkiron, Tilly Gray, Alexander Howard, Harrison Hutton, William Jackson-Ward, Henry Johnstone, William Jones, Lavender Lawson, Matilda Owens, Ella Turner, Gus Coggrave, Harry Forrester, Ramneek Khokhar, Nicol White, Sophie Winnard, William Banner, Violet Heintz, Millie Tague, Edwin Barwick, Dermot Metcalf, Alex Metcalfe, William Pittaway, Gus Living

Headmistress's Commendations:

Adam Lee, Elliott Chapman, Hugo Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Alia Saunders, Alice Burton, Benjamin Dixon, Laura Watts, Freddie Harland, Violet Heintz, Benjamin French

Well done!

Sideline



As another busy term draws to a close, I have once again been proud of the achievements of our sports performers. At times this has been based on results, but more often than not, it has been due to the attitude and efforts of our pupils.

Gymnastics:

Last Friday, ten gymnasts travelled to RGS Newcastle to participate in the HMC competition. I was really pleased by some of the individual performances of the girls in the 'A' team and thought that the standard was exceptionally high. I was delighted for the 'B' team who won a team Bronze medal in their competition, because most of the girls in the team do not perform outside school and have only really started to show signs of significant improvement recently at the after-school gymnastics club. Well done to all girls involved. We entered a young team, so there are opportunities for the girls, and perhaps even boys, to achieve even higher standards in the coming years.



Netball and Cross Country Tournaments at Queen Margaret's: U11

This was a truly uplifting end to the season for our Netball and Cross Country teams. Two teams competed against Prep Schools from all over the country, some as far afield as Edinburgh and Norfolk! The U11 team quickly got into their stride and won their first three matches comfortably. This put them as winners of their pool and therefore they progressed to the Cup Competition. Unfortunately, the U11/10 team had an unlucky draw and struggled in their first three matches. They were forced to dig deep into their stores of resilience and came out fighting to win their matches in the Bowl Competition, subsequently winning this category. The U11 team faced some stiff competition in the Cup matches and finished third overall out of sixteen teams.

Sandwiched between the two rounds of netball was a cross country competition. Although we had only entered five runners, on the day more girls stepped up and asked if they could also run. Esme Berend was our first runner home and the other girls finished strongly, with Barney being placed second overall in this event. I was so impressed with the attitude and competitiveness of the girls, who represented the school admirably. A great way to finish the season.



Mrs Thompson

Dance Talent Identification

Following on from last week's workshops, I am pleased to report that several more pupils were identified in the Year 5 sessions last Friday. Well done to all of those pupils who have been selected to attend follow-up sessions!

Rugby 7s at Mowden Hall: U11

Once again, our U11 Rugby 7s team performed to an exceptionally high standard last Saturday when they competed in the Mowden Hall Annual 7's Tournament. The boys played seven games, with results reading as; won 5, drawn 1, lost 1. This meant that the boys finished second overall in this competition of eight teams. One notable victory was that over Sedbergh, where the boys played some of the best Rugby that Mr Langley and I have witnessed from a Prep School team. Once again, to defeat schools like Terrington Hall and Bow Durham amongst others, highlights the standards that the boys have achieved. Notable mention should go to captain, Jonny Royle, who was awarded a rugby ball by the organisers for displaying the RFU values when leading his team. The day was 'topped off' by taking the boys up to St James' Park to see Newcastle Falcons v Sale Sharks.



HMC Rugby 7s at St Olave's: U11

The fifth and final U11 7's Rugby Tournament of the year was the rearranged HMC Tournament at St Olave's, York. The standard of Rugby at this tournament must be as good as any I have seen at this age level. The boys managed to beat GSAL and QEGS, Wakefield 'B' in their opening two games, losing only to St Olave's in the initial group. This put us second in our group and therefore re-grouped into the "group of death" as termed by the organiser. We were unable to turn defeat into victory in the re-match against St Olave's and QEGS, Wakefield 'A' were marginally too strong for us, but we beat Hymers by four tries in our final game to finish third overall. This was a fitting end to a fabulous season and I hope the boys will treasure the memories for many years.



Sideline



Netball at Cundall Manor: Years 3 & 4

On Monday we travelled on the bus to Cundall Manor School. The boys played Football while the girls played Netball. The last time we played Cundall was in the tournament at Yarm School and we lost to them, but on Monday we worked really hard and we won 5-2. Ella Turner was chosen by Cundall as our U9 'A' team player of the match and Laura Watts was chosen for the B team. A great afternoon of Netball and we were a very happy team! **Sofia Wilson**

After a slow start the B team started to gain momentum in the final quarter when the Chapman girls were shooting and between them they enabled us to score a magnificent goal. The girls all gained valuable experience and enjoyed their afternoon of Netball.

The U8 'A' girls made a promising start in their first Netball match. They moved into space well, showed a real hunger for the ball and linked together some good attacking play.

Felicity Lineton scored all three of the teams' goals to win 3-0. Alice Burton was voted player of the match by the opposition for some superb interceptions. What was most impressive of all at the end of the afternoon was that everyone had enjoyed playing and the standard was very encouraging. Well done also to our 'B' team girls who enjoyed the experience, drawing in their closely fought match.



Football at Cundall Manor: Years 3 & 4

The final Football games of the season were also against Cundall Manor. Whilst it was disappointing to lose in three of the four fixtures, across 'A' and 'B' teams, we can reflect on the progress made and be pleased that all of the boys have had half a term of Games lessons to develop their Football skills, but also half a term to develop their Hockey skills. As skills develop in future years, we aim to organise more Football and Hockey fixtures for the boys.

Swimming Distance Awards

Well done to Caitlyn McLean (Year 2) who has gained her 800m swim distance certificate. She completed this as front crawl and breaststroke (50/50) in under 25 minutes, which by my reckoning is a very quick time indeed for a Year 2 pupil!

Well done to Sophia Wilson (Year 4) who showed superb determination and stamina to complete her 3000m swimming certificate. What an outstanding achievement for anyone, let alone a Year 4 pupil! Congratulations.

Sports Performer of the Week

Huge congratulations to Jonny Royle who is this week's Sports Performer of the Week. Jonny has represented the school in Cross Country and was part of the HMC Plate winning Football team, however, his real abilities are even more apparent on the rugby field. This season, he has captained the U11 Rugby 7's team, and as mentioned above, was presented a match ball by the organisers of the Mowden Hall 7's Tournament for displaying the RFU core values in leading his team. His performances on the pitch have been of such a high standard and in captaining and leading by example he has helped to improve the level of team performances. Well done Jonny!

We are looking forward to this afternoon's rearranged Year 5 & 6 House Football!



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End of Term Gathering

At this morning's End of Term Gathering, we were delighted to award the following prizes:-

Music Cup	Joe Arnold
Atherton Music Cup	Bella Staley
Hayward Reading Cup	Freddie Wilks
Paul Taylor Cup for Drama	Matilda Owens
Hester Shield for Drama	Freddie Whitaker
Drama Certificates	Liberty Forsyth, William Jackson-Ward, Ella Turner, Louise Newcombe
Running Cup	Matthew Burgess
J Ballantyne Cup for Cross Country	Anna Metcalf
Cross Country Shields	Ella Turner and George Swinbank
Cross Country Certificates	Esme Berend, Sophie McGill, Jonny Royle, Minnie Wilson, Edwin Barwick, Scarlett Hutchinson, Joseph Swann, Joe Rutherford, Hetty Barwick, Charles Bennett, Felicity Lineton, Toby Rutherford Jack Baptist, Jacob Griffin, Freya Turner
Swimming Achievement Cup	Matthew Burgess
Rugby 7s Player of the Term	Jonny Royle
Rugby 7s Most Improved Player	Benjamin French
Football Cup	Harry Sinclair
Football Shield	Joe Arnold
U10 Football Player of the Term	Edwin Barwick
U10 Most Improved Football Player	Theo Te Lintelo
U9 Football Player of the Term	Joe Rutherford
U9 Most Improved Football Player	Alexander Howard
U8 Football Player of the Term	Leo Rokk
U8 Most Improved Football Player	Charles Bennett
Netball Cup	Minnie Wilson
Netball Shield	Abygail Jameson
U10 Netball Player of the Term	Scarlett Hutchinson
U10 Most Improved Netball Player	Millie Tague
U9 Netball Player of the Term	Liberty Forsyth
U9 Most Improved Netball Player	Sofia Wilson
U8 Netball Player of the Term	Felicity Lineton
U8 Most Improved Netball Player	Matilda Chapman
Gymnastics Award	Nicol White
Boarder of the Term	Oliver Stubbs
Most Improved Boarder	Laura Watts
Football Cup	To be confirmed!
Netball Cup	Drake
Cross Country Cup	Drake
House Singing	Drake and Raleigh
Merit Shield	Grenville
Merit Prizes	Freya Turner, Hetty Barwick, Mila Johnson

End of Term Special Mentions for academic achievement: Georgina Jackson, Annabel Jackson, Flora Whitaker, Caitlyn McLean, Dexter Thomas, Harry Westgarth, Freddie Harland, Evie Durban, Jacob Thomas, Isabel Fall, William Pittaway, Sophie McGill, Saffron Flounders, Matthew Burgess; and for a positive attitude: Lily Shearn, Olivia Harland, Fiore Catellani, Georgina Chapman, Hetty Barwick, Louise Newcombe, Henry Johnstone, Nicol White, Henry Jenkinson, Fred Dullage, Zara Dobson, Harriet Robson, Esme Berend

The winners of the Pre-Prep Easter Competition were Lily Shearn, Freya Turner, Flora Whitaker and Sophie Richardson. Well done to all the Pre-Prep for their beautiful and imaginative Easter creations!