



Although it has been a short half term, we have certainly made the most of every moment! From engaging classroom learning to special events and enriching activities, it has been a busy and exciting few weeks at Barnburgh Primary School.

We marked Children’s Mental Health Week with a special whole-school assembly and a range of thoughtful lessons focused on understanding feelings and learning how to support positive mental health. Our Year 6 pupils represented the school brilliantly during their visit to Crucial Crew, where they learned valuable lessons about staying safe in a variety of real-life situations. Year 1 took part in an important road safety session, while Year 3 enjoyed exploring the local area as part of their current topic work, bringing their learning to life beyond the classroom.

We are proud to share the many highlights and achievements from across our school community. Enjoy reading on to discover 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 46 children across our academy 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 from the start of September to 13th February is 95%



KEY DATES

- 23.02.26 Year 4 trip to Murton Park
- 27.02.26 Wear Red Day
- 02.03.26 National careers week starts
- 04.03.26 Rev Jo to visit year 3
- 04.03.26 Year 5 cooking. Chef visit
- 05.03.26 World Book Day
- 06.03.26 Y3 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- 09.03.26 Year 3 ASPIRE event 09:00 to 10:00
- 10.03.26 Year 2 ASPIRE event 09:00 to 10:00
- 10.03.26 Beyond Academy ASPIRE Award assembly
- 11.03.26 Reception ASPIRE event 08:50 to 09:30
- 11.03.26 KS1 SEND festival
- 11.03.26 Read Aloud event 15:30
- 12.03.26 Nursery ASPIRE event 08:50 to 09:30
- 12.03.26 Year 1 ASPIRE event 14.00 to 15:00
- 13.03.26 Year 5 ASPIRE event 09:00 to 10:00
- 13.03.26 Year 4 ASPIRE event 14:00 to 15:00
- 16.03.26 Launch of Big Wheel and Walk fortnight
- 16.03.26 Cross Country competition Y5 and 6 at Laurel Academy
- 16.03.26 Anne Frank Trust exhibition in school hall Y6
- 17.03.26 Anne Frank Trust exhibition in school hall Y6
- 18.03.26 KS2 SEND festival
- 19.03.26 Year 6 ASPIRE event 09:00 to 10:00
- 19.03.26 Dance in a Day Year 5 at Laurel Academy
- 23.03.26 Parents Evening all year groups
- 24.03.26 Dance festival rehearsal
- 24.03.26 Parents Evening year 1 to 6
- 25.03.26 Dance club performing in Leger dance festival
- 26.03.26 Parents Evening for reception
- 28.03.25 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 98.2%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Hawking House who are our cumulative winners so far this year with an impressive 3499 house points!

ASPIRE WINNERS

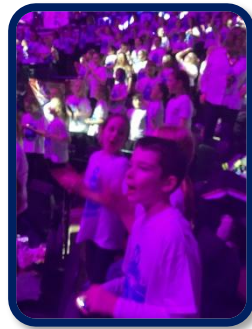
It has been a pleasure to present ASPIRE awards to so many children this half term. For photographs and names of children, please refer to our School Ping newsletter items. Thank you to our ASPIRE winners for being Truly Great!

SPORT COMPETITIONS & FESTIVALS

Cheerleading	14.01.26	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	NA
Cheerleading	04.02.26	Years 1 and 2	NA

YOUNG VOICES

On Wednesday 11th February, 16 children from the KS2 choir attended Young Voices at Utilita Arena Sheffield. The children spent the afternoon rehearsing with live musicians and singers including Harriet Rose who was previously a member of the Young Voices choir herself. The children then took part in a dance rehearsal with Urban Strides, a street dance group. Following the rehearsal, the children got ready for the evening performance. They performed with nearly 5,000 other pupils from across Yorkshire to a HUGE arena audience. The songs they performed included Sea Shanty Medley, Power in Me, Move Towards the Light, Shackles (Praise You), You'll Be in My Heart and Wicked Medley. The children spent the evening singing and dancing and had THE BEST time!! The children in the choir were an absolute credit to our school.



A MUSICAL THEATRE DAY

On Friday 30th January, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting musical theatre workshop led by Arts International at Ridgewood Academy.

The session was inspired by The Wizard of Oz and gave the children the opportunity to immerse themselves in a range of creative activities. They learned to sing an extract from the song If I Only Had a Brain, rehearsed and performed a choreographed dance to accompany it, and even stepped into character to act out part of the script. Their enthusiasm, confidence, and willingness to participate were truly impressive. It was also wonderful to see the Ridgewood students offering such positive support and encouragement throughout the workshop, helping to make the experience both memorable and inspiring for our Year 5 children.



WE ARE LEARNING TO LOVE TO READ

On Wednesday 11th February, our Nursery and Reception children enjoyed a very special after-school reading event with their parents and carers. It was wonderful to see so many families returning to school to share stories together and celebrate a love of reading. The evening began with a class story, where the children listened carefully and joined in with enthusiasm. Afterwards, families explored a range of themed story tables, giving everyone the chance to relax and read together. There were stories about vehicles, winter adventures, farm animals, fairy tales and even favourites featuring Peppa Pig. To make the event even more exciting, children enjoyed a drink and a biscuit as they read.

Reading for pleasure has also been a focus across the rest of the school. Throughout the week beginning the 2nd February, families were invited to join us for early morning reading sessions before the school day started. Miss Allison transformed our hall each morning into a welcoming reading space, carefully setting out a wide variety of library books. Children have loved coming through the doors, choosing a book and snuggling down with their grown-ups to enjoy a calm and cosy start to the day.

These events are so important because they help children see reading as something enjoyable, comforting and shared. When families read together, children build confidence, develop their vocabulary and strengthen their imagination. Most importantly, they begin to understand that reading is not just something we learn to do at school — it is something we can love for life.

