



# The Barney Buzz

BARNARD CASTLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## Headmistress's News

As is fitting, our theme this week has been Remembrance. As a School we feel it is important to remember, along with the rest of the country, those people who have died in our service. Memories can be both happy and sad and we have been discussing this all week with a strong focus on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Our observance of Remembrance as a whole School this morning enabled the children to experience coming together as a community to reflect upon the sacrifice of Old Barnardians and former staff in various conflicts and in whose footsteps we are currently treading. It was, therefore, fitting that 15 members of Prep School planted crosses at the front of Senior School as part of the service. Reflection and empathy are strong qualities that we wish to encourage in our children and the solemnity and respect demonstrated by them was exemplary.



We have come to the end of our parent/teacher meetings and I hope everyone found these informative as we begin our second half term. The book fair was also a huge success and very popular with the children. The School has over £668 to spend on books from the commission of the sales. Thank you for all your support.



Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is a non-uniform day for Prep School pupils and we will be raising money for Children in Need. The School Council have decided on a 'spotty' themed clothing day and have arranged a variety of fundraising events throughout the day. We hope the children will be able to support these, the School Council will be placing further details around the School at the beginning of next week. If children wish to take part, please can they bring in a minimum donation of £1 on the day and some small change to participate in the cake sale and 'spotty' events.

Our annual Barney Friends' Quiz also takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Atkinson Hall. I do hope you can join us for a fun evening as Mr Ayres and Miss White take over the quizmaster baton from Mr Seddon!

You will have received leaflets yesterday with further details about contributing to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal for the wonderful Home-Start Seaham charity this year. As usual we will begin our famous wall of shoeboxes in the Atkinson Hall on Monday morning and I am truly grateful to all those who can help.

A reminder that tomorrow is the first of our 'Bridging the Gap' sessions for our Year 6 pupils, and I know Mr Stevens is very much looking forward to meeting you all and welcoming you into Senior School.

**Laura Turner**

## Boarders News

Last Saturday was extremely cold and wet, so following a hearty breakfast the boarders opted for free time in Old Courts. The children used this time to play on the Wii, watch films, build dens and much more. We didn't mind being indoors as there was an evening excursion to look forward to. We all hopped on the mini-bus and ventured up to Cross Lanes. The cold weather was forgotten about for at least two hours as we all gazed at the fantastic firework display and enjoyed playing and tucking into toffee apples. Sunday was a busy day for sport with four boys playing rugby for Barney against Richmond and three children playing Hockey in Eggescliffe. All the players enjoyed themselves and did very well.

**Mr Killeen**





## Budding artists!

In lessons Year 6 have been continuing their study of National Gallery paintings. Following our visit to the gallery during the London trip, where pupils were able to see their chosen painting in the flesh, they have begun their final versions of their own work in class. What a difference their experience in the gallery has made to their work. Pupils were amazed at the size of some of the pieces of art and it has enthused them to try even harder in the classroom to do the artist's work justice. Pupils have the freedom to interpret the original masterpiece however they wish and they are using a variety of medium to add colour, with some pupils choosing to use chalk, some paint or watercolour and others are even experimenting with charcoal. We can't wait to see the finished results.



## Shaping up nicely!

Reception have been on the hunt for shapes all around them this week. They have been counting sides and corners and spotting shapes with straight or curved sides.



## Our visit to the Glass Centre

"In the morning we got on the Maudes coach, it took an hour to get to the National Glass Centre. On the way there we saw the Stadium of Light. When we got there we met James and we did experiments on a piece of paper; afterwards we did a messy experiment where we had to squish and squash some cornflower with water. After lunch we saw a snow dog then we watched how glass was made. When asked a question, Rocco got it right and he got to blow glass, which was very hot! Next we went to the workshop and made a glass tile. We used some little bits of grit to decorate it. We also got to go on the roof, it was very strong glass. We said goodbye to James and came back to School."

**Joe Rutherford, 2P**



## Maths Open Evening for Parents

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November the Atkinson Hall plays host to our Maths Open Evening. It's a chance to find out more about how we teach maths, our curriculum, aims, methods, resources and ways in which you can aid in your child's development. There will be a wealth of information on display relevant to each year group as well as delicious refreshments served by my glamorous assistant Mrs Morse. There will also be example lessons for KS1, Lower and Upper KS2 to give you an idea of the sorts of fantastic activities your children get to take part in. Whatever your views on Maths and maths teaching I promise you'll leave as enthused with the subject as we are. The show starts at 7pm. A lot has changed since the last Maths Open Evening so pop along and see what's new. To make sure I don't run out of anything please could you indicate your intention to attend by dropping me an email: [sta@barneyschool.org.uk](mailto:sta@barneyschool.org.uk). I look forward to seeing you there.

**Mr Ayres**



## Sport News

### Hockey v Red House: U11, U10

Excitement was high for our fixture on Friday afternoon against Red House with a large squad of girls excited to don their hockey strip and play a competitive match of hockey. The girls started off very well, keeping possession and moving the ball successfully up the pitch towards their attacking goal. It didn't take long for the girls to be rewarded with a fantastic goal from the edge of the D. This caused a domino effect and the goals kept coming. With a secure win already in our sights, it was time for the girls to experience some different positions on the pitch. This was a valuable lesson for all the girls who were playing and one that will stand them in good stead for the future.

**Mrs Hairsine**

The U10 team were also looking forward to facing Red House last Friday. The team had a great start and showed that they had listened to the drills we had practised on positioning and shielding the ball. After some strong chances we scored a lovely goal. Red House were by no means outplayed and our defence had to work hard to distribute the ball wide, resulting in two more excellent goals to win the match. The spectators were clearly proud of the way the girls played and by how much improvement was shown. Well done everyone!

**Mrs Seddon**



### Loopy Limericks!

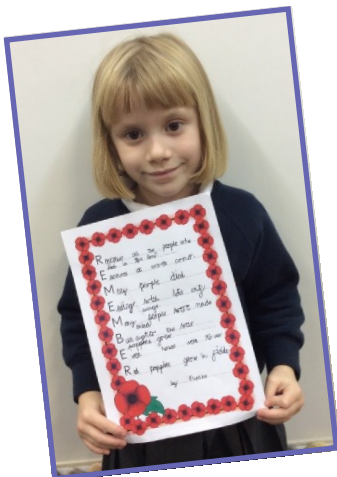
In class time we are reading Matilda and on Monday were introduced to Matilda's rather amusing limericks. Inspired by this, Year 4 worked collaboratively to create rhyming ditties. Here are some to make you giggle!

A young lady went to a ball,  
And had a very great fall,  
Her dress was bright green,  
So that she could be seen,  
In fact she was very, very tall. *By Jemima and Theo*

There was a boy called Ben,  
He had a crazy pet hen,  
His hen pecked up corn,  
He played the French horn,  
And he fluttered back to his den. *By Gus and Lottie*

There was a fat dog called Og,  
Who liked sitting on a certain log,  
He tried to sneeze,  
Because of some bees,  
And ended up flat in the bog! *By Darcy and Ben*

There once was a boy called Greg,  
Who went out to buy a fried egg,  
He had no money,  
He thought it was funny,  
And ended up selling a leg! *By Zara and Tom*



### Lest we forget

Year 1 have been busy commemorating all the fallen soldiers who lost their lives in WWI and WWII. We have read the book 'Where The Poppies Now Grow' and have created a battlefield painting, an acrostic poem and a poppy.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the various tasks we have completed this week.





## A busy week!

Year 3 have been working hard in French this week and enjoyed recording their language practice on our rainbow pegs. Bien fait!

Linking our study of different types of housing in both rural and urban Kenya, the Year 3 children have created their own mud huts. They have also added to their scrapbook ideas as to why this type of housing wouldn't be particularly successful in our own country.



## Let it snow!

The children thoroughly enjoyed playing in the snow earlier this week during their break times.

They wrapped up warm and went outside to enjoy it while it lasted!



## What's in a name?

In Maths Year 5 have been working on improving their multiplication and division skills. They have also had great fun working on a pencil case investigations for the past two Tuesdays. We have been looking at children's names and whether eight letters would be enough for everyone to put their first name on a pencil case. Our results have shown that there are several Prep School pupils whose names wouldn't fit (Sebastian, Alexander, Mirabelle, George-Louis and Annabelle to name but a few). We could however use a nickname instead (Seb, Alex, Belle, etc).

We are now on the second stage of this investigation and are seeing which letters are the most common in children's first names, for boys and girls. Vowels were correctly predicted before we set to work and some definitely appeared in the top six. Well done Year 5.

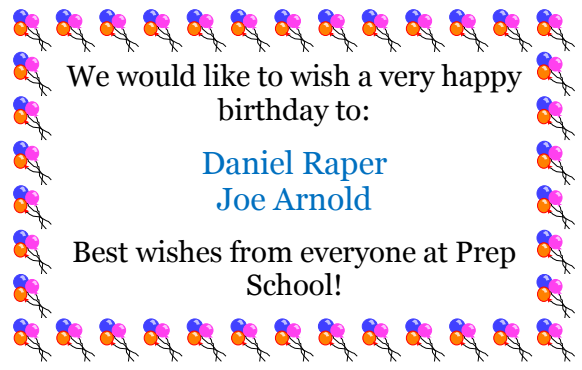
## Christmas soft toys on sale

Mrs Robertson's renowned 'Flumpets', sold each year in aid of the Butterwick Hospice, have arrived in School! These adorable Christmas characters will be available to purchase, initially one per pupil, from Monday, at a cost of £1.50 each. From Tuesday children may purchase more if they wish, as long as supplies last! Please bring correct change if possible; many thanks. We all look forward to a Flumpet-filled Prep School next week!



## Medals and memorabilia

6A enjoyed a talk during their History lesson by Daniel Richardson, who brought in his great-grandfather's MBE, and associated memorabilia, from the Second World War. It was particularly apt as, this week, we learnt about Remembrance traditions.



We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

**Daniel Raper**  
**Joe Arnold**

Best wishes from everyone at Prep School!

## Awards This Week:

### Merit Certificates:

Megan Sunley, Freydis Blake, Charlie Bridges,  
Matthew Killeen, Adam Lee, Rory Metcalf,  
Alexander Milbank, Sophie Pegram, Bertie Swan,  
Dexter Thomas, Freddie Wilks,  
Nathan Willoughby-Brown, William Banner,  
Gus Coggrave, Anna Metcalf, Thomas Rothwell,  
Jonny Royle, Luke Banner, Emily Coggrave,  
Darcy Metcalf, Harry Sinclair, Oliver Dickinson,  
William Hutchinson, Kohana Armstrong,  
Lydia Dixon, Joseph Green, William Shaefer,  
Jack Baptist, Fiore Catellani, Dylan Dougal,  
Vivi Gledhill, Caitlyn McLean, Sophie Richardson,  
Peter Stevenson, Lucy Willsmore, Harry Forrester,  
Oscar Lawson, Dermot Metcalf, Evie Wicling,  
Aasta McGregor-Towers, Daniel Richardson,  
Maisy Squires, Samuel Banner, Freddie Barrett,  
Charlie Thompson, Jonny Ross-Mitchell,  
Sebastian Waiter-Westgarth

### App of the Week:



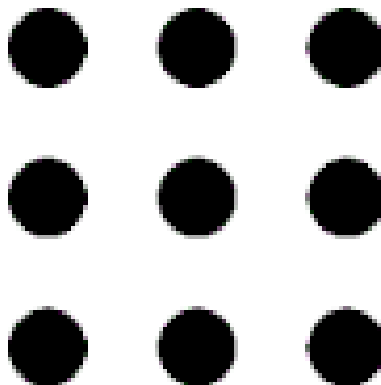
Rather than an app this week, as we are about to celebrate this year's Children in Need event – I would like to share a fabulous website where you can play games with Pudsey Bear.  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/31W0c9Np4HhopLF8y1ZhGSW/pudsey-games>  
There are three games to play on the site. The first allows you to design a spotty car, the second is a memory pairs game and the third requires you to throw pies at targets without hitting Pudsey. Have fun with the spots!

## Maths Puzzler

Well done to everyone who worked out that if a pen and pencil cost £5, and the pen is £4 more than the pencil, the pen costs £4.50 and the pencil 50p.

This week's puzzler comes courtesy of Talitha Hayward. It was her contribution to my "make your own puzzler" homework and, coincidentally, happens to be the first puzzler I ever set way back in 2010.

Using only 4 straight lines and without taking your pencil off the paper can you go through all 9 dots?



Please return your answers to me by Wednesday.

Good luck!



Mr Ayres

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## Forthcoming Events

### November

Fri 11 Year 5 & 6 House Hockey & Rugby matches, 2pm  
Sat 12 Bridging the Gap for Year 6 (by appointment), 9:30am  
Mon 14 Rugby & Hockey v RGS: U9, U8 (A), 2:30pm  
Wed 16 Barney Friends' meeting, Clarendon's, 8:45am  
~~Rugby v Aysgarth: U9, U8 (H), 3:30pm (cancelled)~~  
Fri 18 Spotty Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need  
Rugby and Hockey Tournaments at Bradford Grammar School: U10A, U9, 1pm  
Rugby v St Olave's: U11, U10B (A), 2:15pm  
Hockey v St Olave's: U11, U10B (H), 2:15pm  
Barney Friends' Quiz Night, Atkinson Hall, 7pm

## Headmistress's Commendations:

Dylan Dougal  
Peter Stevenson  
Isabelle Killeen  
Sebastian Metcalf  
Joe Rutherford  
William Watson

Well done!

## A Spotacular Day!



School Council are excited to announce that on Friday 18th November Prep School will be taking part in Children in Need. Pupils may donate £1 to come to school in non-uniform. This year we have decided on a spotty theme and we would like everyone to wear something spotty. This could be a spotty t-shirt, jumper, bandana or even some Pudsey ears! You can be as understated or extravagant as you wish! Throughout the day we will also be holding a variety of spotty activities to raise additional funds for the charity, look out for more information about these next week.

**School Council**