



We have had an absolutely fantastic half term filled with exciting events and memorable moments. We started Autumn 2 off with a wonderful Halloween disco, organised as a fundraising event by our Friends of Barnburgh. Our children showcased their spooky costumes and danced the night away! Shortly after, we came together as a school community for Remembrance Day and our School Council represented us at St Peter's church service. The spirit of 'togetherness' continued as we enthusiastically participated in Children in Need, raising an impressive £160.75. At the beginning of November, our year 5 and 6 children went on an exciting residential trip, creating lasting memories and building strong bonds with their friends. We showcased our new curriculum through the introduction of ASPIRE events, and, in addition to all of the above, we also managed to fit in a book fayre which was very well supported. We have wrapped up the half term with Christmas concerts and celebrations, spreading cheer and festive spirit throughout our school and our community. It has truly been an incredible time filled with lots of fun, learning, and TRULY GREAT moments!

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher

A huge **THANK YOU** to our wonderful **Friends of Barnburgh** who work tirelessly to fundraise for our school. Thank you for organising the Halloween disco; for ensuring that Santa delivered a gift under all our class Christmas trees; and for your fulfilled fundraising event with the Elves! You are all **AMAZING!** A special note of thanks to Mr Hey who donated the beautiful Christmas tree in our school hall.



For more photos and information linked to any of the articles in this newsletter, please visit our communication platform, School Ping.

If you would like to learn more about our curriculum, please take a look at our website.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact any member of our academy staff.

KEY DATES

- 08.01.24 Return to school
- 10.01.24 Year 5 swimming re-starts
- 17.01.24 Year 5/6 basketball competition (team to be announced)
- 23.01.24 Year 5 road safety session in school time
- 24.01.24 Year 3/4 basketball competition (team to be announced)
- 30.01.24 Year 1 Safe Touch talk in school time
- 31.01.24 Year 1/2 basketball competition (team to be announced)
- 02.02.24 Wear Red Day for Children's Heart Surgery Fund
- 07.02.24 KS2 swimming gala (TBC)
- 08.02.24 Choir at Young Voices
- 09.02.23 Last day before half term

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ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 3 for being Truly Great at coming to school every day. Year 3 had the best attendance this half term with 96.9%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Hawking House who are our cumulative winners so far this year with an impressive 3186 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!

LEGER ASPIRE WINNER

Congratulations to Teddy (Year 6) and Mrs Rockett for winning the Leger ASPIRE award for Pride this half term.

SPORT COMPETITIONS

Netball	08.11.23	Years 5 & 6	1 st
Netball	15.11.23	Years 3 & 4	2 nd
Football	22.11.23	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	4 th
Athletics	29.11.23	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	5 th
Cheerleading	06.12.23	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	2 nd
Multi-Skills	13.12.23	Years 1 & 2	N/A

RESIDENTIAL

On Wednesday 15th November, our Year 5 and 6 children went to Kingswood, Dearne Valley to enjoy a three day residential. The children had a fantastic time participating in a range of outdoor adventurous activities including archery, Jacob's ladder, zip-lining, mini Olympics, fire lighting, campfires... to name but a few. The children made us so proud and it was inspiring to see them challenging themselves and overcoming some of their fears.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday 12th November representatives from our wonderful School Council attended the Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church in Barnburgh. They shared a poem about the significance of poppies and joined in with various parts of the service. Rev. Jo Twigg prepared some crafts for the children to do during the first part of the service which the School Council really enjoyed. Previous to the service, our School Council had spent the week in school selling merchandise to raise money for the British Royal Legion. To see our children representing our academy at such a poignant time was very moving. They made us so proud. A huge thank you to the families who gave up their Sunday morning to support this special event. Rev Twigg sent a lovely email of thanks following the service which included the following:

'I just wanted to say a huge thanks for coming with the children to our Remembrance Service this morning. It was such a pleasure and delight to have you all with us, for their enthusiasm in making their crafts, their co-operation in helping with the games, reading their beautiful poems and being really interested in the Holy Communion part when Rev'd Nick invited them up specially to see what he was about to do. I do hope that you all have taken something precious away from this morning's service - I got loads of compliments about your children!'



ASPIRE EVENTS

This half term we were delighted to present our first ever ASPIRE events to showcase our new curriculum and provide our children with a platform to talk about their learning experiences. From science experiments to art projects, from interactive storytelling to maths challenges, there was something for everyone! It was wonderful to witness the enthusiasm and excitement of both children and adults as you engaged in these activities together. Thank you to everyone who took the time to feedback on these events. It has been lovely to read how impressed you were with the depth and breadth of our curriculum and we are delighted that our efforts to create memorable and meaningful learning opportunities are recognised and appreciated. Your feedback and active participation in these events are invaluable to us. It reinforces our belief that education is a collaborative effort between our school and our families. We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who attended our ASPIRE events. Your support and involvement are instrumental in creating a strong and vibrant school community. We look forward to more opportunities to engage with you and continue our journey of providing the best education for your children.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE AT BARNBURGH ACADEMY

This year, Christmas in school was truly magical. The highlight was undoubtedly the fabulous Christmas concerts, where our children showcased their incredible talents and spread joy through their performances. Our Christmas celebrations didn't stop there. Some of you may have been lucky enough to have seen our choir singing at Frenchgate shopping centre in Doncaster where they were enchanting shoppers with their wonderful voices. As if that wasn't enough, we were treated to a captivating Christmas musical from our amazing drama club who showcased their singing, acting and dancing skills. A huge thank you to our drama teacher, Ceri for making this possible. Our amazing Friends of Barnburgh got our children designing Christmas cards as part of a very successful Christmas fundraiser while they adorned our school hall with a beautiful Christmas tree which complimented the stunning outdoor Christmas lights. On the last day of term, we enjoyed a Christmas service at St Peter's church, where we celebrated the true meaning of Christmas and then, when we got back to school, we were visited by Father Christmas himself! You might ask how we could top off all that excitement. Well, quite simply, our academy Cooks fed the whole school with the most delicious Christmas dinner. What a wonderful Christmas!

