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As expected, the snow arrived as we started back at School in January, but Prep School could not have been more excited, as it truly enhanced our introduction into our Lent topic 'A Frozen World'.

The whole School was magnificently transformed into varying shades of ice blue and white, with a touch of magic throughout, from a wardrobe to the arrival of a Titanic ship, we knew that the children really were set for a frozen adventure of learning.

Our Lent Term magazine really does begin to capture the sense of normality again in Prep School with highlights from the return of our Year 3 and 4 production of 'Pirates versus Mermaids' (our first play in three years), the return of dressing up with 'Where's Wally' for World Book Day and of course the ultimate highlight of the term, our *Whole School Gala Concert* at the Sage Gateshead.

I hope everyone enjoys reading and reliving the moments that are just a snapshot of our unique Barney Way!

We hope you enjoyed an EGG-cellent Easter!



Meet your Lent Term
Head Boy and Girl, Head of Houses,
Monitors and Year 6 Councillors!





'A Frozen World'!

Over the course of the Lent Term, Preppies thoroughly enjoyed studying towards an exciting curriculum theme: A Frozen World!

Each year group studied a different topic related to the theme through enriching lessons and activities, as Prep School transformed into a stunning 'Ice Palace'!

We even 'played host' to the Winter Olympics back in February!

Classes were assigned a nation and carried out a series of Olympics-related activities, sporting events and much, much more, all while keeping with the Olympic spirit and learning about their key values, such as teamwork and friendship.

To start off proceedings, Preppies were treated to an 'Opening Ceremony' courtesy of Mr Woodward, who spoke to the children about his experiences of when he had the honour of holding the Olympic torch during the London 2012 Games, as well as coaching hundreds of athletes, including an Olympian.

After such a positive start to the day, each class completed several tasks and produced excellent pieces of artwork related to their nation, before an afternoon of further excitement!

Preppies put their music skills to the test as they learnt a new song, the anthem for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Their final tasks of the day consisted of a carousel of activities ranging from learning how to bobsleigh, building their own small ones and playing Hockey and Curling, but with boules!

At the 'Closing Ceremony', Preppies proudly displayed the work they had completed over the course of the day in the Atkinson Hall, concluding a wonderfully enriching day.

Many thanks to our dedicated teaching and support staff for all their hard work throughout!



Prep School Wellbeing Week

To commemorate Wellbeing Week, Preppies enjoyed five, fun-filled days of activities and learning with a different theme for each day.

On 'Move It Monday', Preppies stayed active as they officially kicked off proceedings! Pre-Prep took part in a range of exercises in the Atkinson Hall, while pupils in Years 3-6 learned some new dance moves in the Sports Hall, as they collectively boosted their mental and physical health.

For 'Teamwork Tuesday', Preppies collaborated in their Houses to make eco-friendly outfits, displaying excellent teamwork and creativity before showcasing their designs down the 'Barney runway' at a whole School fashion show!

On 'We Like to Help Wednesday', Preppies (and staff!) spent time creating vouchers filled with promises to carry out kind gestures and support people.

On 'Thoughtful Thursday', pupils took part in a range of mindfulness sessions. Reception class took a moment to reflect with a friendly penguin, alongside breathing exercises and telling their peers about how they feel.

To round off a successful and thought-provoking Prep School Wellbeing Week, Preppies enjoyed making new friends during break time on 'Friendship Friday'. The final activity of Wellbeing Week saw older pupils collaborate with younger ones in a fun-filled 'treasure hunt', as Preppies explored Prep School seeking tasks that prompted them to talk to other pupils and get to know them better.



World Book Day 2022!

Prep School 'travelled' 'Around the World in 80 Books' to commemorate the 25th anniversary of World Book Day.

Donning 'Where's Wally?' outfits, as the dressing up theme for the day, Preppies enjoyed a plethora of book-related activities.

In the morning, pupils embarked on a 'Journey Through Books' as each class developed a theme into a fun-filled activity related to reading. Throughout the day, 'Stop, drop and read' alerts pinged at unexpected moments prompting children to read a book for a period of five minutes too.

Mrs Robertson, Prep School Deputy Head (Pastoral), also hid a number of 'Wallies' around the Prep School site for Preppies to find! If a child spotted a Wally, they received a certificate!



Prep School House Sport

We enjoyed several highly competitive rounds of Inter-House Sport fixtures during the Lent Term!

Well done to all Preppies for displaying plenty of excellent play, sportsmanship, respect and humility throughout.



Years 3 & 4
Football and Netball



Years 5 & 6
Hockey and Netball



Years 5 & 6
Football



Whole School Gala Concert

Our *Whole School Gala Concert* was just perfect – from start to finish - as all pupils and staff descended on the Sage Gateshead for a momentous occasion.

For our entire School community, including family, friends and guests, to experience something of this magnitude and revel in the collective efforts of our pupils and staff was simply amazing.

It is important that we recognise the hard work and dedication of all our pupils and many staff, who have given so much time and effort these past few months to ensure the event was able to run so smoothly and impressively.

A special mention of thanks must go to our Music Department and Director of Music, Mr Dawson, who was the catalyst for the concert, having first pitched the idea when he arrived at Barney in 2019.

It truly was an unforgettable concert that closed out a memorable day – one that will be cemented in our School's rich history for many years to come.

We are grateful to everyone for their support throughout – thank you for sharing the experience with us, Barney.



Pirates versus Mermaids!

A massive well done to our Preppies who absolutely smashed their performances in this term's entertaining play!

Years 3 & 4 sailed the seven seas with seven songs in their adaptation of *Pirates versus Mermaids*, by Gaynor Boddy and Rebecca Kincaid.

A veritable musical treasure chest, the 40 minute spectacular had the audience of family and friends on the crest of a wave with a story that pitted pugnacious pirates against marauding mermaids.

Rehearsals began just weeks before opening night of the musical in which sails were hoisted and cutlasses sharpened for a swashbuckling tale packed full of adventure, featuring 'Captain Scarypants' on one side and 'Neptuna' on the other.

Speaking about the production, Mrs Shearn said: "The children certainly threw themselves into the musical with gusto for hearty performances that were loved by the audience.

"There were a lot of lines and lyrics to learn but, as always, our pupils rose to the challenge and did fantastically well."

We would also like to thank everyone who supported the production throughout this period, including staff from both Senior and Prep Schools.



We hope you have enjoyed Prep School's latest edition of *The Barney Way!*





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Whole School Open Morning

Saturday 14th May 2022



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