



Welcome to our Spring 1 Newsletter. Despite it being a short half term, we have managed to fill it with lots of exciting events and activities. One highlight of this term has been the introduction of Medical Tracker. This is a new system for reporting and recording all medical incidents related to our children. We are happy to report that, so far, it is running successfully. Don't forget to check your emails regularly, as this is the way that all incidents are reported.

I am also pleased to announce that our SATs booster classes have started this half term for our year 6 children and have been very well attended.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming our year 1 families into school for a phonics workshop and for a history event this half term. A huge thank you for their attendance and support.

On a bittersweet note, we said farewell to Mrs Rockett as she started her maternity leave. We wish her all the best during this special time in her life.

Enjoy reading on to find out about all the exciting events and activities that have taken place at Barnburgh during this half term.

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher

ATTENDANCE BRONZE AWARDS

Congratulations to 50 children across school who received a Bronze Attendance Award. This award was presented to all the children who did not have any time absent from school during the autumn term. Considering all the nasty winter bugs, we think this is a Truly Great achievement. Well done.

Our whole school attendance for the spring term is 95.8%



KEY DATES

- 19.02.24 School choir perform at Young Voices
- 20.02.24 KS1 gymnastics festival
- 28.02.24 Year 6 Crucial Crew visit
- 04.03.24 Year 6 ASPIRE event 09:00 to 10:00
- 05.03.24 Year 2 ASPIRE event 09:00 to 10:00
- 06.03.24 Year 5 and 6 dodgeball competition
- 07.03.24 World Book Day & Year 3 ASPIRE event 09:00 to 10:00
- 08.03.24 Year 4 ASPIRE event 09:00 to 10:00
- 08.03.24 Year 5 ASPIRE event 13:45 to 14:45
- 13.03.24 Nursery ASPIRE event 09:00 to 10:00
- 13.03.24 Year 3 and 4 dodgeball competition
- 13.03.24 Reception ASPIRE event 14:15 to 15:00
- 18.03.24 Year 5 puberty session
- 19.03.24 Year 6 birth and conception session
- 20.03.24 Dance club rehearsal at Campsmount
- 21.03.24 Dance club performing in Leger dance festival
- 26.03.24 Year 6 trip to Eden Camp
- 26.03.24 Parents Evening
- 27.03.24 Year 1 and 2 dodgeball competition
- 27.03.24 Parents Evening
- 29.03.24 Break up for Easter

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ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 5 for being Truly Great at coming to school every day. Year 5 had the best attendance this half term with 98%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Hawking House who are our cumulative winners so far this year with an impressive 4051 house points!

ASPIRE WINNERS

It has been a pleasure to present ASPIRE awards to so many children this half term. For photographs and names of children, please refer to our School Ping newsletter items. Thank you to our ASPIRE winners for being Truly Great!

SPORT COMPETITIONS

Basketball	17.01.24	Years 5 & 6	9 th
Basketball	24.01.24	Years 3 & 4	3 rd
Basketball	31.01.24	Years 1 & 2	10 th
Swimming	07.02.24	Year 5	6 th

MUSIC ENRICHMENT

MUSICAL STORIES

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 had a fantastic experience on 6th February participating in Musical Stories delivered by Concerteenies. The story this year was "The Dog Who Could Dig". It was about a little dog who really wants to find the bone he buried in the garden. Along his digging adventure, he finds several things that he just cannot eat before finally being able to provide a feast for the neighbourhood dogs. The children enjoyed listening to Matt play the Marimba. They learned all about how to play high and low pitched notes. We were then guided through the story which was accompanied by music played on the Marimba with songs such as "That must be my bone" and "I can't eat that!" where the children were able to join in with the songs and the actions.

SING OUT COMPOSITION

This half term the children in our Key Stage 2 choir have had the opportunity to participate in a composition workshop to create a song for Sing Out which is a local event for school choirs. The children worked with Luke from Sing Out to sing some songs. They loved hearing him play the accordion and singing along. The children had a choice of 3 songs and they chose to write one that focuses on dancing and movement. Their ideas were absolutely AMAZING and Luke was blown away by the children's enthusiasm. We can't wait to hear how Luke develops the song and we look forward to performing it at Sing Out in June.



A MUSICAL THEATRE DAY

On Friday 2nd February, year 5 visited Ridgewood Academy to enjoy a day learning about musical theatre. The workshop was led by a West End star, Luke, who has most recently performed in Sunset Boulevard alongside Nicole Scherzinger. The day was jam packed with singing, dancing and acting all based around the musical Matilda. Our year 5s were supported by Ridgewood drama students who were fabulous directors and inspired all our children. A huge thank you to the drama department at Ridgewood for a wonderful learning experience.



WEAR RED DAY

On Friday 2nd February we turned the school red to raise funds for Children's Heart Surgery Fund. Children were invited to wear red items and our House Captains helped organise a competition to guess the number of sweets in Katie Bear's jars. There was a prize for each house and for EYFS and the lucky winners were:

EYFS: Olivia (Reception)

Einstein: Ivy (Year 1)

Mandela: Oscar (Year 3)

Teresa: Austin (Year 5)

Hawking: Jessica (Year 6)

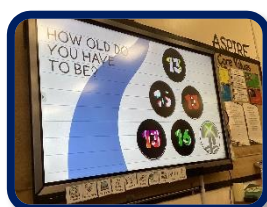
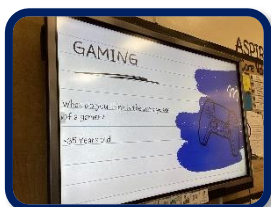
Well done to the winners and thank you to everyone who took part! We managed to raise an amazing £286.40 for CHSF which will help support children and families with congenital heart defects in our region. A huge thank you to Mrs Middleton for organising the day and to Lidl in Mexborough for donating the sweets.



KEEPING SAFE

This half term we have had lots of enrichment activities taking place across school to help our children learn how to stay safe.

Our year 5 took part in a road safety refresher session led by Rebecca Davies from Doncaster Council. Year 1 took part in a Safe Touch session run by our school nurse. And our whole school enjoyed activities on Tuesday 6th February for Safer Internet Day to learn how to stay safe online. A huge thank you to Project Officer Emma Cassidy from South Yorkshire Police for talking to our Year 4, 5 and 6 children about how to stay safe when gaming or using social media. Her words were very powerful and left our children really thinking about the importance of staying safe on line.



BEDTIME READING

What a wonderful treat to welcome our nursery and reception children back to school to enjoy some bedtime reading. Our Early Years teachers transformed their learning areas into cosy, inviting reading dens for children to enjoy reading and looking at books with their grown-ups.

It was wonderful to see families reading together (and enjoying a hot chocolate and biscuit!)

