



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



## NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear parents,

The week was shortened by the Bank Holiday, but there's still been lots going on. At last rounders and cricket matches have been played this week in lovely conditions. The Victoria Ground - home to our Prep sport - is always lovely in the summer sun.

The House Chess competition kicked off in style this week, with closely fought matches at lunchtime. These matches are always keenly contested, and the quality of chess very encouraging for the future. With the staff versus pupils match still to come, excitement is building and there really is all to play for.

Our Chamber Orchestra did splendidly to win the U12 Chamber Ensemble section at the Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts! We were delighted with the result, but particularly pleased to see the enjoyment and composure of our talented musicians as they performed. I have had some super reports of individual performances in the Festival - very well done to all who have chosen to get involved. As I so often say, it takes real determination to get up in front of such an audience and speak or play out. Good luck to Year 2 performing today.

It is lovely to see collages inspired by Monet in the Art Room this week - and on the twitter feed too - @BerkyCheltenham. Preparations are beginning for the Berkhampstead Art Exhibition, which will take place on Thursday 7th June from 3.45pm to 6pm in the Prep Hall. The sneak previews that I have seen are super and I can confidently say that the quality of the art across the school is impressive.

I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed Charlotte Keegan to the position of Head of PE and Girls' Games for September 2018. Charlotte has been a teacher of PE and Games at Hereford Cathedral School for the last 10 years and is really excited to be joining the Berky staff. She knows the school, as her eldest daughter attended our Day Nursery, and I hope to inform you soon of opportunities when you are able to meet her before September.

There is plenty to look forward to over the next week or so, including matches, the Year 1 DT day, a Year 2 trip to Batsford Arboretum, the Year 6 residential trip to the Forest of Dean - as well as an Art Day and Drama Day, a Year 4 visit to see the production 'In the Net', and our brilliant quiz team of Lesley, Oscar, Jonathan and Lucy facing the challenge of the National Quiz semi-final in Newbury.

May I also remind you that it is the **School Photograph next Tuesday** - **PLEASE** can all the children come in summer uniform and blazers for this. Year 6 will need to arrive at school in summer uniform before changing to go on their residential trip - their uniform can be left in school while they are away.

*Richard*

Richard Cross  
Headmaster



FRIDAY 11TH MAY  
SUMMER TERM

## Diary dates...

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Mon 14th May

Year 6 Art Day  
10.00am - Year 4 visit to St Edward's School to watch performance of 'In The Net'  
2.00pm - Cricket U11 and U10 v Bowbrook House (H)

#### Tue 15th May

Whole School Photograph  
Year 6 Residential trip to Viney Hill

#### Wed 16th May

Year 6 Residential trip to Viney Hill  
Year 1 DT Day  
Year 2 trip to Batsford Arboretum  
2.45pm - Cricket U10 v Airthrie (A)

#### Thu 17th May

Year 6 Residential trip to Viney Hill

#### Fri 18th May

Year 6 Drama Day  
2.30pm - Rounders U9 v King's Gloucester (A)  
2.00pm - Year 5 Girls Cricket Masterclass at King's Gloucester  
3.00pm - General Knowledge Inter-School Quiz Championship at Horris Hill Prep School, Newtown, Newbury

#### Sat 19th May

Primary Chess Congress



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*Missing items...*  
School shoes (Clarks)  
unnamed, tracksuit bottoms  
and red bag.  
All named Molloy

## News from around the school...

### MUSIC SUCCESS AT THE TOWN HALL

Congratulations to the 10 players in our Chamber Ensemble who were awarded a magnificent shield as best performers in their class. They performed Whirligig and The Mary Rose to an appreciative audience and the adjudicator was most impressed by their 'story-telling' through the expressive qualities of their music. She also commented that all the instruments were very well-prepared and followed Mr Trim, the conductor, closely. Tuning was excellent and it was a fabulous and clear arrangement. Well done to Leslie M, Sarah D, Catherine W, William P, Archie M, Grace W, George de B-T, Olly W, Jack P and Rhys L.





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## PTA NEWS...

UNIFORM SHOP  
'SUMMER SALE'  
MON 14TH MAY  
3-4PM

## NEWS FROM THE PTA

What a glorious Bank Holiday weekend and week it has been, lifting the spirits beautifully and getting us perfectly in the mood for the Midsummer Ball and Summer Fayre after half term!

The Midsummer Ball is going to be a wonderful end of year Berky celebration at the fabulous Queens Hotel. Drinks on the lawn listening to beautiful music, followed by a wonderful three course dinner, dancing, an amazing auction, raffle, fun and laughter!

There is only one table remaining for this great event, if you would like to get a table together please complete the form emailed out and pay online to join in the fun and mark the end of another great year at Berky.

This week saw Becky and Vanessa hold an amazing sale in our Second Hand Uniform Shop for Year Two parents moving up to Prep. The Sale was a great success and will be repeated on Monday for other year groups to grab a bargain so please come on down and see the great selection of uniform on display. Thank you to Becky and Vanessa for their hard work so far.

Last week we held our last PTA meeting for the year; thank you to everyone that attended. It was a great turn out. Planning for the Summer Fayre is well underway. The Fayre will take place on Saturday 23rd June 2-4pm and will be fun for the whole family; if you would like to be involved in any way please do get in touch by emailing [berkhampsteadpta@gmail.com](mailto:berkhampsteadpta@gmail.com)

We also got plans well under way for next year's events and we will be in touch after half term with more news and asking for volunteers to step up to the PTA next year. If you think that is you please do get in touch; we would love to hear from anyone who wants to be involved in the PTA, whether on a regular basis or for a one off event. All support is always welcomed.

Graham Dickinson, PTA Vice Chair, will be standing down this year after volunteering his time to the role for two years and many more on the PTA in various roles. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Graham for his hard work and dedication to the PTA; it has been invaluable.

Graham still has a couple of important tasks left to do for the PTA, leading our fabulous team of Half Marathon runners around Cheltenham in September and setting off the fireworks at next years Firework's Night but for now, thank you Graham, you have been a star!

Have a great weekend all.  
Best Wishes

Joey

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WELL OVER  
HALF WAY TO  
OUR TOTAL!





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## Sports report...

### CRICKET

#### U8 v Hatherop Castle

Playing the first game of the season with few training sessions under our belts meant that there was still a little for us to learn. Having said that, all of the boys played to the best of their ability and enjoyed the afternoon.

The first match was between a team of 8 Berky pupils and 5 Hatherop Castle boys mixed with 3 more Berky boys. The full Berky team went into bat first and scored 262 runs (scoring starts at 200). Almost everyone got on to the score sheet. Albie B-C was our lead scorer with 20 runs, followed by William S on 16 runs.

The half Hatherop Castle, half Berky team then went into bat and scored 268. Freddie was their highest scorer with 18 runs and both Robert and Michael scored runs too. The bowling on both sides showed promise but it is a hard skill to master.

A lovely first match – with Berky both winning and losing (but only narrowly)! Well done, boys.

In the second match the two teams were made up of 6 children which meant that when a team was fielding they had to work hard to get the ball back to the bowler or wicket-keeper. The boys played well considering it was their first match of the season. The bowling was good, a few wides and no balls, but this will only improve throughout the rest of the season. Both teams took a wicket and our boys also managed to score quite a few 4s. Will C bowled particularly well and Henry R and Harry M were the top scoring pair. Despite all their efforts though the match was unfortunately a loss with Hatherop winning by 14 runs.

Well done to the boys and thank you to our loyal supporters for coming along to cheer them on.

#### U9A v Kitebrook

##### Won by 27 Runs

Our first outing of the season at the Victoria Ground on Friday was played in glorious conditions. We lost the toss and were put into bat. A very solid start of 38 was notched up by our two openers Griff and Harry and runs began to build from there. Further partnerships saw Lincoln and Jonny make 29 and Alex and Will 24. Jack and Seb faced the toughest bowling. Although they made just 5 runs they batted with dogged determination against very quick and accurate bowling. We finished our innings with 96 runs with the loss of just two wickets. Our bowling, bearing in mind it was our first match, looked pretty sound. 25 wides accounted for a large part of Kitebrook's final score of 69 with Jonny taking 3 wickets, Seb one wicket and a superb maiden over from Lincoln. Best bowler on the day was captain Alex who mesmerised not only the batsman but also the umpire with classy display of leg spin bowling. Well done boys!

#### U9B v Kitebrook

##### Won by 17 runs

The U9B team enjoyed a first match of the season at the Victoria Ground last Friday. Our opponents won the toss and elected to bat. Even though bowling is the most challenging part of the game, our boys all bowled and made some progress with their line and length. We fielded with enthusiasm and managed to run out two of their batsmen. Kitebrook scored a very competitive 277.

Our batting was solid throughout and we always looked to run quickly between the wickets. Each pair contributed runs to the total and we found the boundary on six occasions. Our top scorer was Otto, who finished on 18. He was well supported by Alessio, who scored 10. Our final total was 294, beating the Kitebrook total by 17 runs. Well done to all of the boys for a super start to the season.

#### U11A v Kitebrook

##### Won by 69 runs

The U11A had their first match of the season against Kitebrook. We elected to bat first and notched an impressive score of 132 for 2. Adam and George de B-T were excellent as an opening partnership, scoring 39 and 17. Adam struck 7 boundaries in all, including a muscular 6 over the square leg umpire's head. James S also batted nicely for 16.

On taking the field, Andrew struck with the first ball of the opposition innings, with the catch taken by Adam. Andrew went on to take a further 3 wickets to cap an excellent debut for the U11s. He was well supported by Charlton who took 3 wickets, which included a wicket maiden. George R and Adam took the remaining wickets. Kitebrook were bowled out for 63, resulting in a fine win for Berky by 69 runs.

Although there is plenty to work on, this was an encouraging start. Well done to all of the boys!





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### ROUNDERS

U10A v Richard Pate School

Lost 11-13

The first match of the season and what a freezing summer's day! Georgie won the toss and opted to field first – a very wise decision. We began tentatively with a few hesitant fielding decisions, allowing RPS to sneak some ½ rounders. Millie bowled with great accuracy and Simran was making some good decisions on the field. We managed to get a few of the girls out but they were hitting the ball with great consistency. It was our turn to bat – Bea, Georgie and Varnika scored full rounders and Varnika consistently gained more ½ rounders with every bat. Unfortunately we took a few risks and four of our players were out. The first innings ended 6½-4½ to RPS. RPS doubled their score to end the second innings on 13. We knew our target and I was really pleased with the way the girls responded. Although some girls were caught out they worked hard as a team. Sadly we were a few balls short of a win.

A good first game of the season girls – there are a few things to work on in training, ready for the next match.

