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Aliens Visit Berky



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## Headmaster's News



**F**ulfilment comes from many more things than doing well in tests. A real education fulfils and is about so much more than national curriculum results, spelling ages, verbal reasoning scores and the like – we do very well in these but they aren't what matters most. A Berkhamstead education is broad, it involves and engages children across a range of areas. It helps them to grow into accomplished young people with many strings to their bows and with the right attitude to

embrace life's challenges. Fulfilment can come from completing a science project successfully, solving maths problems collaboratively, playing sport for the school, singing one's heart out in a gospel choir session - with actions (see below), being part of a team, solving a history mystery,

discovering something about life for a deaf person, skiing down a snow-covered mountain for the first time ... or all of these!

Playing French games, performing on stage or giving a recital, solving puzzles or standing up in church to say what's so very special about your mum.....



...there's so much on offer at Berkhamstead and the above relates to just some of this term! What opportunities, what fun – I hope that you enjoy reading about them! **Richard Cross, Headmaster**



## STAFF ON THE SPOT



**Bethan Evans** is our fabulous new Head of English and Drama who joined us in September and has made quite an impact already!

**You have done two terms at Berky – what were the highlights?**

The Spring Concert and the Pancake Races, the 500 word story - the

enthusiasm and commitment of

all the children - and the stories written were fantastic to read.

**Berky puddings – iced buns or cherry crumble?**

The pear and chocolate crumble!

**Do you play any instruments? How well?**

I did my Saxophone Jazz Diploma and Classical Grade 8, Piano Grade 7 and Cello Grade 5 but I'm a bit rusty now!

**Which book did you love as a child and would recommend as a must-read?**

Joan Aiken – the James the Third series.

They were books I read over and over again; the whole series is a fantasy history world to which you can escape.

**What's the best thing about your job?**

Getting to be there for 'lightbulb' moments where things click, and seeing the excitement and satisfaction for that child. Watching children develop their writing, especially their creative writing, and seeing them explore language regardless of ability. The enjoyment they get and the pride in the work they produce is great to see.

**What was your first role in a play?**

Hotel manager in Percival the Performing Pig – with one line - 'I have a room you can stay in'.

**Your favourite subject at school?**

History, I enjoyed learning about the past, I thought it was like listening to stories; History can be magical and unbelievable.

**What skill would you like to have?**

To be able to play the guitar - it is next on the list. I would also love to be able to draw in more detail than stick men!

**What have you done that you are most proud of?**

Got this job!

**If you ran away to join the circus, what would you be?**

I would like to say trapeze artist, but might need someone to push me.

## Chess Mates



The Berky chess team can look back with some satisfaction on the season although it just missed out on league and cup honours. A record of P10, W8, D1, L1 is more than encouraging and we have plenty of promising players waiting in the wings. Two key players have played their last matches for the school and I salute Henry Wayt (this season's captain) and Benjamin Wyman's superb chess careers.

Numerous Berky players won prizes at the District Congress. Congratulations to Henry Wayt and Poppy Sathasivam on their 4th place - a super achievement. Other prize winners are Benjamin Wyman and Lauren de Burgh-Thomas (8th) and Sasha Sathasivam and Oliver Wiles (11th). Poppy also wins a prize for being the highest scoring Year 4 pupil, while Oliver claims the best Year 3 prize - despite still being in Year 2. Olly is the current county champion at U7 level and is certainly a player for the future.

The chess league Y3 champion is Hugo Bawtree while Amelia Keogh and Flora Harvey won the Y3 Division 2 and 3 leagues respectively. The main chess club league was won by Benjamin Wyman while Ben Gibson topped Division 2 and Ruby Atack was Division 3 champion. Congratulations to all!

The summer term sees House chess, the famed staff vs pupils challenge and the Year 2 club. Lots to look forward to! **Mr Cole**

## Little Strings



Every pupil was given a violin and, with the expert guidance of our Strings specialist, Mr Trim, managed to make some wonderful music! All had fun, some made sweeter sounds than others and several have signed up to learn more - it bodes well for the future of Berky music! **Mrs Mitchell**

## Science Orchestra Tunes Up!



As part of the Year 5's study of Sound, pupils were set the challenge of creating a musical instrument - in three weeks and using only recyclable materials. It is always a pleasure to see how the pupils can extend themselves on such a task, and they created a variety of instruments out of numerous materials. Musical instruments ranged from French horns made out of garden hoses, glockenspiels made out of old wood and pipes, guitars from shoe boxes and elastic bands, to drums and shakers made out of old food tins and Pringles tubes filled with rice or pasta. When presenting their instruments to the rest of their class, each pupil described how their instrument created a sound (with reference to what is vibrating), how to change the volume and how to change the pitch. It was a fun activity for the pupils to complete and a nice way to show how science is all around us, not just in the classroom/laboratory. **Mr Morpew**



# ACTIVE LEARNING

## 1950s/1960s Experience



Year 2's History project for the term focused on comparing children's lives now to those of children in the 1950s and 1960s; as all the Year 2 teachers date from that era, there was plenty of evidence to be scrutinised and much reminiscing to be done! On the penultimate day of term, their project culminated in a Shopping Day - five traditional specialist retailers emerged miraculously from piles of cardboard, metre rulers and rolls of sellotape as the children used their marketing, design and display skills to create shops that were both practical and attractive. By lunchtime, the staff of a grocer, a greengrocer, a butcher, a baker and a sweet shop were busy selling their wares to each other and the Year 1 children before all sat down to eat their purchases. The money collected amounted to almost £60 and this will be donated to a charity chosen by the School Council next term.

After playtime, there were more treats in store. In the gym, a live band – the Four of Diamonds – were busy wiring up to play two sets of authentic dance numbers from the time. The dancing was groovy and the children were soon joined by various members of the older generation who very much enjoyed the opportunity for a trip down Memory Lane. '99' ice creams, complete with flakes were served during a short interval to keep everyone cool!

**Mrs Agg**



# CREATIVE TEACHING

## History Mystery Day

The last day before half term was a most extraordinary one. Mrs Agg and Mrs Owen went missing and were replaced by Zig and Zog who, while secretly being on the hunt for a mysterious substance desperately needed to power their ailing spaceship, were most enthusiastic about helping with the day's activities and learning all about the lives of the children at Berkhamstead.

They checked carefully to ensure that the facts the children were told about Space were true and were quite fascinated to discover the ideas of our planet's early astronomers. Lunchtime was tricky for Zig and Zog as they had to serve the lunch tables but the children were on hand to help and advise. After solving a quiz, piecing together jigsaws, cracking codes, memorising lists of artefacts and solving a riddle, the children were finally able to hand over the required substance and wave goodbye to their alien friends, who left the Solar System loaded with lovely cards and messages from their new friends from planet Earth. Mrs Agg and Mrs Owen were most surprised and puzzled to hear what had been going on in their absence.....

**Mrs Agg**



## Rations for Year 6



As part of their WW2 history topic, the children were faced with a homework challenge - to cook and bring in a dish made using only the rationed ingredients that would have been available during wartime. Rising to the occasion, such delights as 'no cook' chocolate cake, carrot biscuits, carrot jelly and sausage and sultana casserole were produced. Year 6 sampled each other's dishes and then invited the excited children from Year 2 - as well as the Headmaster - for a tasting. All tucked in with varying degrees of enthusiasm, especially when sampling carrot jelly, and agreed that school puddings are much tastier! **Mr McCreanor**



## Puzzle Fun

Everyone looks forward to Berky's annual Puzzle Day - a busy, fun-packed event for



children from Reception to Year 6. By playing games that test logic, spatial awareness, lateral thinking and strategy, the children's skills are stretched and

they have plenty of fun too! Our super Year 6 love helping the younger children to solve problems and learn new games, as can be seen from the pictures above. All in the Prep eagerly competed in a tricky House Puzzle competition masterminded by Mr Cole and this year's victors were St Patrick's.



# OUR WORLD

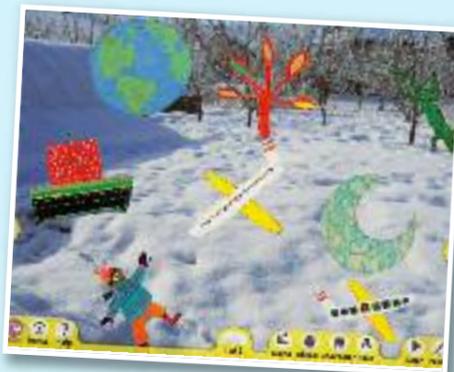
## News from the Nursery

### Passports at the Ready!

We explored Our World and looked at Travel this term. The role-play corner was transformed into a Travel Agency; lots of bookings were made by the children and they enjoyed looking



We found out lots of interesting facts about Norway and how life there is different from ours in England. Otto's Mum made a fantastic map of Norway and the children were able to stick on pictures of the different things we discussed; they were particularly interested in the elks, and of course were fascinated to discover that Norway is near the North Pole - Santa's home! We talked about the Northern Lights and how it is dark all day during the winter and light all through the summer. The children were amazed to find out that Otto's mum used to ski to school, that houses are all made out of wood rather than bricks, and that there are lots of snowy mountains too.



The highlight of the visit, though, had to be the food that Otto's Mum had thoughtfully prepared for us. We tried fishcakes made from smoked fish, liquorice (which the Norwegian children call reindeer pool!) and some delicious chocolate cake. We talked to the children about the different modes of transport you could use to travel around the world. The children chose their favourite vehicle and painted their own interpretation of what it looks like. They painted boats, aeroplanes, cars, trains and even an army helicopter and a submarine! They used ICT to create mini worlds incorporating crocodiles and camels, volcanoes and people and showed a great deal of imagination (see above).

We celebrated Chinese New Year and learnt all about the festival. The Chinese food tasting snack time was popular and we tried spring rolls, prawn crackers, sweet chilli dip, bamboo shoots, seaweed, lychees,

and even had our own fortune cookie! We painted our own representations of Chinese cherry blossoms, after looking at photographs of them on the iPad. We chose black, pink and green paints and used the



### What we do...



bottom of a plastic bottle to make the flower shapes. We also watched clips of Chinese dragon dancing on the iPad, which the children thought were hilarious, especially when we told them there were real people inside making the dragon dance! The lovely weather towards the end of term saw us spending a lot more time outdoors. The children enjoyed showing off the skills they had learnt in Supastrikers when we got the football goals out and were keen to show their friends how to do toe taps, shoot at goal and develop goal-keeping skills.



these skills into practice as the pre-schoolers start getting ready for Reception by completing pre-school challenges! **Miss Bull and Miss Goodall**



Construction and building was an on-going theme outdoors with many requests for the builders' tools and hats to be put out. The children enjoyed working together to 'fix' the toys in the playground or turn them into new creations.

We have continued to enjoy exploring shape, numbers and phonics throughout the term in lots of fun ways: Numicon, threading, geoblocks, hot dots (electronic pens and phonic/number cards), number bingo, mark making table, and letters and sounds games. Next term we will be putting



# Music Notes

from Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Sallis

The Spring Concerts at the Pittville Pump Room showed Berky's tremendous sense of community. We heard a super variety of music. There is a special moment on the day of the concerts when children arrive at rehearsal and see the surroundings for the first time; the look of excitement on their faces lifts the level of performance and, once again this year, we were delighted by wonderful playing and singing. Y2 sang tunefully and played with lots of character, Y3 and Y4 combined for Choir and rousing African Drums. Berky Bows played two pieces from 'Carmen' most expressively and the Recorder Consort charmed us with their African songs. The Percussion Ensemble's performance is always one of the highlights of the programme and this year they certainly thrilled us with their Star Trek - to Muppet Land!

The evening concert began outside as the audience arrived to tremendous African Drumming from the Y5 and Y6 Percussion Ensemble. Jazz Band provided toe-tappingly good pieces and were then joined by percussionists for an exciting 'Tequila'!

The Chamber Ensemble picked up the African theme with an upbeat 'Wimmoweh' and beautiful Theme from 'Born Free'. The finale was a performance of Zimbe! with combined choirs from Y5 and Y6, an Adult Choir and Semi Chorus, accompanied by a Jazz Quintet with percussionists from Y5 and Y6. Parents, friends, past pupils and former staff had rehearsed for six weeks to prepare for what was an exhilarating experience. Fourteen African songs celebrating everyday life, pulsing with vibrant rhythms and catchy melodies have taken us over for the last few weeks and the performance was unforgettable.

## Recital

Performances at the Recital in March were delightful, with many first time players and, yet again, a lovely variety of instruments and different levels of experience. It is always pleasing to see the children supporting each other and taking a delight in their friends' successes.



## Workshops

The Gospel workshop day with Jo Sercombe was lively and very engaging for all. Thirty parents came to a session in the evening and we had a lot of fun, singing 'Gospel' style and trying to cope with stepping, swaying and clapping all at once!

## Music Exam Results

**Prep Test** - Sam Perris, Charlton van Staden

**Grade 1** - Naomi Flexman (Violin\*), Poppy Mills (Cello\*), Sam Perris (Violin\*\*), Caitlin Green (Piano\*\*), Talia Recine (Violin\*\*)

**Grade 2** - Reuben Fuller (Cello), Sam Gibson (Drum Kit\*), Will Foster (Drum Kit\*), Leah Barton (Piano\*\*), Corli More (Oboe\*\*)

**Grade 3** - Maddie Leftley (Cello), Kitty Riley (Clarinet\*)

**Grade 4** - Henry Wayt (Trumpet\*)

**Grade 5 Theory** - Alexia Dunley\*, Emily Wan\*, Henry Wayt\*

**Grade 6** - Corli More (Violin\*)

(\* Merit \*\* Distinction)

# AT BRISTOL - Wow!



Year 2 braved the wind and rain to travel to **At Bristol** for a day focusing on Forces and Space. On arrival, the children participated in a Forces Workshop, experimenting with different push and pull toys and creating their own windmills. After an exciting time looking at the various amazing hands-on exhibits and enjoying a Berky packed lunch, the children entered the awesome Planetarium which clearly demonstrated the relationships between the Earth, the Moon and the Sun and put our



Solar System into perspective. There was just time to experiment with some more interesting exhibits before it was time to travel home.

**Mrs Agg**



# Pittville Park

As part of their DT studies the Year 1 children found that a park needs lots of grass, flowers, a play park, signs and benches. They enjoyed seeing the animals and watching the ducks on the pond. The overwhelmingly favourite part of the park was the play area. The children pushed, pulled, climbed and slid! They found out how the equipment moved and what it was made of. Back at school the children designed their own parks and made super models of playground equipment.

**Mrs Williams Jones**



# HOLY PLACES

Pre-Prep visited the Cheltenham Synagogue and All Saints' Church this term. We used our senses while exploring at All Saints' and completed some beautiful observational drawings of different parts of the Church. Year 6 sampled a trio of local churches and the Cheltenham Buddhist Centre welcomed Year 5 children. They met with the resident Buddhist nun, Opel, and enjoyed the calming atmosphere of the place. They heard the story of Buddha, tried meditation and asked lots of questions as part of their study of World Faiths. Year 6 enjoyed their visit to the Churches of St Mary's and St Michael's. St Mary's is the oldest building in Cheltenham and they were able to explore and take part in a quiz to find things around the church and investigate the plaques on the walls. Rev Wheaton talked about the Christian belief of life after death and what happens at a funeral. Later there was chance to see the more modern St Matthew's Church. They were divided on which church they preferred, but were unanimous about the lovely refreshments at the end!

**Mr Tittley**



# ZOO-TASTIC!



Cedric the stick insect and Casper the snake!

The children had a great experience looking at and touching the minibeasts. We learned the importance of careful handling and lots of interesting facts about habits and habitat. The children were relaxed and confident enough to want to hold and stroke the variety of different minibeasts – some of the staff perhaps less so!

Teachers and children alike were fascinated and wide-eyed when **ZooLab** visited with their impressive array of creeping and crawling creatures. Georgie from ZooLab brought along Turbo the giant snail, Rosie the tarantula,



Afterwards the Reception children couldn't stop taking about the 'zootastic' time they had!

**Mrs Roddy Watts**

# Muskets at the ready!



Year 5 visited The Commandery in Worcester, and found out about the Stuarts. Fascinating workshops brought this particularly gruesome part of English history to life. The children learned about different weapons and the careful sequencing of how a cannon was fired - all played a part as the process was re-enacted. After a pike drill, the children heard blood-chilling stories of how injured soldiers were treated on the battlefield - anaesthetic was not around then! The opportunities to dress up, make candles and write with a quill were all met with enthusiasm - a fantastic day.

**Mr McCreanor**

# SKILLZONE

This term all children in Years 2, 4 and 6 went on visits to **SkillZONE** in Gloucester. SkillZONE is a state of the art village, designed as an interactive learning environment to teach people how to recognise dangerous situations and stay safe. The children had lots of fun whilst learning about dangers. All the



children looked at home and road safety and then each year group went to different zones specific to their age groups. The zones cover rail safety, an internet cafe, personal safety, and allow for visits to a police station, the magistrates court, a farm, a park, a shop and even a bus. It was a pleasure to see the children learning so much valuable information whilst being great ambassadors for the school. The children unanimously agreed that they had had an enjoyable time but most importantly that they had all learned something new that could keep them safe in the future.

**Mrs Bareham**



# Percy Inspires

Both Year 1 classes took assemblies this term. 1WJ were joined by Percy the Park Keeper to do theirs and took roles as his animal friends. The children enjoyed dressing up, they acted confidently and delivered clear lines in their version of 'One Snowy Night'. Percy and the animals showed us all what fun dancing can be.



They also made clear the important message of looking after our wildlife in winter.



# Cracking Clues

Year 1 read Percy the Park Keeper's story 'The Treasure Hunt' and decided they would like to organise their own. The children plotted on maps, wrote their own clues and hid them around the school grounds. They were very excited to follow each other's clues to find the treasure. They had lots of fun and worked extremely well together as a team.



Mrs Williams Jones

# Huff and Puff...

Counting, measuring and investigating played a big part in Reception's activities this term. Active learning was key and as soon as the Ladybird Hunt got underway, they were off, dashing around the classroom and the grounds in search of the spotty creatures. Reception had great fun gathering, counting and sorting ladybirds into those with doubles on their wings and those without. Outside again, this time inspired by the tale of The Three Little Pigs, there was much discussion as to which building materials would be best. The children got busy tapping walls and trying to push things over! They made a good job of assessing the school buildings for strength, waterproofness and wolf-proofness! All agreed that the school buildings are safe - thank goodness!



The Gingerbread Challenge saw children estimate and measure as they worked out just how many materials they needed for their engineering project. They then used these to construct bridges for the Gingerbread man to cross the river and escape from the fox! Some bridges had ingenious traps designed just in case the fox tried to run after the Gingerbread man!

What an assortment of characters arrived in school on Book Character Day! Assembly featured a Who's Who game as staff invited children to name their character and the fun went on from there. The Tiger Who Came to Tea visited, along with Red Riding Hood and her basket of homemade heart-shaped biscuits. The children played book



character lotto and a gingerbread Kim's game. They snuggled on cushions to end the day listening to stories.

# Le pique-nique français

It was a sunny Tuesday afternoon in Reception when Mme Cussen arrived announcing that she was taking both Reception classes to Paris for a picnic under the Eiffel Tower! The children used only French words to identify the foods they would take while Mme Cussen packed up the basket of goodies; a cheeky bottle of Bordeaux managed to sneak in there too somehow! Everyone imagined that they had gone to the top of the tower and then settled down to enjoy delicious croissants. Merci beaucoup for a lovely afternoon, Mme Cussen.

Mrs Roddy Watts

# Flipping Good Fun!

What an event! This year's House Pancake Races were a huge success and as eagerly contested as ever. The children (and staff) got fully into the competitive spirit and the shouts of



encouragement could be heard right along Pittville Circus Road! The crowd of enthusiastic parents cheered on the participants and there were some curious looks from the passers by. All enjoyed it enormously and the drinks and rather tasty pancake offerings, courtesy of the Friends of Berkhamstead, went down very well too - yum!

# Come on - Dive In



Great anticipation and excitement filled the Cheltenham College swimming pool for our annual swimming gala. Each child swam a length of front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke; whilst that is pretty straightforward for most of our children, for some it is much more of a challenge; but rise to the challenge they did. Eagerly cheered on by fellow swimmers and enthusiastic parents, every child performed well, with every length gaining points for the House total. Outstanding performances were achieved by George Iles, Anya James and Emily Wiles who all broke school records. As extra points are awarded for breaking a school record and all three children are in the same house it came as no surprise that St Patrick's were the winners of the House Cup. Well done to all swimmers!

Miss Walter

# Cross Country

This term saw two cross country races in the Primary Schools' League, the first at Cheltenham College Prep and the second at St Edward's. About 150 children take part in each race and the start is like 'the charge of the light brigade' - how most of the children stay on their feet I have no idea! Oliver Doherty and Ellis Clark ran consistently well in the boys' races and Alex Crane and Anya James in the girls' races. As usual all of our children acquitted themselves really well and ran to the best of their ability.



Berky runners also raced at Rendcomb, on a glorious afternoon across real cross-country terrain: up hill and down dale, along tracks with a final steep climb near the finish. All of our children did themselves credit; Ollie Rendell, Harry Barber, Katie Lillywhite and Lovisa James all completed their first competition in style. The first Berky children back in each race were Oliver Doherty and Anya James in the older age group and Ellis Clark and Alex Crane in the Year 3 and 4 race. Alex Crane finished with a bronze medal and the team came a creditable 4th overall. Well done also to all in the House Cross Country who ran so well and to St Patrick's for their victory.

Miss Walter

# NETBALL

## SPORT REPORT from Miss Walter

### Under 9 Teams

Both A and B teams have had a brilliant season. The progress has been fantastic and continued hard work and determination has been behind their improvement. Play on court has become slick and well planned; the girls look for spaces and communicate well, moving the ball seamlessly down the court. The A



team have won all bar one of their games - the majority with very convincing scores - some truly impressive netball. The B team won all of their matches and several of these have been against other schools' A teams - they have played brilliantly. Overall, an excellent season for the U9 girls, they should be very proud of their achievements. **U9A Team:** A Crane, B Davidson, P Mills, A Paterson, M Silsby, M Taylor, E Wiles, G Woodward. **U9B Team:** R Atack, S Boddana, I Dewar, C Gillett, C Green, A Kaur, S Paulus, H Wan.

Miss Evans

### Under 8 Teams

For the first two matches, half of the girls played against King's Worcester and won, the other half lost to Dean Close, thereafter they played in A and B teams and had a great first season. All made huge progress with their passing and catching skills and have become better at turning defending play into attack and vice versa. Their last matches, vs Richard Pate were super with the A Team winning 11-0 and the B Team 3-0. Well played!

**A Team:** H Brown, I Fletcher, N Flexman, L James, M Jenkins, A Keogh, K Lillywhite, R Mackay, E Terry. **B team:** C Crompton, K Dowds, E Griffiths, D Harcourt, F Harvey, H Mackay, F Parkin, L Stewart, E Wheaton.



### Under 11 Teams

This was a rather frustrating season for the A team, as they fully deserved to win more matches. Their court play was generally strong and the defence stood up well when under pressure in the matches against the Croft, Prior Park and King's Worcester. They recorded much

closer matches against St Edward's, Richard Pate and Rendcomb College, where 1 or 2 goals decided the result; their one victory came in their first match of the season against King's Gloucester. The girls tried really hard in all of their matches, held their heads high and never gave up. Well tried! The B team had a good season, winning half of their matches. They had fine wins against King's Gloucester 12-1 and Rendcomb College 14-7 and in three of their other matches the games were incredibly close and the final result was decided by a single goal. The girls had a good team spirit and worked well together with some of the players showing real improvement over the term. Well done to all in the B team.

**A team:** A Dunley, N Kaveh, M Leftley, D Lewis, H Minter, O Pearce, K Riley, E Wan, who all gained their colours. **Outstanding Player Awards** to M Leftley, H Minter and E Wan.

**B team:** I Charles-Haskey, F Clark, H Davie, M Dingley, A Huysinga, N Kaveh, A Lillywhite, K Riley, J Silsby.

### Under 10 Teams

The Under 10 girls have made great progress this term in netball. They have played matches in all weather from glorious sunshine to driving rain; they

have consistently tried hard and have showed very good sportsmanship. The A Team can be very proud of their performance, with a total of 5 wins and 2 losses and some super play which gave them third place in the Richard Pate tournament. The girls have made great progress with their passing and shooting and are now playing a slicker, faster game. The B Team girls always have a positive attitude and enjoy their matches whatever the outcome. A highlight of the

season must be the match against Rendcomb where Berky scored an amazing 18 goals to Rendcomb's 2. **A Team:** L Barton, A Brown, L de Burgh-Thomas, A Finan, I Hill, A James, P Sathasivam and S Sathasivam. **B Team:** C Bird, M Cross, G Day, E Holder, H Mundinano, M Pope, C Robbins, W Snaith and M Stojanov. It has been a pleasure to coach both teams, well done girls! **Mrs Bareham**



STATS	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
U11A	7	1	6	-
U11B	6	3	3	-
U10A	6	4	2	-
U10B	5	2	3	-
U9A	5	4	1	-
U9B	4	2	1	1
U8	6	3	2	1

## SPORT REPORT

from Mr McCreanor

# FOOTBALL



### Under 11 Teams

Although the weather disrupted several fixtures this season, the matches that we did play were both competitive and enjoyable. We opened our account against Wycliffe and St Edward's, played well in both fixtures, but came out on the losing side. Next up was Richard Pate. The A team had a fantastic match in which we had several chances to score, but could not convert them, losing 1-0. The B team more than made up for this, with a super 3-0 win. We then travelled to Rendcomb where the A team had their best performance of the season with a 5-0 victory. Our final matches of the season came against Cheltenham College.

The 'A' team enjoyed another closely contested affair. We created so many chances, but could not find the back of the net, again losing 1-0. The C team had the match of the day with an amazing 8-0 victory. Although the luck was not always with us, there was tremendous improvement during the course of the season and some great football was displayed. The boys worked well for each other and really enjoyed the season. Inevitably, certain players stood out. Ollie Shaw and Benjie were excellent in the A team, as was Oliver Doherty in the B team and Quinn's total of 6 goals against Cheltenham College was one of the highlights of the season.

**A team:** W Foster, S Gibson, B Hordern, H Perks, J Richards-Good, O Shaw (c), J Terry, O Tingle, Z Vintcent, B Wyman. **B Team:** H Brooks, O Doherty, R Fuller, L Harcourt, S Hartley-Kuun, G Hurcombe, J Irwin, Q Johnson, L King, F Rayner, J Read, C Shaw, M Sinden, H Wayt, T Wheeler. **Colours** awarded to W Foster, S Gibson, B Hordern, H Perks, J Richards-Good, O Shaw, J Terry, O Tingle, Z Vintcent, B Wyman. **Outstanding Player** awards: O Shaw, B Wyman.



STATS	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
U11A	5	1	4	-
U11B	5	2	3	-
U11C	3	1	2	-
U9A	12	5	3	4
U9B	5	4	1	-
U8	8	2	2	1

### Under 9 Teams

A great season for the U9s - a very talented and keen group of boys who enjoy playing together. The season started with what's traditionally one of our toughest fixtures v St Edward's with a narrow loss of 3-2 for the A team and a 4-0 win for the Bs. Right from the start the boys played well together - Caelen, Toby, Jack and Archie showed much promise in attack, whilst in defence James, Joseph, Jacob and Ethan showed grit and determination. It's great to have a plethora of goalkeepers with Ben, Willoughby, Ellis, George and others willing to don the goalkeeping gloves. More good results followed including a 1-0 win for the As over an undefeated Beaudesert team. The B team played well all term too with the skills of Tom, the goal scoring of Oliver and the defensive efforts of Ethan, Jacob and Henry being too much for many teams. The highlight of the season's goals was a long-range shot from Captain Toby that flew dead straight from the halfway line into the bottom right hand corner of the goal. The final games were wins against Hatherop and Westonbirt - a great way to end a very successful term of football.

**U9 Squad:** C Campbell, E Clark, J Coley, W Cooke, O Dalton, B Gibson, H Hurcombe, G Iles, J Main, T Minter (Cpt), J Parkin, T Perks, A Rendell, E Shaw, H Sullivan, J Wright. **Mr Cross**

### Under 8 Teams

The Year 3 boys have shown boundless enthusiasm and energy throughout the term on the pitch. Every session has seen each of the boys wanting to improve their skills and perform to the best of their abilities. Each boy has represented the school on the pitch against local schools: Cheltenham College, Wycliffe, Rendcomb, St Edward's and Hatherop. In each match the boys played well as a team, supporting each other whether they were winning or not. A lovely term of football and plenty of promise for the future.

**U8 Squad:** O Armstrong, J Ayland, H Barber, H Bawtree, B Bird, N Brush, C Dunning, R Lewis, T Martin, N Milne, E O'Yando, S Perris, O Rendell, P Sinden, E Stojanov, W Tingle, H Whistler.



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