



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

It really has been another week of two halves, with either torrential rain or glorious sunshine making any outdoor events interesting!

Of course, the changeable weather is perfect for our wildlife garden in the school and Day Nursery. It is lovely to see the children gardening and taking pride in preparing and planting the cultivated section of the wildlife garden. One of the key things about the Berkhampstead community is its warm inclusivity - the atmosphere in the Pre-Prep playground is super. I am always very impressed to see the older children as Playground Leaders supporting and encouraging the other children to play a variety of games kindly.

Once again, alongside excellent classroom teaching, the children have enjoyed a range of creative and stimulating experiences this week. Reception have been planning their traditional story topic and think they should make some porridge for Goldilocks and Gingerbread Men. The Year 2 and Year 6 children have been working with a visiting artist to create their own wildlife screen print. The images they have drawn are excellent and the colourful effects created with screen printing make them amazing. Artwork from all the children - Kindergarten through to Year 6 - is being gathered together for the annual Art Exhibition straight after half-term. Look out for your personal invitation and please do save the date - Thursday 6th June 4pm - 6.30pm.

On the topic of food our fabulous catering staff had another 'Taste the Menu' session for Prep this week in preparation for new items on the menu. They included Cauliflower Cheese and Aloo Gobi... for our Vegetarian Day on the menu... as well as Potage Du Barry and Rhubarb Cheesecake. This was all washed down with a Rhubarb Cordial - delicious! The Prep children enjoyed trying these treats and gave feedback to Alex our Chef and Amy our Catering Manager.

Year 6 have started rehearsing for the Leavers' Concert - a lovely musical evening which celebrates the musicality of every child; drama rehearsals for the Y6 production will also soon be underway. It is a time of enrichment for this year group, who have worked so hard to achieve academically and now is the time where classwork is maintained but a whole range of extras are there for them to enjoy, a highlight of which is their residential trip the week after next.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 10TH MAY SUMMER TERM

Diary dates...

Mon 13th May

12.00 noon - Year 1 trip to Gifford's Circus
2.15pm - U10/U11 Boys' Cricket (3 teams) v Bowbrook House (H)

Tue 14th May

1.15pm Kindergarten trip to Forest School
6M Lunch at Zizzi's Restaurant
4.30pm Chess - Cheltenham v Gloucester School, Prep Hall

Wed 15th May

2.00pm - U11 Girls' Cricket Rendcomb (A)
2.30pm - U10/U11 Boys' Cricket (3 teams) v Beadesert (A)
2.30pm - U9A, U9B Boys' Cricket v St Edward's (A)
2.45pm - U10 Girls' Cricket v Richard Pate (A)

Fri 17th May

9.00am - 11.00am Early Years Open Morning
From 9.00am - Year 2 Verse Speaking, Town Hall (individual times TBC) (Year 2 no swimming)
2.30pm - U9A Boys Cricket v Rendcomb (H)
2.30pm - U9 Mixed Cricket training game with Rendcomb (H)





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News from around the school

CHESS NEWS

The recent Gloucestershire Megafinal (part of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge) at King's School, Gloucester proved a great success for Berkhampstead pupils. George J ended the day as the U7 Boys' Champion and Georgia A won the trophy for the U8 Girls' Championship. Henry R and Edith H also qualified for the next round of the Chess Challenge, the Gigafinal.

Good luck to the Berky Development Team from Y3 and Y4 who are taking part in a schools' competition tomorrow. MC



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Plant stall...
Please pot up and label any spare plants and cuttings ready for the Plant Stall at the Summer Fete!

Reminder...
If you are having a Spring clean - please save any women's clothes - for a Fashion Recycling stall at the Summer Fete.

Missing...
A Blankley
Missing raincoat -
Stormstuff



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US FOR
**COFFEE
CAKE &
A CHAT**



THE BERKY EXPERIENCE

17TH MAY 9-11 AM

BRING YOUR CHILD
TO SAMPLE OUR INSPIRING
KINDERGARDEN & RECEPTION

Come and get a taste of the Berky Early Years department. It's your chance to meet our Head Richard Cross, teachers and pupils, and have an informal insight into Berky life. Join us for a coffee and a chat, and see for yourself what our Kindergarten and Reception can offer your child.

