



BARRINGTON BARREL

5th Edition (Autumn 2024)



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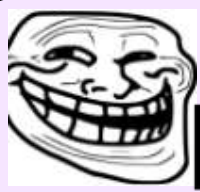
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We have a new team at our Newsletter Club! We welcome more members - join us after school on Mondays!



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MEME METROPOLIS

What did the pig say on a hot day?

I'm bacon.

What do lions eat?

Roar meat.

How do lumberjacks know how many trees they have cut down?

They keep a log.

Why did the financial planner quit his job?

He was losing interest.

Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?

She might let it go.

Did you hear about the archaeologist that got fired?

His career was in ruins.

1st: **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone**
We like the action. It is the best of all of the movies.

2nd: **The Lord of the Rings**
It has a good story line and plot. There are many different races - elves, trolls, orcs, and so on!

3rd: **The Imitation Game**
This movie tells you about Alan Turing and how he created the ENIGMA machine that decoded secret messages from the Germans during World War II.

Movie Recommendations





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The Secret Garden Performance

M& M Productions came to school and performed The Secret Garden on 17 September. This is a story of a young girl whose parents died, and she moves to live with her uncle. She finds a secret garden and befriends a boy who is ill and disabled. It was an interactive production and we really enjoyed it!



School Diaries

In this section, we ask a guest writer to tell us about his favourite moment at school.

PE in Year 3 by Kayden

Today, on 7 October, Ruby had PE. We did Bridges on Benches and for the warm-up, we did three ways of moving. The first was called Sloth, which involved walking slowly. The second was Cheetah, which was walking very fast. The third was Ant, which was crawling on all fours. We also did lots of jumping. Everybody jumped in a different way. One boy jumped and accidentally hit his arm. It was funny, but he was alright in the end. PE is my favourite lesson of the day!

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The Everest Climb

The Everest Climb we did in school on 18 September was a fun and energy-absorbing yet an enjoyable day. We were assigned to pick different activities such as ladder steps, bend steps, running around the yard, etc. Each Learning Zone was set a goal of 11,000 steps - which Diamond and others demolished quickly. Some Learning zones clocked up well over 20,000 steps!

While fun, this was a tough challenge for some with littler legs in Opal and Amethyst. Teachers and Parents joined in to help us out. Together, we managed to complete 120,140 steps - more than double the goal! All money raised will go towards refurbishment of the quiet garden area. Thank you to everyone who supported the event!





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Taster Day at Alston

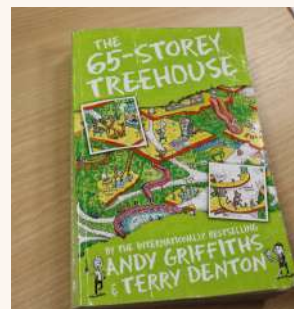
On Monday, 30 September, Diamond went onto a school trip for a taster day at Samuel Kings School (also known as Alston). The Year 6's did many fun things. In a Science activity, they learnt about chromatography, working with ink. In an Art activity, they designed paper sculptures. In a Design and Technology activity, they made paper straw bridges! They played fun games in their free time and at break time such as Football and Tag with soft, spongy rugby balls. They had a quick 10-minute lunchtime, where the children dug their teeth into nice chicken sandwiches and fries. Overall, the day was a blast for all of the kids!

Books you should check out

Barrington Barrel Newsletter – 4th Edition is good - we made it! It is a fun newsletter that tells you about what has happened in school. It also has funny jokes and tells you about upcoming events.



Kid Spy: Mac Undercover, by Mac Barnett teaches you about a young author interested in different occurrences. He writes a book about when he was a spy. The book is very dangerous and top secret!



The 65-Storey Treehouse, by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton involves new storeys in the treehouse. Andy and Terry time travel and you get to know a little bit of history. They meet cavemen, dinosaurs, and Roman soldiers.



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MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning

MacMillan Cancer Support is a charity organisation that supports people that has cancer. On 27 of September, our school had a coffee morning. Parents and members of the community donated cakes and cupcakes.

Each person was encouraged to donate £1 for a cake or cupcake. All the money that had been raised for supporting cancer was £102.50. We thank everyone who baked the cakes and who participated in this fundraising event!

World Mental Health Day

On 10 October, World Mental Health Day, we focused on how we could help people feel positive. Henry Eddon (Emerald) presented at Collective Worship on the topic of disability. He said that if you have conditions like dyslexia, eczema, diabetes, and asthma, we should see it as a super-power and not let it hold us down.

Our Happiness Heroes reminded us that "My Voice Matters"!





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Harvest Festival

The harvest festival on 4 October was a fun event for people to gather and watch children sing and enjoy the time. The children sang My Lighthouse, Conkers, Harvest Song (There is a Farmer who Stands in His Field) and everyone's favourite, Big Red Combine Harvester. The event was held in St. Thomas Church to raise food for a food bank to help people in need. The event took long days and weeks to plan, and children practised hard on every song.

One of the best aspects of this event was the harvest acrostic poems (where the first letter of each line spells a word), which really put the children's creativity and intelligence to good use. Overall, this large scale event was a blast for everyone and was a great idea put together by the staff of the school.

Announcements

Dog Poo!

In the last couple of weeks, we have had a few incidents where dog poo has been found on the school field. This is distressing for children and adults who have clean clothes, shoes etc. Our field is checked regularly by our caretaker but I'm sure you appreciate how hard it is to spot dog poo on a huge field covered in brown leaves. Dogs should not be on the school field and if anyone does see anything or has any information please speak to the school office as we need to put a stop to this.

NB: Aela (Therapy Dog) does not go to the toilet on the school field and has training, insurance, policies and procedures which allow her to be in school. Please be assured that this mess is being caused by thoughtless owners and that we are doing everything we can to deter them.



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Activities this Term

- Diamond attend Handball Sports Festival
- The Secret Garden – a theatre production for the whole school
- Climbing Everest Challenge in School
- Parent/Carer briefing on changes to Attendance Policy
- MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning
- Year 6 Taster Day at Samuel Kings
- Year 1 & 2 Boccia and Curling Sports Festival
- Harvest Festival at St Thomas' Church
- Dyslexia Awareness Week
- World Mental Health Day
- Black History Week
- Halloween Discos

Announcements

Weardale Weather Proofing

Please can you make sure our children have appropriate coats/shoes/boots and a change of footwear in school so that we can cope with whatever the Weardale Winter throws at us this year. Thanks!

Donation of Wellies

We are aiming to put together a collection of winter wellies for each Learning Zone so that every child has access to winter footwear this year. If you are buying new wellies this winter please consider donating the old pair to school – thank you.

School Dinner Changes

Please remember that all school meals must be ordered via Parent Pay after half term. An instructional video can be found on our website under Parents/School Dinners/choosing a dinner.



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Looking Ahead

- 5th Nov (Tuesday) Children return to school
- War Week
- Durham Agency Against Crime working with Diamond
- 8th Nov, Some of our children are singing at the Christmas Fair @ St Thomas' Church Hall at 3.00pm
- Anti-Bullying Week
- 11th Nov, Remembrance Day
- 12th Nov, Odd Sock Day
- 13th Nov, some children singing carols @ Weardale Railway Christmas Shopping event
- 14th Nov, Art Exhibition & Sale at 3.15pm in School Hall
- 14th Nov, Weardale Railway trip to Hopetown (Ruby)
- 15th Nov, Children In Need Day
- Parliament Week
- 21st Nov, Individual/Sibling photos taken
- Commencing 25th Nov, Parent/Carer Appointments week
- Scholastic Book Fair
- 3rd Dec, Multi-skills Sports Festival (Amethyst)
- 10th Dec, Panto @ Consett (Cinderella)
- 12th Dec, Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th Dec, Christmas Nativity at 2pm (Early Years)
- 17th Dec, Christmas Performance at 2pm (Sapphire)
- 19th Dec, Key Stage Two (Ruby, Emerald & Diamond) Christmas Show at 2pm and repeated at 5.30pm
- 20th Dec, Christmas Carol Service @ Methodist Chapel at 1.30pm



See you in
the next edition
of the
Barrington Barrel!