



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

## NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

What a great week it's been, and I know that I say this often - but we do have a remarkable number of great weeks - so it needs saying!

I was a very proud Headmaster last night at the Leavers' Recital - it is always a super event and this year was no exception. Year 6 performed brilliantly, small groups, duets and soloists entertained the audience with jazz, popular and classical music. Instruments included electric bass, strings of cello, viola and violin as well as piano, keyboard and trumpet. The singing too was amazing, and the performance finished with all of Year 6 singing a number from their drama production 'Ye-Ha!'. What impressed me most was how composed, confident and accomplished the children were: supportive of each other and thoroughly enjoying each other's performances. What a dazzling display of talent! It was a pleasure to see just how far every pupil has come musically during their time at Berky.

There was not a dry eye in the house!

The Berky chess team left the the annual Cheltenham and District Chess prize giving event at Richard Pate with important silverware, collecting the League Trophy for the fourth year in succession. Individual trophies were also awarded and after this the players took on 'Chess Masters' in the form of simultaneous chess against Mr Hosken (Association President), Mr Burrows (Secretary) and our very own Mr Cole playing several different boards at the same time. Well done to our captain Edith H and Rupert G, Griff L, Oli S, Finian C and Jonathan B.

One of the highlights of the week has been the Pre-Prep production of Mrs Agg's 'A Tale of Nottingham'. Enhanced by Mrs Taylor's fantastic scenery - created using artwork by the Year 2 children - and numerous instrumental contributions by Year 2 organised by the wonderful Mrs Sallis, the story of Robin Hood was told by the children clearly and confidently; there is a great deal of acting talent in Year 2! I was highly entertained and impressed and, I am sure, the parents in the audience felt the same.

There have been so many trips this week - Lower Moor Farm (Y3), Sulgrave Manor (Y4), L'Artisan Restaurant (Y4) and Kindergarten went to Pittville Park - these enrich the curriculum so well. Read over the page for reports from Year 3 and Kindergarten and please see our Instagram and Twitter feeds for more pictures.

*Richard*  
Richard Cross  
Headmaster



FRIDAY 21<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
SUMMER TERM

## Diary dates...

### Mon 24th June

9.15am Early Years Dress Rehearsals

### Tue 25th June

9.15am Early Years Concert -  
Kindergarten parents invited to  
watch

PTA Cake at Break

1.15pm - Kindergarten visit to  
Forest School

7.00pm - Kindergarten Introductory  
Evening - for new parents and  
children in Kindergarten in Sep 2019

### Wed 26th June

9.15am - Early Years Concert -  
Reception parents invited to watch  
10.15am - 4T visit to L'Artisan  
Restaurant

2.00pm - U11 Girls Cricket v St Ed's  
(A)

2.30pm - U11/U10 Boys Cricket  
v Hatherop (H)

2.30pm - U9A, U9B Boys Cricket v  
Beaudesert (A)

2.30pm - U10 Girls Cricket v RPS (A)

### Thurs 27th June

Last Year 1 Swim

1.00pm - Cheltenham School Cricket  
Knock-out Trophy, Victoria Ground

7.00pm - Reception Introductory  
Evening - for children joining

Reception in Sep 2019

### Fri 28th June

8.30am - Prep Parents invited to  
'Prep Snack Taster', Prep Hall

2.30pm - New to Reception  
Story time session

2.30pm - U9A/B Boys Cricket  
v King's, Glos (H)

2.30pm - U9 Girls Cricket  
v Rendcomb (A)

2.45pm - U8 Boys Cricket v RPS (H)

2.45pm - U8 Girls Cricket v RPS (A)

### Saturday 29th June

1.00pm - 4.00pm

School Summer Fete



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## News from Early Years...

Excitement is building up in Early Years, and there is much preparation behind the scenes for our Summer Concert "The Jolly Postman In The Jungle" The children are enjoying singing the songs and learning their lines. Thank you for the lovely costumes you have provided for your child. We are all looking forward to seeing you at the concert next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reception staff enjoyed the New to Reception session on Friday and it was lovely to show the children our Reception classrooms. It was good to meet parents and we are looking forward to September. Tea or coffee and cakes will be served in the gym on 'New to Reception' sessions. All parents are invited to come and meet other parents.

This week the Kindergarten children have been having great adventures with Andrew Bear. Each day he has hidden our snack in a different place and then left us a series of clues to follow; the children have been really excited about visiting different parts of the school and meeting new staff whilst searching for the snacks.

Andrew Bear has also organised some lovely creative activities for us, such as making book marks, Andrew Bear cookies, decorating photographs of us holding our teddy bears and having stories in the nature garden.

The final part of our wonderful adventure was a walk to Pittville Park to have a teddy bears' picnic. The weather was kind to us and allowed us to sit comfortably on the grass and eat our yummy picnic lunch made by the kitchen staff. Everyone enjoyed playing games on the green in front of the Pump Rooms and, although the children were all exhausted by the time they returned to Kindergarten, we had such a lovely day. A big thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help us.

Reception children are continuing to enjoy their 'Wild About Animals' topic.

'Wild About Animals' continued into our carousel activities with the children making animal models out of clay. The children had fun exploring the texture of clay and moulding it into the different features of their minibeast using the clay tools. The children are very proud of their models and we look forward to displaying them once they are dry.

The children loved becoming producers this week; recalling animal facts they have learnt about this term, they worked in pairs using the iPad to record their video. Once completed, the children sat back and enjoyed watching their videos on the TV screen! David Attenborough would be impressed!

The children are continuing to enjoy participating in the '30 Days Wild' challenge. This week the children had two challenges: 1) Scatter Seeds: The children were given different types of seeds to choose from and put into a pot. They then had great fun scattering the seeds over plant pots and the nature garden. 2) Identify a wildflower: the children investigated the many different types of wildflowers and discussed what features they have and how to identify them. They rose to both challenges with great enthusiasm.



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EARLY YEARS  
VALUES TREE

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS  
Reception  
Oliver, Lara C, Hughie B,  
Jasper W





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## News from around the school

### YEAR 3 VISIT TO LOWER MOOR FARM

Year 3 had a lovely day on Wednesday when we went to Lower Moor Farm to support our topic about helping plants grow. In the morning we did a variety of activities based on what plants need to grow, what we need plants for and the plant lifecycle. I was very pleased with our group as they were able to answer the majority of questions that they were asked.

In the afternoon we focussed on minibeasts. We discussed what they are, the variety of species and why they are important. We then had a go at pond dipping and were amazed at the variety of little animals that live within a small area of a pond. TM



*Missing...*  
Blazer, Stormcoat, 2 x Prep hoodies, jumper all named C CRAWFORD



*Berky gets greener...*  
Please replace plastic bottled hand soap and shower gel with bars of soap

# 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...

### ROUNDERS

**U9 v Hatherop  
Won 13 - 11½**

Well, it was fair to say that this match, captained by Hannah, will be remembered for many things!

To begin with, it was our first actual match of this very rainy season but it was also our last ever rounders match! Momentous on its own!

Secondly it was a game of two halves! As we had 16 girls to their 9, we played in two matched teams of 9 for an innings each. The first Berky team got off to a slow and steady start, creeping up the scoreboard with lots of half rounders and a smashing rounder from Rosemary bringing the first innings score to 5½ rounders off 27 good balls. Some excellent fielding by Uma, Rosemary, Lucy, Matilda E and Jennella meant that Hatherop lost 4 players and we ended the first 'half' with a 1½ rounders lead.

For the second innings, the time factor meant that there were only 18 balls, so the pressure was on! After several ½ rounders were scored, 5 rounders were scored in quick succession and then the Berky girls fielded well too. This was equalled by the Hatherop girls and the second innings total was a draw at 7½ rounders each. This brought the final score to 13 to 11½ and a win for us.

And finally, it was food for thought... although it was very much enjoyed by the girls, and it was good to have a win under our belt, we all agreed that we are loving cricket and are excited about our next match!  
Well done, girls.

**U10 v Hatherop  
Won 21-13**

A great high-scoring game, with both teams being a little rusty, but both playing well. Berky won the toss and sensibly elected to bat second. Hatherop batted well. Their first batter hit the ball well over 2nd deep and scored a run. Their second and third batter both got half rounders with good strikes. The game was on. Berky had to tighten their fielding. They did. Hatherop's fifth batter was stumped on second. Grace was bowling well. Phoebe was, as ever, dependable as backstop. Hazel and Isla collected the deep balls and threw in accurately. Cressie and Kimora guarded their posts and Daisy kept 1st deep well covered. With tight fielding and sensible, tactical play, Berky restricted Hatherop to just 6 and a half rounders. By contrast, Berky started quietly, but after sizing up the opposition cleverly took chances. Kimora was sadly run out first ball after trying to secure a half rounder. All the girls scored, with Bella scoring 2 and a half rounders with some very astute running.

In the second innings it was an entirely different team Berky put in. This time Darcey was bowling to Jasmine. Again an effective partnership took control of the game. Joy proved deadly on second, running out two of the three opening batters. Izzy was equally quick on fourth. Isla and Becky were deep fielders and threw the ball in very accurately. Again, Becky was very astute with her play. Eleri and Poppy were on first post and first deep. A superb throw in from Poppy stopped a sure rounder and Eleri managed to stump out a player too. Once again, Berky restricted them to 6 and a half rounders. Berky hit back immediately; it was their innings with a lovely strike from Becky. Again all the girls scored rounders, with Becky and Izzy both being the high scorers with 2 each. Berky won the second innings by 9 rounders to 6 and a half. A great game which Berky won with better tactical play.

**U11 v Hatherop  
Team 1 Won 7 - 5  
Team 2 Lost 4½ - 6½**

It was going to be their first and last rounders match of the year and their last one for Berky. Hatherop won the toss and were batting first; we had a slow and steady start in the field with a few catches missed giving them a chance to gain a few half rounders. After 9 good balls we were more awake and ready to catch and move! There was some great movement out in the field by Bea who was moving for every ball. Then it was our turn to bat; by ball number 6 we were 3 out, I was starting to get a little worried! But the girls kept fighting and we got a few more ½ runs. We worked hard during the second round of fielding but just couldn't get them out or stop them scoring. A well done to Simran who got a rounder every time she went in to bat.

### CRICKET

**U8 v Hatherop**

Our first match at last! Hatherop unfortunately only had one team of 12 so we had a lot of swapping to do with our 21 girls. The playing area was extremely small, so the fielding area was jam packed with girls, making it quite hard to score. The main difference between the two teams was that when hitting off the tee the Hatherop girls hit lots of 4's and we didn't! Our bowling was accurate, but we need to be much more alert in the field and when running between the posts. This, however, was our first match and the girls enjoyed themselves. A special well done to Isla who literally hurled herself around the fielding area stopping lots of balls getting to the boundary. Well tried everyone.

### GIRLS' CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Well done to all girls that played at the girls' cricket tournament on Monday. It was a rescheduled tournament so there wasn't quite the number of teams we should have originally been playing but we were just glad it wasn't raining! The U11 team had 3 games in their pool to play, winning 2 and losing 1. The U10 team had 2 games in their pool. The U10 went through as winners, winning both their pool games and were going to be up against the runners up from pool 1 - Berky U11 team! Both groups worked hard and made some good runs; most were able to keep their focus even though they were playing another Berky team. Berky U11 team won by 28 runs. At the end of the day the girls received a free cricket bat and ball - I think the girls were happy!

It was a brilliant day of cricket and the girls' cricket progressed throughout the day.

Well done ladies!

U11: Hattie S, Bea D, Anna T, Millie W, Edith H, Emma S, Simran D, Daisy O

U10: Isla A, Izzy K, Grace W, Becky F, Eleri W, Joy C, Jasmine M, Cressie F.

### TENNIS

**U10 Green Ball Tournament St Edward's**

We had a great day at St Edward's for the U10 Green Ball tennis tournament on Thursday. All 12 Year 5s worked really hard in their games. Lots of wins and a few losses but some brilliant tennis none the less. Well done to all 12 that went; it was a long tiring day of tennis!

The results were:

8th Place: Alessio, Grace, Joy, Isla

6th Place: Griff, Jonny, Sebastian, Otto

3rd Place: Will, Harry, Max C, Ethan





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### CRICKET - BOYS

U11A v Cricklade Manor

Berky 121 - 1

**Cricklade Manor 83 all out**

On Wednesday the boys produced their best match of the season against Cricklade Manor. We batted first and made a solid start, putting on 22 for the first wicket. George, who had opened, played some lovely shots, including three fours before retiring on 30.

Luke (15) and Alex (23) then played some very positive shots. Their running between the wickets was superb and it pressurised the fielders into making several mistakes. Jonny added 10 to the score, with Berky finishing on 121 for 1.

Defending a competitive total we took to the field and bowled a good line and length for the majority of the match. Wickets came from Harry (1), Jack (2), Finian (2), Jonny (2) and Andrew(1).

I was also particularly pleased with the energy, communication and commitment in the field. We never let the batsmen settle and always had them under pressure. We bowled them out for 83 in 15.4 overs, to win by 38 runs.

Well done boys for an excellent win. Many thanks to the parents for making the trek to Cricklade. It is much appreciated.

U11B v Cricklade Manor

**Berkhampstead 256 - 3**

**Cricklade Manor 255 - 5**

On Wednesday afternoon, the U11B team travelled to Cricklade Manor for an afternoon of cricket. The boys won the toss and chose to field first. They were playing on an artificial pitch which meant the ball bounced better than it would on grass. They adapted to this and bowled well with only a small number of wides and no balls. Noah did particularly well and took 3 wickets in one over. Cricklade Manor finished on 255-5. Oscar and Noah opening our innings found it difficult to face the bowlers from Cricklade Manor.

They finished with 11 runs on 211. There was a similar story for the remainder of the team, and it was difficult for them to score runs. Going into the last over, the match could have swung either way. The boys needed 17 runs to win. Noah and Jensen batted for the last 3 overs and kept cool, calm and collected. They managed to score the 17 runs and lost no wickets, so the boys finished on 256-3.

Well done boys, a close match and many thanks to Mr Stewart for coming out to support the boys.

