



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

## NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

It's been another busy week where the children have seized a diverse range of opportunities and thoroughly enjoyed them. We were delighted with Year 2 yesterday who stood up on the Town Hall Stage in the Choral Speaking category at the Cheltenham Festival for the Performing Arts. The children rose to the occasion and really enjoyed their performance of 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. The judge praised them for their performance and a big thanks must go to Mrs Langley King and Mrs Owen who gave the children the confidence to perform so well.

I have had two neighbours of the school contact me this week about the insensitivity of some parents when it comes to dropping their children at school. Double yellow lines and zig zags are there for a purpose and no one should be parking on these at any time. So please can I ask that if you are prone to doing this either in the morning or afternoon you stop doing this as of today for the safety of all children including your own.

It has also been increasingly evident that some parents disregard the fact that our neighbours need to use their driveways and use the crossing places in Hewlett Road, Cleeve View Road and Pittville Circus Road. Again, can I ask you not to park inconsiderately. The safety and respect of our neighbours and their children must be considered too.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

On a lighter note, I am really looking forward to the May Ball tomorrow – James Bond theme. Shall it be Oddjob or Jaws ... I think I will go as 007! The venue is superb and the locally sourced menu sounds delicious. An excuse to spend an evening with some good company and to have fun – I hope to see you there.

*Richard*

Richard Cross  
Headmaster



FRIDAY 12TH MAY  
SUMMER TERM

## Diary dates...

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sat 13th May**

PTA Ball, Pittville Pump Room

**Wed 17th May**

Year 1 DT Day

2.30pm – Cricket U11 x 2 teams  
v Beaudesert (A)

2.30pm – Rounders U9  
v Prior Park (A)

2.30pm – Rounders U11A, U11B,  
U10A, U10B v The Croft (A)

**Thu 18th May**

Year 4 trip to Sulgrave Manor

**Fri 19th May**

2.15pm – Rounders U9

v Rendcomb College (H)

2.30pm – Cricket U9

v Rendcomb (H)



Catching up on news at the  
Kindergarten 'Snack Cafe!'



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## News from around the school

### RECEPTION

The children received letters from Goldilocks and Mummy Bear this week asking for their help.

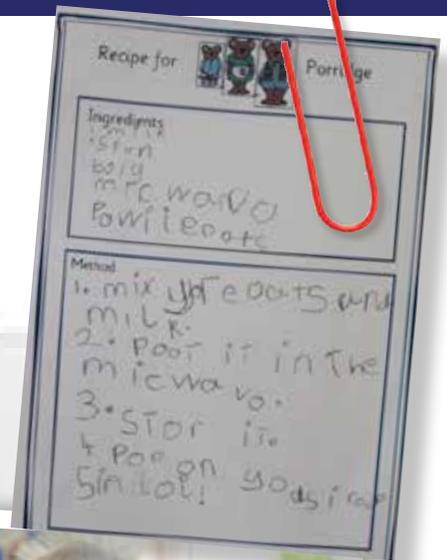
Lots of sharing took place in Reception maths this week. The children received two letters, one from Mummy Bear and the other from Goldilocks. Mummy Bear wanted the children to check to see she had enough food for a picnic for Daddy and Baby Bear. The children loved sharing the food and ensuring the two bears had the same!

Goldilocks asked the children to share sweets between the Three Bears. The children had great fun counting the sweets and predicting how many each bear would have. The children were very good and no sweets went missing!

The children received a letter from Goldilocks asking the children to write a recipe for porridge. She wanted to make porridge for the bears to say sorry but she could not find the recipe. The children carefully made a list of ingredients and then wrote out the instructions.

We then decided to test our porridge recipes by making them ourselves. The children carefully measured out the oats and milk, stirred them together before putting their bowl in the microwave for 2 minutes to heat up. The final part was to eat the porridge, which was done with great eagerness!

Mr Titley paid Reception a visit this week and read the children some traditional tales. The children listened with great awe as Mr Titley took on the parts of the characters and acted out the stories with great enthusiasm. It was a great end to the busy day and thank you Mr Titley!





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## Lost property

Please keep your eyes peeled  
for the following missing items...

S. Dubb: Hoodie  
E. Dubb: Jumper

## News from around the school

### CHESS UPDATE

Many congratulations to four Berky chess players who have qualified for the Gigafinal of the Delancey UK Schools' Chess Challenge. Rupert G (winner of the Gloucestershire 'Supremo' title) and Griff L qualified in the U8 section while George de B-T and Jack P won through in the U10 tournament.

House Chess has concluded. A 'round robin' competition saw Patrick's pip Andrew's to the title in a very close finish. Congratulations to the captain of Patrick's, Jack P and his talented team.





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## Sports report...



### CRICKET

#### U11B Cricket v Bredon

The U11B had a glorious afternoon of sunshine for their first cricket match this season. Bredon won the toss and chose to bat first so we started fielding. Our bowling and fielding was excellent. There weren't many wide balls and those that went wide were recovered quickly on the bowler's next bowl. Bredon found it difficult to score runs and thanks to our excellent team work we took 7 wickets from them. They finished their innings with a score of 219 for 7 wickets.

Going into the second innings we were confident but not complacent. Charlton and Jack started and worked well together to get lots of runs. George and Benji both managed to hit the ball for four runs and overall everyone batted well. We finished with a score of 289 for 1 wicket.

I was really impressed with the boys' performance on Wednesday. Their communication was excellent and they played together as a team. Well done boys, a great start to the cricket season.



### ROUNDERS

#### U10A v RPS

Won 14½ - 8

The first match of the season and what a gorgeous summer's day! Ella won the toss and opted to field first – a very wise decision. Jemima and Eleanor both bowled with great accuracy. The tactics of minimising the half rounders worked well and the girls' fielding was tight, Alice was very busy on 2nd base! They managed to eliminate all of the RPS players before all

27 bowls had been used! Things were looking good! The first innings saw full rounders from Isi and Alexa, with Eleanor scoring 2. We managed to gain plenty of half rounders and after the first innings the score was 4½ - 10 to Berky. The second innings was much tighter as RPS began to play a more intelligent game. They were batting with more care and more accurate fielding saw them successfully get 5 of our players out. However, we were able to hold onto to our lead and in the end won by a comfortable margin. I was really proud of the way in which the girls handled their success and they were incredibly considerate to the RPS girls.

A super attitude and a super start to the season – well done girls!

#### U10B v RPS

Won 10 - 9

It was a beautiful, warm and sunny afternoon - perfect rounders weather! The Year 5 B team lost the toss so ended up fielding first. However, they started as they meant to go on, keen and enthusiastic. There was good fielding all round, especially from Sarah D on 2nd Base (earning her Player of the Match), which resulted in an impressive total of getting six batters out in the first innings. The score was a respectable six and a half to seven and a half at the end of the first innings.

The second innings was a slightly closer fought battle with both teams upping their game. With lots of encouraging shouts amongst the team they managed to hold their nerve and maintain a draw for the second innings of two and a half rounders each. This gave a final score of 9-10 in our favour, well done all!



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## NETBALL

### Netball Tournament at RPS

*Having celebrated our girls' success in the under 10 netball tournament at the Richard Pate School in assembly, it has come to my attention that we have not given an account for the newsletter, for which I apologise.*

This is an 'A' team tournament but I like to take all of our Year 5s to give them the experience of playing in a morning of netball. The B team is therefore always going to be up against it playing mostly against other schools' A teams. The opening match was, of course, the highlight of the morning when Berky A had to play Berky B! The outcome was probably never going to be in doubt but the Bs battled away and it was a fun game to get our tournament started.

The B team played with a huge amount of effort and determination throughout the morning and did incredibly well. The Beaudesert team were very strong but they managed to score against them and amazingly only lost 2-4 against the Richard Pate A team! Against St Edward's again a fantastic team display and then they only just lost to Rendcomb by 5 goals to 4. Could they beat the only other B team in the competition? Yes of course they could and won 4-0 against Richard Pate's B team. The B team came fifth overall and so nearly 4th, so this was an excellent result for the Berky B's.

Hopes were held high for the A team as they had been unbeaten all season. All was going to plan with comfortable victories over both the Richard Pate teams and Rendcomb. Inexplicably, against St Edward's they completely lost their way and scrambled to a 4-4 draw in the dying seconds. Everything was going to hinge on the last match of the tournament against the very strong Beaudesert team. What a match it was - a really tight game with Berky just having the edge at half time and then saving their best netball until last they powered to a 11-6 victory. Fantastic- gold medal winners!

At the end of the tournament Mrs Holland and I have to nominate a girl from each of our teams who has made a positive contribution to the team's performance. For the B team, it was Zoe C for huge improvement and great defensive work and in the A team it was to Ella V for some excellent and desperately needed interceptions throughout all of the matches but especially in the last and deciding match against Beaudesert. Well done to all our Year 5 girls.

