BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

FRIDAY 23RD APRIL
SUMMER TERM

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Back to school for the Summer term and it has been great to see the excited faces of the children... and the staff! I had a lovely hour on Wednesday watching the U11 girls playing a Netball match against the Richard Pate School. They played brilliantly considering how little match practice they have had this year and it was lovely to see such enthusiasm and pleasure. You will find Miss Keegan's match report later.

On the topic of school fixtures, clubs and events, please would you keep looking on the school calendar as we will be adding to and amending this as we are able to do more and more during the course of the term. I am afraid that at present parents are not able to attend fixtures but if this changes then we will let you know.

The Clubs are on the calendar so that you are aware of the timing for these. With the Prep Games Club on a Thursday - starting next week - all the children should be picked up from school and NOT the Victoria Ground.

Some venues for trips this term are taking bookings - for example, the Year 6 Viney Hill trip - and these are being added to the calendar once confirmed. However, for some trips, the booking office is yet to open so these will be added as soon as they are confirmed.

The School Calendar can be accessed via the Parent Portal...
berkhampsteadschool.parents.isams.cloud/api/homepage/
or using the iSAMS iParent App

It may have been some time since you used the App, or you may not have downloaded it to your phone/tablet as yet, so do have a go at using this as it is a very useful tool for keeping you informed.

I was thrilled to be able to hand out the second House Captain Badges this morning. Matilda, Oli, Lottie and Beatrice have done a wonderful job leading their respective Houses, St. David's, St. George's, St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's and they will now be joined by Patrick, Rosemary, Elodie and Michael. It was fitting that these four gained their House Captain badges on St. George's Day with the House Totals as follows:

St. George's **274**

St. David's **273**

St. Andrew's **260**

St. Patrick's **249**

There's a long way to go, though, before we award the trophy at the end of term!

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster

Diary dates

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 28th April
2.15pm - U10 Netball v Richard Pate (A)
2.30pm - U9A&B Boys' Cricket v Dean Close (A)
Fri 30th April
2.15pm - U9 Netball v Richard Pate (A)

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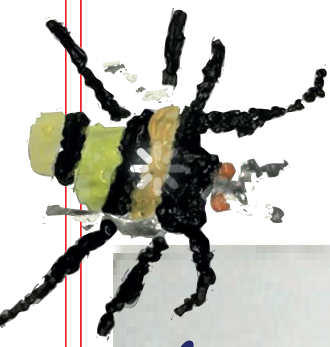
News from Pre-Prep

Pre-Prep were very excited to return to school this week. Our topics this term fit perfectly with the glorious weather; Year 1 are studying 'Giants and Minibeasts' and Year 2 are exploring 'The Great Outdoors'.

We have all looked at Jack and the Beanstalk which has given us plenty of opportunities for story retelling, describing as well as acting and performing in character. The giant inspired Year 1's ICT session this week, as the children recorded slow-motion videos of themselves in character as the Giant! Year 2 are also exploring alternative versions of the story.

Both year groups have thoroughly enjoyed the nature garden this week. Year 1 have been looking at plants and were surprised that grass and trees are both plants. Year 2 were keen to discover a range of wildlife hiding and living in the area. Of course, all were fascinated by how much our school tadpoles have grown!

Our exciting topics have continued into our art lessons. Year 2 are starting to create Sunflower pictures inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and Year 1 have been painting minibeasts using cotton buds.



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News from around the school

DESIGN A 'FUN LIFE' POSTER

The Three Counties Showground is hosting a new event this summer called Fun Life and to celebrate the launch they are running a competition to design the official event poster. The Fun Life Festival is a fun-packed day out for children aged between 3-13 years old and their families. They are planning to have a range of activities such as sports, outdoor games, animals and nature activities.

There are wonderful prizes up for grabs which include a family ticket to the event as well as £100 Amazon voucher. For further information, please click here: **www.threecounties.co.uk/news/fun-life-festival-childrens-poster-competition-launches/**

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Facebook:
www.facebook.com/Berkhampstead

Twitter:
twitter.com/BerkyCheltenham

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Sports report...

NETBALL

U11 v Richard Pate School

The buzz on the bus as we arrived at RPS was electric! It was a fantastic afternoon, and an amazing spectacle of sport! All girls played extremely well, displaying some good drives onto the ball. I was so proud watching them play, you wouldn't have known we haven't played a competitive game against another school in a year. The excitement at the beginning of the match soon turned to drive and determination as the game progressed. Our passing was not as accurate and powerful and we might normally be, but this didn't hinder the overall game. I am so glad we have had the opportunity to play one netball match, but wish we had played more. Well done girls, and thank you for showing how strong and versatile you all are.

Both teams lost, drew and won a game.

Prep matches

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