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Our Michaelmas Term saw Prep School embark on a whole School topic of 'Reach for the Stars' with all children studying a book relating to space.

Prep School has been a hive of activity throughout the term as children discovered new skills, developed their knowledge, and tried new things. With many highlights throughout the term including a visit from a travelling planetarium and a nine-metre rocket that arrived in School to name a few, you really could say that the learning was out of this world.

Our term has been packed full of events and experiences to enhance the children's learning, boost their self-esteem and develop their curiosity as learners including raising money for Macmillan Cancer Research, our Wellbeing Day, Remembering Old Barnardians in November and of course our fantastic Christmas services.

This edition of *The Barney Way* offers a taste of some of the more momentous events which were hallmarks of a very busy Michaelmas Term.

I hope everyone thoroughly enjoys reading and reliving the moments that for me are a snapshot of what simply is 'The Barney Way'.

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



Welcome to Barney, Reception!

In September 2022, we welcomed 12 new starters to Reception. It has been heartening to see our Preppies settle seamlessly into Prep School life, developing friendships and exploring their classroom and new surroundings as the term has progressed.



REACH FOR THE STARS!

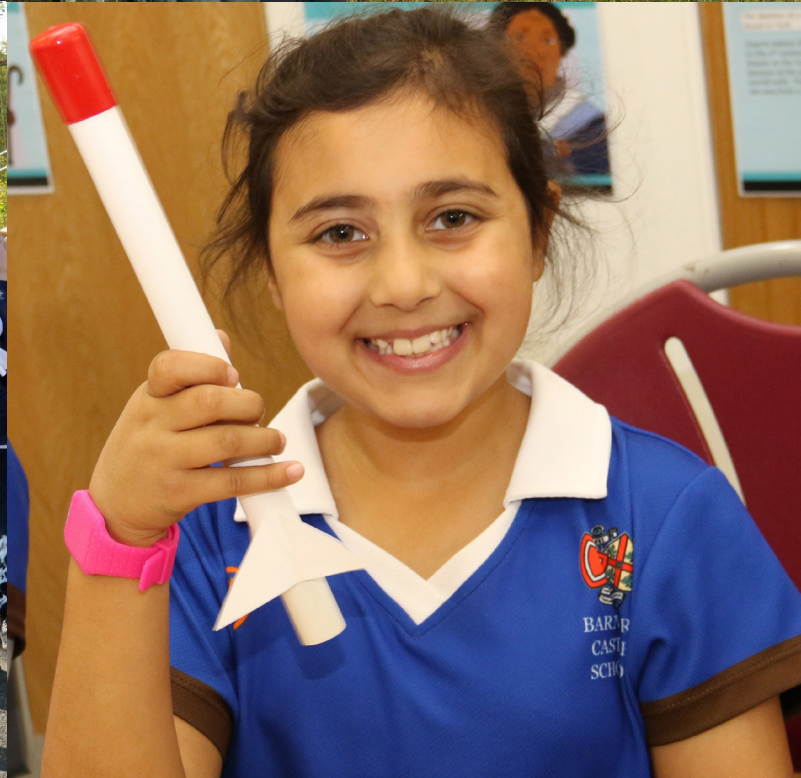
Prep School 'blasts off' following special rocket visit

Preppies 'reached for the stars' as we were fortunate enough to welcome Starchaser Industries to Barney for a fascinating day. Complementing their Reach for the Stars curriculum theme for the Michaelmas Term, the visit offered practical exercises and workshops over the course of the day.

Year groups worked with Steve Bennett, founder of Starchaser, to design and build their own small rockets which were launched 100ft into the air using compressed air. They also enjoyed examining a mystery box of artefacts including sections of rocket and samples of meteoroids.

The whole School turned out on the back fields for the blast-off of two rocket fuel-powered craft launched by pupils to a height of more than 300ft before parachuting back down to earth, drawing to a close a breathtaking day of learning!





That's one more step for Prep School!

We were grateful to Cosmos Planetarium for visiting and providing Preppies with an 'out of this world' experience!

Our honorary astronauts enjoyed trips to a large dome that was set up in the Atkinson Hall, offering a virtual masterclass on all things space, including rocket launches through history.



Gone, yet not forgotten

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Our School community observed a poignant Remembrance Day Service, as we paid our respects to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, including many Old Barnardians.

Lest we forget.



Preppies give back

Throughout the Michaelmas Term, the entire Prep School community has been committed to supporting good causes and charities. It has been heartening to see many of the initial ideas from School Council meetings develop into successful events and initiatives to help those most in need within our School's immediate community and beyond.

It has been equally lovely to witness Preppies collaborate with Senior School pupils, as part of their Monday Service Activities, specifically its Eco Club. Over the course of the term, Barnardians have helped to plant trees across the site, in tandem with Teesdale for Trees, in addition to multiple litterpicks in the community.

In September, we hosted a coffee morning to support Macmillan Cancer Support's annual initiative, and it was wonderful to host parents in the Atkinson Hall and Dining Hall.

This was soon followed by a joyful Harvest Festival service, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and proved to be the perfect way to close out an action-packed Half Term. Well done to our Preppies who sang and read exceptionally throughout, with thanks to staff for preparing and rehearsing with them in advance. We are grateful for everyone's kind donations of goods, all of which were distributed to local food banks.

In November, the Atkinson Hall looked 'SPOT-TACULAR' as children placed donations on its coloured spots over the course of the day, with all monies raised going towards Children in Need!

Capping off a fantastic, charitable term, Prep School's Christmas Jumper sale raised a staggering £400, in support of Centrepont! We are grateful to everyone who supported, attended and donated goods to the event, which we hope will become an annual event.



Sporting prowess at Prep School!

Over the course of an enriching term - both inside and outside of the classroom - we hosted many exciting events. It was wonderful to welcome members of our community, as well as friends from other schools, for our Sporting Festival Weekend in September, which featured healthy competition in U10 Hockey and Rugby.

Later, in November, we hosted our annual 'Barney Run' welcoming parents once again for a true spectacle as Preppies ran their hearts out, gaining crucial House points.

We are grateful for everyone's support of our flagship events, especially those who worked tirelessly in the background.



Bravo, Preppies!

We enjoyed an amazing afternoon of entertainment as Prep School 'reached for the stars' and delivered outstanding performances throughout a wonderful House Singing Competition!

Many congratulations to all performers, especially those in Drake House, who won the overall competition by the barest of margins, indicating how keenly contested this year's event was.

We are grateful to all staff who supported rehearsals, Mr Dawson for organising and adjudicating, the live band who supported each act and, finally, Sixth Formers Izzy and Benji who gave up their time to adjudicate too!



PREP SCHOOL X LONDON!

From Warner Bros Harry Potter Studios and a blue badge guide to visiting the Natural History Museum and catching a performance of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, it is safe to say that Year 6 had a thoroughly enjoyable time away in London!

Upon their return, parents were treated to a special afternoon tea, where Preppies spoke about all their exciting adventures in our nation's capital!



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Languages Week

Preppies learnt all about the importance of language learning, as they celebrated Prep School Languages Week.

The children enjoyed finding out about the different countries where English is spoken, while appreciating that there are many others where other languages are spoken. They also took registration in a different language each morning and, during lunchtime, a pupil said grace each day in another language.

Pre-Prep collated photographs of their travels around the world and added them to our very own 'Travel Map'. Meanwhile, Year 3 learnt about the various traditions held by the tooth fairy in different countries, including how in Spain a little mouse (Raton Perez) collects teeth and leaves a gift or money. Year 4 read stories in different languages and Years 5 and 6 capped off Preppies' insightful week by learning Italian.

All in all, it was a successful initiative where Preppies challenged themselves and spent it outside of their comfort zones to learn the importance of languages.



Prep School Wellbeing Day

We enjoyed hosting a special day across Prep School, as pupils took part in a series of activities and classroom-based learning to support their wellbeing.

From 'superhero yoga' and baking to art and making new friends, Preppies had a therapeutic day of non-stop laughter, smiles and happiness!



Barney: United Against Bullying

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting one another, pupils showed their support for Anti-Bullying Week by signing pledge boards that are proudly on display around our School site.

Over the course of the week, Preppies spent time promoting the importance of 'reaching out' and raising money for Mind through Odd Socks Day, among other activities to support this important initiative.



FESTIVE FUN AT PREP SCHOOL!

Christmas at Barney is always a special time of year, and 2022 was no exception! Preppies got into the festive spirit, enjoying many wonderful events, from carol services and Pre-Prep's Nativity to visiting Santa at The Bowes Museum.



Our extensive festive calendar proved to be a fitting end to a memorable Michaelmas Term, as our entire School community rallied around one another to celebrate in style!



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**A memorable
Michaelmas Term!**

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