



Well, here we are again at the end of another busy half term – this year seems to be flying by! We started Spring 2 off by celebrating the birth of beautiful Nyla Grace. Mrs Rockett and her new family are all doing well and adapting well to their newest little member. We were also delighted to welcome back Mrs Vockins from her maternity leave. Sadly, this meant that we said goodbye to Mrs Heptinstall who was covering some of Mrs Vockins maternity leave. Mrs Heptinstall helped us out for a couple of weeks at the start of the year and then we just couldn't let her go! She made a very positive impact on all our children in Early Years and we can't thank her enough. We are delighted to be welcoming a new experienced teacher, Miss Sarah Loftus, to our school after the Easter break. Miss Loftus will be based in our year 3 class to provide more capacity for Mrs Kay to lead sports events in school and across our Trust. Miss Loftus has already met our year 3 children and many of their families and we can't wait to introduce her to you all when we return to school.

A HUGE thank you to all families who attended parent's evening this half term. Also, thank you to families for helping us prepare our children for the Leger photograph day. We have received our new photos which are an absolute delight - keep your eyes peeled for them appearing on our new website. In addition to all the news articles below, our year 6 class have been on a trip to Eden Camp and Crucial Crew, our year 4 children enjoyed a Viking day, our year 2 children enjoyed a visit from Ben Parkinson and Ed Milliband, our Year 5 children visited Laurel academy on a transition event, our Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers and Cubs celebrated World Thinking Day, a talented group of year 6 children represented our academy at a Spelling Bee competition at Hill House, our year 1 children enjoyed a visit from Revd. Twig to learn about the Easter story and our whole school enjoyed a Science Week! Phew! I think we are all ready now for an Easter Break! Enjoy reading the rest of our newsletter.

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher

ASPIRE EVENTS

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for our Truly Great ASPIRE events this half term. These were the second ASPIRE events we have held since joining Leger and I was delighted to see many family members joining us. We really hope the events gave you an opportunity to see for yourselves how our new curriculum is developing. I also hope it gave many of you the chance to have a go at some of the learning activities that your children have been participating in. We look forward to inviting you in for one final time this year in the summer term.

KEY DATES

- 16.04.24 Whole school STEM festival
- 17.04.24 Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Competition
- 18.04.24 Year 2 school visit to National Coal Mining Museum
- 22.04.24 Year 2 visit from a miner
- 24.04.24 Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Competition
- 29.04.24 Year 4 Road Safety Training
- 03.05.24 Year 2 Mining Brass Band visit
- 06.05.24 School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 10.05.24 Year 1 trip to Austerfield
- 13.05.24 Year 6 SATs week
- 15.05.24 KS1 tennis competition (TBC)
- 16.05.24 Year 6 SATs picnic
- 22.05.24 KS2 tennis competition (TBC)
- 24.05.24 Last day of school before half term break

RESPONSIBLE PARKING PLEA

We are appealing to ALL families NOT to park on the single yellow lines at drop off and pick up time. These rules are in place to keep children safe. If you choose to park your car on the single yellow lines you are not only at risk of a fixed penalty notice but you are also putting children at risk of harm. We have had two 'near misses' recently and we are receiving a high volume of complaints from families who are struggling to navigate their way to school safely on foot. Please please don't let a serious incident be what it takes to make this change – your children are far too precious!

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ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 1 for being Truly Great at coming to school every day. Year 1 had the best attendance this half term with 97%. Our overall attendance for this term is 96%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Einstein House who are our cumulative winners so far this year with an impressive 5311 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!

TRUST VALUE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Eva B (year 2) and Mrs Simpkin for winning the Trust Value Award for Integrity. These awards are given out every term to one pupil and one member of staff who are demonstrating one of our Trust's Values. These awards are very well deserving. Thank you to Eva and Mrs Simpkin for always being Truly Great!



LEGER SPORT COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION	DATE	YEAR GROUPS	POSITION
Gymnastics	21.02.24	1&2	n/a
Dodgeball	06.03.24	5&6	3 rd
Dodgeball	13.03.24	3&4	8 th
Dance	21.03.24	3 & 5	2 nd (judges score)
Dodgeball	27.03.25	1&2	4 th

YOUNG VOICES

Our absolutely amazing KS2 choir represented the school on Monday 19th February at Utilita Arena, Sheffield to participate in the largest school choir - Young Voices. They arrived just after lunch and started rehearsals straight away. They were guided through each song by a fantastic conductor and they learned lots of dance moves from the Urban Strides team. After a short break for tea, the audience began to arrive, the lights went down and the show stopping performance began. The children sang their hearts out including a Moana Mash-Up, a Pop Medley, a selection of Gospel songs, a song in Korean and a fabulous Matilda Medley.

Everyone was blown away by a special rock performance from the amazing Nandi Bushell - a 13 year old girl who is an outstanding drummer and saxophone player. She really inspired the children! Our children danced, sang and cheered the night away. A HUGE thank you to Miss Allison for organising this and to all our governors and families who supported it.



BIG WALK AND WHEEL

A BIG thank you to all the children and families for supporting our 'Big Walk and Wheel' fortnight at school. This is a national event and we were so pleased so many of our families got behind this initiative to support active travel.

There are many reasons we wanted to take part in this event. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into a child's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing too. Active travel choices also improves air quality in the neighbourhood and benefits the world around us.

This year we managed a total of 1,468 active journeys over the fortnight. We had an average of 73.3% active journeys each day. Reception were our overall leading class with 295 journeys over the two weeks. During the event, we also enjoyed riding our bikes, scooters and skateboards in the playground at break and dinner times.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Kay for organising this.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On 7th March we celebrated World Book Day. It was lovely to see everyone getting into the spirit of the event through comfortable clothes and fantastic fancy dress. Across the day, our children joined in with online live reading events, story times in the library and buddy reading. A huge thank you to everyone for getting involved with Barnburgh's very first book swap. This was a brilliant way to recycle old books and give them a loving new home!

It was also such a pleasure to see so many of our children enjoying books from our library with their families at the 'Rock Up and Read' events. A HUGE thank you to Miss Taylor for organising all of this.



LEGER DANCE FESTIVAL

On the evening of Thursday 21st March, our fabulous dance team performed in the Leger Dance Festival at Campsmount Academy. The festival included 7 dances by junior schools and 6 dances by infant schools. All the dances had to communicate a time in history. Our dance team presented a dance about the history of flight to a piece of music called Adiemus written by Karl Jenkins. Their performance was simply sensational and we could not be more proud of all our dancers. There were four judges including a dancer who is currently performing in the West End. We were delighted to receive a score of 38 from the judges including two 10s! A HUGE well done to our talented dancers.



EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Our fabulous School Council have been busy producing a newsletter this half term and organising Easter activities including an egg decorating competition and an Easter raffle. Please see below for a list of winners. A huge thank you to staff and friends of our school who donated the raffle prizes. Please refer to the School Council whole school Ping for a list of all the winners.

**HAPPY EASTER FROM EVERYONE AT
BARNBURGH PRIMARY ACADEMY.**



COMIC RELIEF

On 15th March our House Captains led our Comic Relief celebrations by selling red noses and asking everyone to come to school with crazy hair. They also organised a joke competition. A HUGE thank you to our House Captains and to everyone who joined in with the celebrations.

**For a list of all
the winners
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message**

