



We have had an absolutely fantastic half term filled with exciting events and memorable moments. We started the half term off by coming together as a school community for Remembrance Day and our wonderful School Council represented us for the act of remembrance at St Peter's church service. The spirit of togetherness continued as we participated in Children in Need, which included a fabulous baking competition and bake sale raising an impressive £511.53. This half term we showcased our curriculum through our very popular 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 been an incredible time filled with lots of fun, learning, and TRULY GREAT moments! Sadly, we finished this half term off by saying goodbye to Mrs Northam. Mrs Northam has worked in our school since 2017 in the role of midday supervisor and relief teaching assistant. I want to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone at Barnburgh Academy to say a HUGE thank you for all that Mrs Northam has contributed to our school.

**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 ensuring that Santa delivered gifts to our school and for the fun filled 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. I am sure you will all agree it was another spectacular tree!



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

- 06.01.25 Return to school
- 14.01.25 Year 1/2 dodgeball competition
- 15.01.25 EYFS Stay & Read sessions
- 20.01.25 Year 3/4 dodgeball competition
- 27.01.25 Choir at Young Voices
- 30.01.25 Year 6 Crucial Crew
- 03.02.25 Year 5/6 dodgeball competition
- 07.02.25 Year 5 drama workshop at Ridgewood
- 14.02.25 Last day before half term break

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#### ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to **Year 4** for being Truly Great at coming to school every day. Year 4 had the best attendance this half term with **97.4%**

#### HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to **Mandela House** who are our cumulative winners so far this year with an impressive **2820** 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 Connie (Year 3) and Miss Allison for winning the Leger ASPIRE award for Ambition this half term.

#### SPORT COMPETITIONS: BASKETBALL

20.11.24	Years 5 & 6	Barnburgh Ballers: 2 <sup>nd</sup> place Barnburgh Ball Stars: 6 <sup>th</sup> place
09.12.24	Years 1 & 2	4 <sup>th</sup> place
17.12.24	Year 3 & 4	Barnburgh Ballers: 3 <sup>rd</sup> place Barnburgh Ball Stars: 6 <sup>th</sup> place Barnburgh Ball Hogs: 5 <sup>th</sup> place

## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

On the evening of 12th December our very talented school choir, conducted by Miss Allison, performed a Christmas carol concert at St Peter's church. The evening was truly magical and included readings about the birth of Jesus as well as wide range of songs. This is the first time we have ever held an event like this and it surpassed all expectations - it was such a magical venue for our choir to showcase their beautiful voices. A huge thank you to Miss Allison who had a little idea at the start of the year and turned it into something extraordinary. We are so grateful for the hours she volunteers to provide so many exciting opportunities for our children to develop their voices and their confidence to perform.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday 10th 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.

## FIENDS REUNITED

On Monday 9th December, our very talented drama group treated staff and family members to an outstanding performance of Fiends Reunited. This was a musical that followed the story of the much-loved Sleeping Beauty who awakes to the craziest and freakiest birthday reunion ever! The show was full of foot-tapping songs, dance and lots of impressive stand-out performances. Once again, our drama teacher, Ceri from Cre8 Drama Company, pulled out all the stops to ensure our children had the very best theatre experience. From the stunning costumes through to the props and lighting - the attention to detail was impressive! Anyone who saw the performance could see that Ceri has, again, provided our children with a platform to develop and showcase their creative talents - and, my goodness, what a talented group of young performers we have! A huge thank you to Ceri and to all our children who attend drama club for providing us such a wonderful evening of entertainment.



## HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE AT BARNBURGH ACADEMY

This year, Christmas in school has been truly magical. The highlight was undoubtedly the fabulous Christmas concerts, where our children showcased their incredible talents and spread joy through their performances.

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! We have never seen the children so excited when they opened gifts of goal posts and basketball posts! The children (and staff) enjoyed an afternoon playing and dancing in the snow! A huge thank you to Ceri for organising this.

The highlight of our last day had to be the delicious Christmas dinner, prepared and served by Kate and her fabulous team of cooks.

