



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

## NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Berkhampstead has been even more of a hive of activity than usual this week - despite the weather. There have been enthusiastic clusters of children putting together acts for 'Berky's Got Talent' auditions and, in Prep, rehearsals for the Year 6 Leavers' Production 'Ye-Ha!', a wild-west themed musical production, have also been underway. In Pre-Prep, songs from 'A Tale of Nottingham' - a play scripted by our own Mrs Agg - have been echoing around the building. I look forward to seeing this next Friday.

I have shown a number of prospective parents around in recent weeks, and it is always lovely to hear their reaction to things that we regard as normal at Berkhampstead, but that perhaps are not to be found in other schools they have visited. The class sizes impress, of course, but people comment more often on the relationships here and the positive interactions that they witness between staff and children. They also comment on the personalised education that is provided for each and every child. We pride ourselves on this and the purposeful atmosphere of respect that pervades school.

I was impressed with the calm approach that the children seemed to have as they undertook some of their end-of-year exams this week. The results will help staff to give quality feedback in the children's reports and will give them a snapshot of what each child was able to show they know. We are an academic school that gets excellent results in both scholarships and grammar tests, but we firmly believe that there is much more to a Berkhampstead education than performance in exams - hence, the rounded yet challenging curriculum rich in art, music and sport that you read about each week in newsletters and that so many of you are able to come along and support at recitals and fixtures.

Over the next few weeks, we have a small number of older students coming into Berky for Work Experience. Some of them are returning to their old school and it is always lovely to see them again and find out what they have been getting up to. These students are also really helpful in and around school at a busy time of the year.

All is looking splendid in the Wildlife Area raised beds and there has been lots of activity over recent weeks: the planting of lettuces, carrots, beetroots, peas, green beans and potatoes, thanks to the green fingers of Mrs Taylor and her gardening helpers.

The Summer Fete - a highlight of the term and a true feat of organisation - is almost upon us. This involves huge efforts by a whole range of parents, children and staff and is always a super event. The Year 6 children run their own stalls, there are activities galore and refreshments in the form of Pimms!

I have had the privilege of umpiring the U11B boys' cricket teams recently in their fixtures against Beaudesert, Richard Pate and St. Edward's. The boys have played very well with lots of energy in batting - taking lots of singles as well as hitting big shots to the boundary. I have been particularly impressed with their understanding of the game but mostly with their enjoyment of competing. They are great company and are supportive of each other. Of these games, we have won 2 and lost 1 but all three were competitive and played in good spirit. Well done, boys.

*Richard*

**Richard Cross**  
Headmaster



**FRIDAY 14TH JUNE**  
**SUMMER TERM**

## Diary dates...

### Mon 17th June

Andrew Bear's Summer  
Kindergarten Adventure week  
10.00am - Girls' Cricket  
Tournament - Victoria Ground

### Tue 18th June

Year 3 trip to Lower Moor Farm  
1.15pm Kindergarten trip to  
Forest School

### Wed 19th June

9.40am - Pre-Prep Dress  
Rehearsal  
10.15am - 4E visit to L'Artisan  
Restaurant  
2.30pm - U11/U10 Boys' Cricket  
(3 teams) v Cricklade Manor (A)  
2.30pm - U10/U11 Rounders  
v Hatherop (H)  
2.30pm - U8/U9 Cricket  
v Hatherop (A)

### Thu 20th June

Year 4 trip to Sulgrave Manor  
10.00am U10 Tennis Green Ball  
Tournament at St Edward's  
10.30am - Kindergarten Walk and  
Picnic at Pittville Park  
2.15pm - Pre-Prep Production  
(Year 1 parents invited to watch)  
6.30pm - Year 6 Leavers' Recital,

Parabola Art Centre,  
Cheltenham Ladies College

### Fri 21st June

Year 5 swimming session  
2.15pm - Pre-Prep Production  
(Year 2 parents invited to watch)  
2.30pm - 3.15pm New to  
Reception session  
3.15pm - U9A/U9B Boys' Cricket  
v Dean Close (A)  
3.30pm - U8 Boys' Cricket  
v Dean Close (A)  
3.30pm - U8/U9 Girls' Cricket  
v Dean Close (A)



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## News from around the school

### NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN...

Coming up: a 'Taste the Menu' event for Prep parents, a chance to sample snacks.

Greek Day for lunch on Tuesday 25th June.

### CHESS REPORT

The annual District Chess Association's Prize Giving took place last night. Captain Edith H took to the Richard Pate stage to collect the league shield along with her loyal team mates, Griff L, Rupert G, Oli S, Jonathon B and Finian C. Edith, Oli, Finian, Jonathon and Arzalaan H all received vouchers for their strong showing in the district congress. Congratulations to all!



Oil - to cook the onions in  
1 onion  
2 tins of chopped tomatoes  
1 teaspoon vegetable Bouillon  
Pinch of oregano  
Pinch of salt  
Pinch of pepper  
Half a cup of water

1. Dice the onion and sweat in oil.
2. Once cooked, add the tomatoes, half a cup of Bouillon, oregano, salt, pepper and water.
2. Leave to simmer for 30 minutes, then whisk and serve with chunky bread. Enjoy!

### 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 clothes, accessories, shoes, jewellery - for a Fashion Recycling stall at the Summer Fete.

### Soft toys...

Could you please rummage in your toy boxes for any unwanted soft toys in good condition? They are for the special Summer Fete 'Animal' stall.



# BERKY SUMMER FETE

1-4<sup>PM</sup> SATURDAY  
29/06/19

RAFFLE FOR LUXURY HAMPERS  
& OTHER PRIZES

FUN &  
GAMES

BERKY'S  
GOT  
TALENT

PLANT STALL

STRAWBERRIES & CREAM  
SMOOTHIE BIKE

MAKE YOUR OWN SMOOTHIE BY PEDALING HARD!

HOT DOGS & ICE CREAMS

PIMMS  
STALL

TOYS & BOOK  
STALL

BERKY BOUTIQUE

... all with an  
environmental theme



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## Sports report...

### CRICKET - BOYS

U11A v St Edward's

Berky 117-1

St Edward's 70 all out

Won by 47 runs

In between the rain this week, we were fortunate to manage a cricket match against St. Edward's.

Berky batted first and steadily accumulated a competitive total of 117 for 1. The boys batted well and definitely improved our run rate from the last game. Luke (17) and Harry (15) were the top scorers, with useful contributions from Seb and Alex D.

In tricky bowling conditions, our line and length was mostly consistent. We took wickets at regular intervals and always had the opposition under pressure. Alex D had a fantastic spell, mesmerising the batsmen with his leg spin. He took an amazing 3 wickets for 5 runs. Luke had two superb stumpings from his bowling. The boys bowled St. Edward's out for 70 in 16.3 overs to secure a fine victory. Well done to all of the team!

U11B v St Edward's  
Berkhampstead 311-4  
St Edwards 284-7

It was an excellent afternoon of cricket at the Victoria Ground on Wednesday. The U11Bs won the toss and chose to field first. The fielding started well, and the boys took a wicket from the first pair which was great. Unfortunately, the bowling wasn't up to their usual standard so there were a lot of wides and no balls. The boys from St Edward's didn't run as well as they could have, and they finished on 284-7. When our boys came to bat, they knew they had to make the most of every opportunity to run and they did this well. Noah, Jensen, Lincoln and Ethan all batted brilliantly, and they worked together in their pairs well. The boys finished on 311-4.

It was an excellent win against St Edward's on a grey afternoon. Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the boys.

