



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



## NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

The House pancake races were splendid - what an event! I know that those of you who came to watch thoroughly enjoyed it - the cheers could be heard from some distance away. All the children put on a fine display of speed and agility - with some incredible flipping whilst on the run! The order in the Year 3 and 4 race was reversed in the Year 5 and 6 race so... for the first time in Berky pancake racing history... the Frying Pan trophy is shared between St. Andrew's, St. David's, St. George's and St. Patrick's. Well done all!

I hope that you seen some of the amazing artwork that is up around school - do take a look if you get chance. Some of the artwork has been prepared and been sent to Malvern St. James this half term in preparation for their annual Art Exhibition. This is on Saturday 3rd March and I look forward to seeing the children's work exhibited.

I really enjoyed meeting parents this morning at the 'Taste the Menu' event at school. It felt a little strange sampling sweet chilli chicken and couscous, sticky pork and turkey and spinach curry - but it was delicious. Of course, these dishes had to be followed by a chocolate and beetroot brownie and a butterscotch tart - with a coffee of course. We will hold these regularly so if you missed out this time then look out for the next one.

Congratulations to all those in Year 6 who have achieved scholarships to independent schools. I know that the children worked hard, and they should be very proud. Some are still awaiting results - we'll keep our fingers crossed - but those announced so far have shown remarkable success. Based on initial indications, we confidently expect to hear more good news when school places are confirmed on the 1st March. Well done to all Year 6 - you can be very proud, as we are, of your hard work and efforts this year.

*Richard*

Richard Cross  
Headmaster



## FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY SPRING TERM

### Diary dates...

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Monday 26th February

3.00pm - 4.30pm 2O and ILK  
Parents Evening

##### Tue 27th February

PTA Cake @ Break  
6.00pm - 5W Parents' Evening

##### Wed 28th February

8.40am - Year 2 Parents invited  
to Prep Assembly and Tour of Prep  
classrooms

2.00pm - Netball U9, U8  
v Hatherop (A)

2.00pm - Netball U11A, U11B, U10,  
U9 v Beaudesert (H)

2.30pm - Football U11A, U11B, U11C  
v St Edward's (H)

3.00pm - 4.30pm - 2C and  
IS Parents Evening

##### Thursday 1st March

1.45pm - Science at Cheltenham  
College (6 Year 6 pupils)

4.15pm - Cross Country at  
Cheltenham College Prep School

6.00pm - Year 1 and Year 2  
Parents' Evening

6.00pm - 5B Parents' Evening

7.15pm - 9.00pm - Parents' Choir

##### Friday 2nd March

Year 2 History Mystery Day

Visiting Head's Assembly -  
Mr Crispin Dawson - Acting Head,  
Cheltenham College - Parents

invited to watch assembly and join  
Mr Dawson for coffee in Prep Foyer

2.45pm - Netball U9A, U9B, U8A,  
U8B v Richard Pate (A)

3.30pm - Football U8 v  
St Edward's (A)

6.00pm - PTA Movie Night

##### Sat 3rd March

9.30am - 3.30pm Annual Schools  
Chess Congress at St Gregory's

Malvern St James -  
Schools Art Exhibition

9.30am - U10 Netball

Tournament at RPS



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including pancake day -  
check out our Twitter  
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## News from around the school...

### CHESS REPORT

Berkhampstead's chess team lost its first match of the season last evening against a skilful and strong Richard Pate School. A long unbeaten run has come to an end but I'm very proud of all the players' determination and character. It really was a case of 'it wasn't to be' yesterday with games that would normally be draws ending in defeats and games that would normally be wins ending in draws. Clouds have silver linings though and a quick glance at all the league results indicates that Berkhampstead have already done enough to clinch a third consecutive district league title. A keen 'B' team lost narrowly to Richard Pate 'B' by a 3.5-2.5 margin.

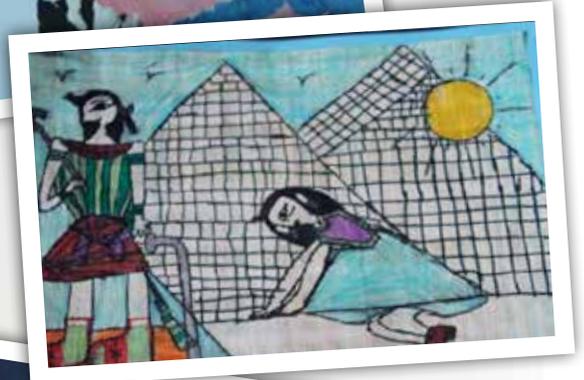
### Primary Chess Congress – Saturday 3rd March

A reminder that entries to the district primary schools' chess congress (at St. Gregory's on Saturday 3rd March) need to be in by next Wednesday. See Mr Cole if you need an entry form.

### ART FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

We are delighted with standard of artwork that our creative pupils are producing. Here are just a few examples:

1. Still life - Isi F (Y6) previous page
2. Queen Victoria - Alice S (Y2)
3. Egyptian art-inspired papyrus drawing - Hannah H (Y3)
4. Portrait - Esi D (Y1)



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Missing gum shield box  
named - Atkin



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## Sports report...

### FOOTBALL

#### U9A v Beaudesert

##### Won 2 - Drew 2

We travelled to Beaudesert on Wednesday to play in an U9 Football festival. Our first game was against Hatherop which was a tight encounter on a small pitch. Both defences cancelled each other out it was stalemate at full-time. We moved quickly onto a side we haven't faced this term-St John's. Alessio, playing in goal, made some great saves. His counterpart Alex D, playing at right wing, scored a great goal at the other end in a penalty area scramble. We played some good football and began to get into our stride and despite the score only being 1-0 we looked comfortable in all areas of the pitch. We then moved on to play Wycliffe in a game that saw goals from Will, Jonny and Lincoln. This was by far our best game with both defence and attack looking organised. There were some lovely linking moves involving Jack, Max, Will and Lincoln. A 3-0 win was well deserved and the boys moved on to play a very strong Beaudesert side who had won all of three of their games. Seb, Alessio and Alex were often stretched to the limit on a large, wide pitch which the home opposition used to their advantage. We were a goal down after five minutes and looking under pressure however, the boys rallied and, with the best type of defence being attack, Lincoln scored in the last two minutes of the game to draw the match and go unbeaten in the festival and so far this season. Well done boys. A great effort.

#### U9B Beaudesert Tournament

##### U9B v St. Hughes Draw 0-0

##### U9B v Hatherop Draw 1-1

##### U9B v Pinewood Lost 0-1

The U9B team were back in action again this week with a tournament at Beaudesert. From the first whistle the boys applied themselves with energy and skill despite the freezing cold temperatures. Otto and Jonathan put a lot of pressure on their first opposition, St. Hughes, but despite many chances could not score a goal. The defence of Oli and Archie, with Harry in goal, stood firm. In the second match Hatherop scored an early goal and this galvanized the team with Rupert, Otto and Griff controlling possession and having shooting chances. Eventually a goal came

from a great pass through the Hatherop defence from Jonathan to Otto who scored. Hatherop nearly hit back with a long ball through the midfield but a last-ditch tackle from Alex meant that the game finished 1-1. In the final game we were able to field all 8 players and Harry came out of goal to be replaced by Alex. Pinewood were strong, but we had as many chances as they did. Unfortunately, they were more accurate with their shooting and the game ended 1-0 to Pinewood. In cold conditions the boys were brilliant, showing great energy and commitment and, most importantly, enjoyment. Well done!

#### U10 v Wycliffe

##### Won 5-2

On Wednesday, the U10 boys went to Wycliffe. We lost the toss and started the match playing downhill towards their goal. The pitch was congested at times with lots of players scrambling for a touch of the ball but when the boys did get a touch of the ball they played well and applied a lot of pressure to Wycliffe's defence. Two goals were scored in the first half by Berky and at half time the score was 2-0. The second half was uphill but this didn't put the boys off and they worked just as hard to score a further three goals. There were some excellent crosses into the box from Jensen and at one point we had three shots at goal one after the other! Ed and Andrew were solid in defence again with Ed coming forward to take the corners. Luke and George shared the goalkeeping position and both made some great saves. Oscar H, Noah and Oscar A all worked hard in midfield running up and down the hill in both halves. The match finished 5-2 to Berky and the goal scorers were George, Oscar, Luke and Jensen.

Well done boys! You played well. Thank you to the parents who came along to support.

#### U11A v Wycliffe

##### Lost 1-2

Wednesday's game was a very competitive affair with both sides battling hard throughout the match. The boys played with good shape, defending well as a unit and attacking with pace when the opportunities came. In the first half Wycliffe scored an excellent goal to take the lead.

The second half saw Berky push forward and were rewarded with a fine goal by

Benji. Adam also came close with two finely taken free kicks, one of which curled and dipped just going over the bar. However it was Wycliffe who snatched the winner to end an excellent game 2-1.

This was an excellent contest with all of the boys playing their part. They competed with lots of energy and skill and worked together effectively. Well done, boys and many thanks to our loyal supporters.

#### U11B v Wycliffe

##### Won 4-0

In the first half Berky wisely elected to play uphill. Archie was magnificent at the back. He held his position well and cleared the lines. He was ably assisted by Olly W who played through some excellent balls. George L and Eliot made some good runs through midfield but were crowded out by the opposition. Charlie too made some good runs down the wing which provided opportunities for James C-G who continually got behind the defenders. He was only thwarted by an excellent Wycliffe goalkeeper. However, a goal had to come. Olly cleared the ball through to Charlie who then passed it to Eliot who played the ball through to an unmarked James who slotted the ball home. It was probably the best move of the game.

Benjamin was rarely troubled in goal, but when called upon, successfully saved. In the second half Berky had the advantage of playing downhill. We passed the ball more in the second half. This time Archie was up front, but despite several attempts on goal, could not quite find the net. Eliot and Olly continuously made good runs towards the attacking half and made some good passes. George L playing a sweeper role also made some good runs but could not find a way through the opposing team. Charlie, however, playing as defender, had a couple of opportunities for shots and with a downhill goal in his favour, made two great attempts. They both were well placed and hit the back of the net. In the dying seconds Eliot stormed forward and was able to get a fourth just before the ref blew for full time. A good game in which the players adapted well to new playing conditions.





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## Sports report...

### **NETBALL**

#### **Under 8A v St Edward's Won 7-0**

It was lovely to host St Edward's on our astro area and there was great excitement in the air from both teams. The A match was a very even affair in the first quarter with no goals being scored at all. Berky then fired up the engines and played a brilliant second quarter to lead the match by 4-0. From this moment on Berky had the upper hand with all seven girls playing brilliantly. The defence made some great interceptions, the centre court players dodged really well, and our shooters rarely missed a shot. Fantastic, girls! The final score was 7-0 to Berky.

#### **U9 v King's, Gloucester Won 4-3**

A squad of 11 girls met King's, Gloucester on the MUGA on Wednesday and after losing the toss it meant King's had the first centre pass. Nevertheless, we had scored within a minute after speedy passing from Jasmine, Bella and Cressie into the D and accurate shooting from Eleanor! Before half time we also witnessed many more examples of fantastic attacking play from Berky with a further 3 goals for us. In the second half, King's had found their rhythm and began to spend some time in their own shooting circle, scoring 3 times. This match was played with super spirit and with a 4-3 final score was a good win for us. Well done girls.

#### **U10A v King's, Gloucester (11B) Won 17-1**

Our first home match on the MUGA and the girls certainly put on a performance! The girls (captained by Bea) were in the zone – accurate and fast passing, superb footwork and the dream team were popping in the goals! It soon became very apparent that we were far too strong for our opponents and after three quarters had passed we were 14-1 up. After a few tactical changes in the final quarter, Sophie was able to showcase her one handed scoring ability and our lead became even stronger! Well done girls. A strong win with excellent teamwork.

#### **U10B v King's, Gloucester (11C) Lost 7-3**

With almost every girl playing three quarters of a match, the girls rotated on and off the pitch, ensuring the play was evenly shared out. The team was captained by Lorien this week. After the first quarter we were 2-1 down. In the second quarter we managed to claw back the lead with excellent play from Georgie, Lizzie, Emma and Frankie. We had so many attempts on goal but just couldn't find the basket. At the end of the third quarter the score was 3-3, Anna made some super interceptions, confidently moving the ball around. Unfortunately the fourth quarter saw King's dominate play and their best two shooters were working well together. We now need to tighten up on our marking skills! Although it was a loss, we had our opportunities but struggled to convert them into points.

#### **U11B v King's, Gloucester Lost 4-0**

The girls fought hard in this match where our B's were playing the King's, Gloucester A team. Everybody in this match stood out for a quarter of the game except Zoe who played superbly - she was voted player of the match and quite rightly so. Berky put together a few good passing sequences but our throwing was not as accurate as usual and despite the defence making some wonderful interceptions, the ball on many occasions was given straight back to the opposition. Berky were playing more in the defending half of the court but tried hard to the final whistle - not our day today girls!

