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Could parents please leave  
the Pre-Prep playground by  
4.45 each day as  
Super Late Club need to use it.  
Many Thanks



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



## NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the term! Already we are all back into the routine of school and the better weather and lighter evenings have meant that the Sports Clubs for the Prep children have resumed and Jacqui Martinez has been able to take Late Club outside for a run around at the end of the day.

We were delighted to welcome so many Year 2 parents to our Prep Celebration assembly on Wednesday. Many commendations were given out and the excited children of 3M then took the parents on a tour of the Prep. We were impressed by the number of positive comments we received about the confidence and enthusiasm of the guides!

Today is St. David's Day and Mrs McCreanor gave an interesting talk about St. David in the Prep assembly; St. David encouraged people to 'Do the little things' - little acts of kindness - as it is these which make all the difference in day to day life. This led nicely into a special guest appearance by 6M's Millie W, who is raising money for a very worthwhile charity - the Open Door Homeless Project - as part of her work for the Platinum Award. Millie, who has visited the charity and spoken with the organisers, spoke confidently and movingly about homelessness and the enormous difference the Open Door charity make to homeless people's lives. She will be holding a cake sale during Prep break time on Monday to raise money; all cakes will be 50p so be sure to bring in your money on Monday to support her. Any children with food allergies will also be catered for. Should anyone wish to make further donations, the following would be greatly appreciated: money, tinned food (ham, tuna, puddings, fruit), instant noodles, squash, coffee, pet food, treats and biscuits. Toiletries and sleeping bags would also be gratefully received. Please bring your donations to the Prep or Pre-Prep Office. It makes me so happy that our children are genuinely concerned about other people and do so much to raise money for good causes; the flurry of 'thank you' letters that have arrived from the various charities we have supported recently bears testament to this.

Tomorrow, several of our children will have their artwork on display at the Malvern St. James School Art Exhibition. Mrs Bareham is very proud of them all and is pleased to announce that four children achieved a 'Highly Commended' award. These are Harriet C-W (Reception), Estella L (Y1), Charles C (Y2) and Hannah H (Y4). Well done all of you!

On Friday next week, Mrs McInnes - parent of two children in school - will be visiting both Prep and Pre-Prep assemblies to talk to the children about how we can be more environmentally friendly and help our planet. We are hoping that this will lead to great things!

Please don't forget that our Open Morning will be held on Saturday, 9th March; if your child is interested in helping, please return the electronic form to the Office as soon as possible.

*Richard*

Richard Cross  
Headmaster

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH  
SPRING TERM

## Diary dates...

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Mon 4th March

3.40pm - 4.30pm - Year 1/Year 2  
Parents' Evening

#### Tue 5th March

Bags2 School Collection  
3.15pm - Prep House Pancake  
Races on the MUGA  
6.00pm - Year 6 Parents' Evening

#### Wed 6th March

10.00am - Quiz Club Championship,  
South West Heat at  
Beaudesert Park  
2.00pm - U9 Football Tournament  
at Hatherop  
2.30pm - Football U11, U10A, U10B  
v King's, Worcester (H)  
2.45pm - Netball U10B v Kitebrook (H)  
6.00pm - Year 1/Year 2 Parents'  
Evening

#### Thu 7th March

World Book Day  
3.40pm - 4.00pm - Clare Elson  
book signing in the Andrews Gym  
4.00pm - Netball U9A, U9B, U8A,  
U8B v St Edward's (A)

#### Fri 8th March

2.30pm - Netball U9A, U9B, U8A,  
U8B v Richard Pate (A)  
3.30pm - Football U8 v  
St Edward's (A)

#### Sat 9th March

9.30am - 11.30am Open Morning  
10.00am - 3.00pm Annual School  
Chess Congress



Missing

Storm coat named OAKLEY  
Rugby boots named REA  
Blazer named TAITE



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## News from Early Years...

The children have settled back into Early Years life and are enjoying their topics 'Changes in Nature' and 'Favourite Stories'. We are looking forward to the exciting activities planned for this term leading up to Easter. We always welcome students in our Early Years Department as we enjoy supporting and training the next teaching generation! The following students will be placed in Early Years this term: Miss Chatt (Kindergarten), Miss Collard (Kindergarten), Miss Cormack (Reception).

The children have come back to Kindergarten well rested and we are looking forward to our new topic of 'Changes in nature'; come and visit us and our chicks that arrive next week.

Over the half term break the book nook has had a makeover to provide a quiet area for the children to value books and love stories. The children can now relax together and enjoy new and varied stories with an adult or with friends; this will help with early literacy skills, and spark imagination and curiosity.

This area also provides a mindfulness corner where children can be involved and concentrate on activities independently. We regularly practise mindfulness as part of our daily routine

(the children might refer to this as quiet time within Kindergarten). Exercises include: drawing pictures whilst listening to classical music, simple yoga, watching glitter float in a glass jar, concentrating on breathing whilst watching a soft toy rise and fall on their tummies, feather blowing and so much more. These activities will help the children develop their ability to concentrate and focus whilst using their senses; providing a calm and quiet area will help with an awareness of different emotions.

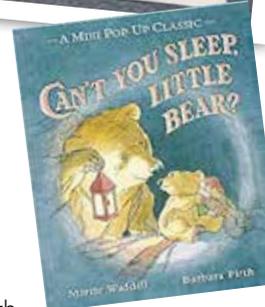
### THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Kindergarten

Elise A, Matthew B,  
Isabella B, Toby M

Reception

Matilda S, Oliver B, Jack  
H Jack F, Jacob D, Isaac  
M Toby R, Hughie B



At the end of last term the children were asked to choose their favourite stories and what they would like to find out and learn about the topic. One of the suggestions was that parents came into school to read their favourite stories! During the week commencing 11.3.19 you are invited to come and read your favourite stories to Reception children. The sign up form will be displayed on the lift door for both classes at the beginning of next week (4.3.19)

During literacy the children had found a little bear asleep in the book corner alongside a large bear with three lanterns. What story would we be reading this week? After great discussion everyone agreed it must be 'Can't you sleep, Little Bear?'. The children loved writing a letter to Baby Bear giving him some ideas of how to be brave in the dark! Following on from 'Can't you sleep, Little Bear?', the children created lanterns. They used their scissor skills to cut carefully and had great fun decorating their lanterns. We agreed Little Bear would love their lanterns and hopefully go to sleep very quickly!

It is hard to believe we are half way through the school year and are already thinking of ways of making transition to Year 1 easy for the children. The staff are encouraging them to be more independent when working in class.

We would be grateful of your support in the mornings when you and your child come into the Reception area to drop off their bags at the top of the stairs; please put them in the boxes provided for them and accompany your child out onto the playground. It is important for your child to go into the playground to play with their friends and line up alongside Years 1 and 2. For health and safety reasons this will also ease the congestion in the Reception area. No child should be left in Reception without adult supervision.





# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

## Sports report...

### NETBALL

#### U11 v King's, Gloucester Won 9-5

What a great start to the game; some strong, accurate passes moving up towards our attacking third which led to Daisy getting two goals within the first few minutes of the game. Georgie worked extremely hard as 'C' delivering some great passes out wide to our attacking players. There were some brilliant interceptions made by all three girls in defence, Millie stuck with her player well, Hattie jumping high for the rebounds and Sophie getting in front of her player. By the end of the second quarter we were 6-1 up. With a few changes made, the girls took a minute to get used to one another's new positions. Vamika worked hard to get free from her player to ensure she was supporting play down the court, she and Beatrice did some fantastic feeds into the attacking 'D' to help us get a few more goals! Simran was strong with her defence forcing her player to make mistakes which allowed us to gain the advantage. In the last quarter most of the girls played a different position to their normal positions; India played extremely well as WD sticking to her player and getting some great interception as she ran down the court. Beatrice had a go as GA and played really well with good movement around the 'D'. Well done girls, a really good game.

#### U10A v King's, Gloucester I1B Won 10-1

A gorgeous afternoon to play netball and our girls were on fire! Captained by Isla, the girls started well and were passing the ball cleanly, supported by an injured Darcy, who was an excellent cheerleader. Before King's could draw breath, Grace had scored 3 goals. King's managed to get one back but Izzy then opened her account. All the girls were enjoying themselves and relaxed into the game, playing with confidence and flair.

It was a real joy to watch - their footwork was excellent and their passes accurate. Cressie worked hard as GK, playing well with Becky and Jasmine to pass the ball up the court. Joy and Isla found space, moving the ball around quickly. Izzy and Grace ended up scoring 5 each. It was a perfect end to a very impressive performance. Well done girls!

#### U10B v King's, Gloucester I1C Won 7-0

Phoebe captained the team and elected for Berky to have the first central pass - a good tactic! Poppy was alert as Centre and Bella was immediately in space to receive the ball. She quickly passed the ball to Eleri, who was trying the position of GS. Eleri then calmly popped the ball through the ring. We started again and once again Bella, Hazel and Poppy worked well together, supplying another ball to Eleri - this time right at the edge of the D - Eleri once again scored, much to the amazement of the watching crowd. Eleri was becoming something of a secret weapon! Phoebe and Viera were a super partnership in defence and confidently passed the ball to Charlotte or Poppy. Daisy was fantastic at finding space, almost going under the radar of her opponents! Hazel managed to score a goal and Eleri continued to add to her total! Both Mr Tittley and I agreed that this was the best you have played girls - well done!





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Could parents please refrain from parking in the Victoria Ground car park when matches are on because we need the spaces for minibuses?

## Sports report...

### FOOTBALL

#### U8 Festival at Cheltenham College

On Wednesday 27th February, we played an U8 triangular festival at Cheltenham College.

#### U8 Buffaloes

We started our first match against Rendcomb well and soon put them under pressure which they struggled to withstand. It was not long before we went one up following a great finish from Ben; his first of two in the game. This was followed by further goals from Max and Otto and our dominance was highlighted by Sam, playing in goal, not touching the ball for the duration of the match! The final score was 4-0 to us.

Our second match was against Cheltenham College and we knew they would be stronger opposition. Straight from the kick off they looked dangerous and soon went one up. Sam played well at the back, with help from Barnaby and limited their attackers to the occasional chance. We looked lively going forward with Felix and Ben forcing great saves from their keeper and it was Felix who squeezed the ball in from a tight angle to level the game. We thought it was only a matter of time before we could net the winner but a quick counter and a ferocious shot from Cheltenham College caught us off guard and we ended up losing 2-1.

Please see the Bisons match report for the final game.

A special mention to Arsalaan who came to support his side and cheered them on from the sidelines. A lovely afternoon of football was had by all.

Our results in the three matches were P3 W1 D1 L1.

#### U8 Bisons

Our first match was against Cheltenham College. We played very well as a team putting plenty of pressure on our opposition. We were able to score one goal (George), which was the only difference between the teams. Cheltenham College did mount a few attacks but defensively through Richie and Azlaan we were able to fend them off. Jacob F in goal also made a lovely save and kept a clean sheet. We won 1-0.

Our second game was against Rendcomb. We went 1 goal down due to a little miscommunication on our part and the score stayed 0-1 for a little while. We managed to keep battling and put pressure back on Rendcomb through Max H and Ed in strike positions. We were rewarded for our hard

work with 3 lovely goals (Max H 2, George 1). We won 3-1.

Our last match was a very evenly fought match with the Berky Buffaloes. The Buffaloes went a goal up through Ben. Again we kept battling hard with Jacob D-T working hard in midfield and George in attack. Once again we were rewarded with an equalising goal (George) and the score remained 1 all. A lovely game with a good result for both Berky teams. Draw 1-1.

Our results in the three matches were P3 W2 D1 L0.

#### U10A v St Edward's

##### Lost 1-6

On Wednesday the U10A team played St Edward's at the Victoria Ground. This was a tough match with St Ed's scoring two goals quickly at the start. The boys persevered though and kept their heads up, defending well with Alex in goal, making some superb saves. At half time it was 4-0 to St Ed's but I was impressed with the positivity shown by the boys and they went out after half time fighting for a goal. This was rewarded after a couple of minutes with Will scoring a good goal after a great build-up of play. Unfortunately, St Ed's scored two more goals but the boys kept going and kept their heads up, defending shot after shot and preventing any more goals from being scored. The match finished 6-1 to St Ed's.

Well done boys, you did the school proud today and your attitude and behaviour on the pitch was superb. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the boys.

#### U10B v St. Edward's

##### Won 2-1

Another superb display from the U10B team led to a hard-fought win against a good St. Edward's team. With Griff having been promoted to the A team, the B team were down to just 7 players and they were up against tough opposition. In the first half both teams had chances, but the defence of Alex and Oli frustrated the St. Edward's strikers. Ethan in goal also had a fine game making many great saves. It was 0-0 at half time. In the second half St. Edward's broke the deadlock with a well taken goal following a cross from the right. This galvanised Berky and the midfield of Harry, Archie and Rupert put enormous pressure on the St. Edward's defence. Harry's long throws were superb, and this led to the equalizer for Rupert. Jonathan continued to show

speed and determination this week in winning the ball. With only a minute to go he picked the ball up on the half way line and doggedly went through 3 tackles before passing the ball to Archie to score the winning goal. A brilliant goal to round off a very satisfying afternoon. Well done boys.

#### U11 v St Edward's

##### Lost 2-3

The U11 team enjoyed another tight contest against St Edward's on Wednesday. We started brightly, passing the ball well and created several chances. Two of these were confidently slotted home by Oscar H and Jensen to give us a 2-0 half time lead. Our defence remained solid with Ed, Oscar A and Andrew doing a sterling job.

In the second half St Edward's started to find some rhythm and put our defence under pressure. They scored 3 goals to take the lead. Our boys were not fazed by this and continued to put pressure on the their goal. Noah, George and Fin worked hard in midfield and Luke made some fine runs into the penalty area. We had several excellent attempts but couldn't quite find the back of the net to get the draw.

It was an excellent match between two evenly matched teams. Well done boys for some great play and such a positive attitude throughout the game. Many thanks to our supporters.

