



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

I won the League this week! What a joy it was for all in school to be lucky enough to hold the English Football League Division 2 winner's trophy. Congratulations to Cheltenham Town Football Club, all the players and management staff for a brilliant season and good luck to them next year.

I am thrilled to announce that Mrs Toma (Year 2) is pregnant with her first child, and her baby is due in October. This is great news, and it is very exciting that both Miss Henderson's and Mrs Toma's babies are due around the same time. Springtime is all about new life, and news of new parenthood is always so uplifting. We very much look forward to baby Henderson and Baby Toma joining Berky!

Sadder news is that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Cole (part-time teacher in Year 1) at the end of term. Mrs Cole has decided to step away from teaching and has been seeking employment in an EdTech start-up where she has gained an Account Manager's role. We wish her the very best of luck with this and in the future.

The colours of the trees and bushes are so vivid at this time of year and Year 6 have seen plenty of them. They are away on their residential outdoor education trip in the Forest of Dean - and I was lucky enough to join them yesterday for some cycling, canoeing and team building. I was so pleased when Mrs Holland said that this trip was possible following extensive risk assessments. Year 6, of course, are oblivious to the risks and threw themselves into all the activities with excitement, joy and gladness. They were a pleasure to be with too.

I can't believe that half-term is just around the corner. I don't know if you have plans for a break or even getting away for half term but there are places available in the Berky Holiday Club, so please do book online if you need some childcare. Fingers crossed we have better weather for the bank holiday week.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 21 ST MAY
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 24th May

Bags2School collection
Years 2, 3, 4 verse speaking at Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts
2.15pm U10 Girls' Cricket v Hatherop (H)

Year 1 online Parents' Evening
Year 2 online Parents' Evening

Tue 25th May

5B online Parents' Evening

Wed 26th May

Year 5 verse speaking at Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts
2.30pm U11A/U11B/U10 Boys' cricket v Cricklade Manor
Reception online Parents' Evening
5K online Parents' Evening

Thur 27th May

Years 5 and 6 RSHE Workshop
Reception online Parents' Evening
Year 2 online Parents' Evening

Fri 28th May

Year 2 trip to Pittville Park (am)

Sat 29th May - Sun 6th June -
Half Term

Mon 7th Jun - School returns



Trophy photos available...

We did our best to take as many class (and some individual) pictures of the children with the Cheltenham Town FC trophy as possible, if you would like a class picture, please email Mrs de Burgh-Thomas: prmarketing@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk stating your child's name and class.



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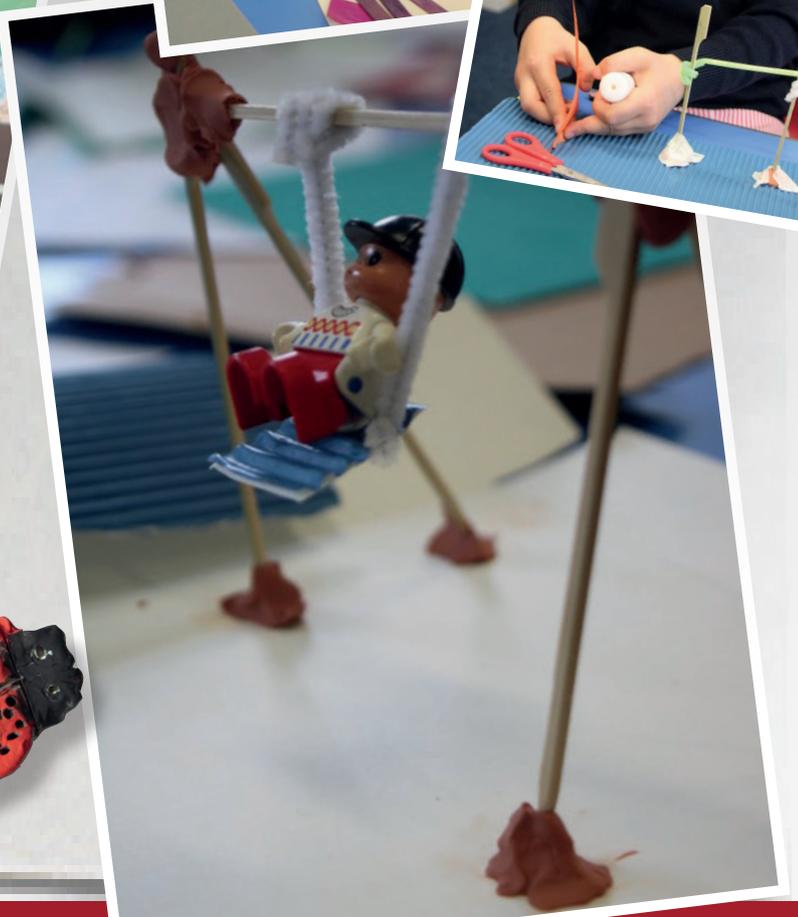
News from Pre-Prep

Year 1 have been very busy becoming authors for the week! The children studied story structures and then planned their own using a story mountain. Their wonderful stories have been written as books complete with their own front cover and blurb! We were amazed at how exciting their stories were, as well as how fantastic their writing was.

Our 'Giants and Minibeasts' topic has continued in our Art sessions. The children have all made their own fantastic clay minibeast using pulling techniques and a range of tools.

They have also been learning about compass directions and loved tackling mini challenges using a real compass to navigate around the playground. Some of the children were surprised that there is an alternative to sat-nav and Google Maps!

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their Design Technology project. Every child designed, made and evaluated their own playground using a range of materials. The children had so much fun and the staff were amazed at the children's independence and perseverance. Perseverantia Vincit!





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News from around the school



MR AGG'S CYCLE 300 CHALLENGE

Fuelled by the success of his 300 miles in a month challenge back in September, Mr Agg, our cello and double bass teacher, is cycling 300 miles this month in aid of Cancer Research UK. If you would like to read more about his story and/or make a donation in support of this worthy enterprise, please visit his page:

fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jamess-cycle-300-fundraising-page-337

BAGS2SCHOOL

The PTA have organised a Bags2School collection on **Monday 24th May**. Please bring any items listed below in black bin bags by 9am on Monday 24th May and leave on the Pre-Prep side of the school.

WHAT WE COLLECT

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*: Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie
Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Household curtains, Household towels, Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We DO NOT accept:

Duvets and blankets, Pillows and cushions, Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
School uniforms with and without logo
Corporate clothing and workwear
Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

We are tremendously proud of these pupils in Years 3 and 4 who recently donated their long hair to the Little Princess Trust. Nearly two feet of hair between them has been sent to the charity to provide wigs to children with cancer! Well done to both of these kind-hearted and beautifully-coiffed girls.



BERKY PODCAST

Ever wondered what Mrs Holland's most embarrassing moment was?

Or how she felt on her first day at Berky? Then tune in to episode 3 of the latest Berky podcast to hear Year 6's Bea-Bea and Matilda interviewing her to find out! The latest episode, produced by Mr Banks, is presented by a very articulate pupil from Year 2, who also treats us to a reading of a poem entitled 'Dear Virus,' written by her Dad! The excellent episode also features Year 6's Isabella's fun facts about the Olympic Games and some head-scratching riddles from Year 6's Serena!

The podcast is available by scanning the QR code above - and is well worth a listen.

ECO WARRIORS' TOP TIPS

WAYS YOU CAN TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THE OCEAN

- Use less water
- Reduce waste
- If choosing seafood, eat sustainably
- Lower your environmental footprint
- Use reef-safe sunscreen
- Call for an Ocean Recovery strategy
- Use less plastic

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Prep matches

Please keep an eye on fixtures each week; some details might change due to the ever-changing circumstances at the moment.

Cricket reports...

GIRLS

U8 v Rendcomb

Berkhampstead lost 225 - 227

Friday 14th May will go down in history as it was the first time the U8 girls played a match against Rendcomb. The rain gave way to glorious sunshine as the girls were put into bat.

All 8 girls batted superbly with numerous fours scored throughout. In addition to the boundaries, there were quick singles, lovely shots and a desire not to lose a wicket. We scored 225 runs before Rendcomb came into bat.

The opposition had clearly practised hitting off a tee and were able to hit 5 boundaries in the first 2 overs, giving them an early lead. Whilst we didn't manage as many wickets, a special mention has to go to Ella for her catch (the only one in the entire game); She also came extremely close on 2 more occasions. Ultimately, we couldn't quite do enough as Rendcomb won by 2 runs. All of the girls should be pleased with how they played and the progress they have made since Easter.

U9 v Rendcomb

Berkhampstead lost by 18 runs

And they're off!! This was the U9 girls' first ever cricket match, as due to lockdown no cricket was played last summer, and they certainly did not let themselves down! In fact, despite the initial nerves, we saw some fantastic cricket from the nine girls. We lost the toss and Berky were put into bat first. We started slowly, facing some unreliable bowling, but Chloe H and Yvie were a high-scoring pair and we saw Alina consistently achieving four after four! When it was our turn in the field, six wickets were taken, one of which was a particularly memorable throw at the stumps from afar by Sophia, and excellent bowling from Frankie, Esi, Erin P, Carly and Alba. In fact, our girls' bowling was superb overall, placing the ball nicely for the opposition and (unfortunately) leading to them scoring more runs.

We have plenty to learn from our first match, but it was a very much enjoyed experience and we are already looking forward to the next fixture.

