



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

We are now at one of my favourite times of the year - where I have the pleasure of attending concerts, seeing plays and watching our talented and keen players acquit themselves so well on the athletics track and games fields. This year, more than ever before, witnessing these events has been a thrill.

On Wednesday night, the Year 6 parents, socially distanced, were able to watch and listen to our wonderful Year 6 musicians. It was pure joy to see them perform on instruments ranging from Double Bass, Cello, Viola and Violin to Saxophone, Cornet, Drums and Guitar. I never thought I'd hear AC/DC played at a Berky School recital, but I did! In addition to this 'The Berky Boys' - Will, Will, Will and Ollie, who started their band in Year 1 - gave us their final performance at Berky. We look forward to seeing them on tour sometime soon! There were so many highlights but after a year of not singing, it was a delight to hear the choir and individual singers perform so beautifully. The finale was all of Year 6 singing a piece from their school production and it brought the house down. Well done, Year 6 - and thank you for entertaining us so royally.

Earlier on this week, it was a privilege to get a glimpse of the Early Years Production of 'The Porridge Monster' and the Year 1 Production of 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. Great acting and narration along with some brilliant musical contributions were in evidence! These have both been filmed and will be released shortly.

We have also had two trips this week with Year 5 visiting the Black Country Museum and Year 1 the Cotswold Wildlife Park. Talking to the pupils on their return, they were so very keen to tell me what a wonderful time they had had; the pictures here tell the tale.

It is SUCH a pleasure, and a privilege, to witness - every day - the enjoyment of participation and learning at Berkhampstead. We have done our best to show you some of this through our newsletters and this term's Berky Blazer.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 25TH JUNE
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Tuesday 29th June

Prep Sports Day
10:45am: Year 3 and 4 Parents (1 parent only) until 12 noon
2:15pm: Year 5 and 6 Parents (1 parent only) until 3:30pm

Thursday 1st July

Filming of Year 2 Production
2.15pm - New to KG transition
2.15pm - New to Reception transition

Monday 5th July

Year 6 Geography Field trip
2pm - Early Years/Pre-Prep Moving up afternoon

Tuesday 6th July

9am - KG Sports Day (1 parent only)
10am - Reception Sports Day (1 parent only)
11am - Year 1 Sports Day (1 parent only)
2.30pm - Year 2 Sports Day (1 parent only)
12.00 noon - Year 6 picnic

Wednesday 7th July

am - Year 6 Music Workshop

Thursday 8th July

am - Prep Cross Country
Kindergarten to Year 5 - End of Term

Friday 9th July

10.30am - Year 6 Leavers' Service, Pre-Prep Lawn



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News from Pre Prep

Year 2 have been busy preparing for their end of year production. Scenery is being created in art lessons and the children are practising their lines with a big voice and plenty of expression. They have still had time to learn all about the features of a comic strip and create their own. The teachers are very impressed with their Jack and the Beanstalk-themed comics!

Year 1 have been using non-fiction books to find out about a range of minibeasts. They have discovered their habitats, diets and survival techniques. These interesting facts were used to create brilliant fact files in English and minibeast collages in art. Year 1 also enjoyed their trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park - highlights were definitely the insect house and the giraffes! The children met one of the park keepers who told them all about caring for animals at the park. What a fantastic day out! AS





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News from around the school

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' RECITAL



Uniform shop...

Extended opening hours for Uniform shop on Monday from 2.30pm until 4pm. For those in Year 2 it's a good opportunity to get some Prep kit before they move across in September!

NB - Only 2 allowed in shop at a time and masks must be worn please.

Please remember if bringing in secondhand uniform, it must be clean and in good condition. We are not accepting grey trousers and boys' white/grey shirts. Many thanks!





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ECO TIP

The Eco Warriors have been discussing chemical-free ways of getting rid of blackfly from your vegetables – particularly beans.

Here are some things to try:

- Encourage their natural enemies - hoverflies, lacewings and ladybirds - by growing plants which these beneficial insects love, for example, catnip, clover, dill, mint, oregano and yarrow.
- Feed the birds and provide nest sites as small birds such as blue tits, coal tits and wrens love aphids and they will soon clear them.
- Rub the aphids off between your finger and thumb.
- Blast them off every few days with a strong jet of water (don't forget the undersides of the leaves).
- Spray with a weak solution of washing-up liquid and water, as this kills on contact (don't forget the undersides of the leaves).
- Place 3 – 4 drops of essential oils; clove, peppermint, rosemary and thyme, in a hand spray then top up with water. This also kills the eggs and the larvae so don't forget the undersides of the leaves and in the leaf axils.
- Into a litre of water mix a pinch of cayenne pepper and 1 tablespoon of washing-up liquid and spray the actual insects.
- A dusting of corn-flour is also said to work as it clogs up their internal organs.

Please send any more suggestions to ecowarrior@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk. We would also like to hear how successful (or otherwise) these remedies are from anyone who experiments with them!



CRISP PACKET RECYCLING SCHEME

Please start saving your crisp packets again!

We are working with TerraCycle to prevent crisp packets from ending up in landfills. Instead, TerraCycle recycles them into items such as watering cans, bowls and even furniture! Bring your crisp packets to school and help save the planet!





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Cricket reports...

BOYS

U10 v Rendcomb Won by 115 Runs

Our penultimate game of the season was away at Rendcomb. In cold, wet and dark conditions, we lost the toss and were put into bat. A very solid start of 33 was notched up by our two openers Max and Felix and runs began to build from there; further partnerships saw Jacob D-T and Ben make 22, Jacob F and Barnaby 29, Oscar and Reuben 28 and our last pair Otto and Sam, who faced the toughest bowling, making an excellent 32, hitting 4s to all corners of the ground. We finished our innings with 144 runs without the loss of a wicket. Our bowling surpassed our efforts with the bat; our captain Ben, led from the front taking 3 wickets in a spell of just two overs. Oscar and Reuben bowled superbly; a maiden over from Oscar and Reuben taking 4 wickets in 4 balls - the first time I've seen that in 34 years! Otto and Sam concluded the session with some clinical deliveries and a well-earned wicket for Sam. Rendcomb finished with a score of 29 for 8 with Berky running out comfortable winners by 115 runs. The U10s batted, bowled and fielded superbly and should be very pleased with their efforts. Well done, boys!

U10 v St Edward's

On Wednesday afternoon, the U10 boys played their final match of the year at home against St Edward's. St Edward's chose to bat first and the boys fielded superbly; they kept the field tight so only three balls went out of the boundary. Their bowling has really improved; although there were still some wides and no balls, there weren't as many as there have been in previous matches. In total, the boys took 10 wickets from St Edward's - a fantastic achievement! St Edward's finished with 280 runs. When they came to bat, the boys did a great job once again. Felix and Ben were the first pair and they scored an amazing 43 runs, racking up lots of single runs plus a couple of 4s and a 6! The match finished with a win for the boys with 355 runs for 5 wickets.

The final match of the season and it was a win - well done, boys!

GIRLS

U10 v RPS (Match 2)

This was the last match of one very short season for the girls. We treated this as a training match, encouraging the girls with their bowling technique. RPS batted first and each Berky girl bowled for an over, improving with every ball. Overall, the girls managed to claim five wickets and limited the runs to mainly singles. We did unfortunately concede quite a few wide balls and no balls. RPS finished on a score of 245. RPS bowling was on a par with ours; however, the difference between the two teams came down to some very accurate fielding by RPS to claim two additional wickets - this was to make the difference. Berky finished on a score of 235. All the girls have developed their confidence this year and hopefully will go from strength to strength next year with a full season. Well done, ladies!

U10 v RPS Berky 267 RPS 269

It was a hot Wednesday afternoon, and the girls went into field first. We struggled with our bowling today; possibly, the incline threw us off target. RPS first pair were batting well; we were quick in the field, stopping a couple of fours. They continued to make some good runs, finishing with 269 runs. As we went into bat, our girls knew what they were chasing. Our first pair, Isla and Maisie, managed 25 runs - a good start. Nancy and Zoe S were next up; they managed 10 runs. Pair three, Hettie and Vivienne, stepped in to bat; unfortunately, they had a lot of no balls that they weren't able to connect with but they gained a further 17 runs for the team. Then, in stepped Ellie B and Sophia, knowing we had to get 17 runs to win over 4 overs. I was hopeful! The pair managed 11 runs. Last into bat were Georgia and Sydney; with one over left we were on 267. We just needed 3 runs to win. There was a good start with a 4 being hit on the second ball. There were four balls left to gain 3 runs, but on the fourth ball, RPS took a wicket! We went down to 266 with two balls left. The girls managed one run but the last ball was a dot ball: we lost by 2 runs.

Well done, girls; a good game but still things to work on ready to beat them next year!

U11 Boys' cricket reports to come next week

