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BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



FRIDAY 25TH MAY
SUMMER TERM

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

What a week it has been - another of those extraordinarily busy ones that we plan from time to time. I had a lovely time last Friday watching our quiz team do so well in the semi-final of the national competition in Newbury, followed on the Saturday by watching our wonderful chess players compete in the District Competition. They played brilliantly - please see reports from Mr Cole below. This week I have also had 7 sets of visitors all wanting to look around Berky for their children. Thank goodness half term is now upon us to give everyone a chance for some rest and relaxation.

We enjoyed a wonderful recital this week with pupils from Years 2-5 performing a wide selection of pieces including Verdi's 'La Donna e mobile', Mozart's 'Minuet' and Sophie G's own composition 'The Curse'. Yesterday saw our Music Taster session where all were invited to blow, bash, bow or pluck to see what sounds they can make and decide what might suit them next year. Well over 90% of Prep children take up at least one instrument - it's in the DNA of the school to do so - and they get a huge amount of enjoyment out of playing together in ensembles and bands.

The staff, and no doubt you too, are already thinking ahead to next September and preparing the children for the transition. Our Form Teachers for September remain almost the same with Mrs Roddy Watts and Mrs Gargan in Reception, Mrs Langley-King and Miss Jewers in Year 1 and Mrs Owen and Mrs Cole in Year 2.

In Prep, the Form Teachers will be Mr Cole and Mrs McCreanor in Year 3, Mr Titley and Miss Evans in Year 4, Mr Banks and Miss Keegan in Year 5 and Mr McCreanor and Mrs Holland in Year 6.

The 'moving-up' afternoon is on Monday July 2nd when I know the children will be excited to meet their next Form Teacher. Considerations for this are being thought through at the moment and I will write to you with the Form Teacher allocation for your child/children after half term.

How lovely to have some sunshine this week, and the fixtures on Wednesday were played in glorious weather. What a shame that the rain spoilt my annual picnic on the Pre-Prep lawn! However, the children have had a great time celebrating the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, in their red, white and blue around the picnic tables in the dining room. Thank you to the catering staff who have adapted so brilliantly to make it a special occasion.

When we return for the final half term please could all children wear full summer uniform. I am confident that the sun is going to shine for the rest of term! Do enjoy the Bank Holiday and I hope that the children make the most of the week off; I understand that there are a few places for Holiday Club still available, please contact holidayclub@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk if you would like to book a place.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

**Saturday 26th May to
Sunday 3rd June - Half Term**
Mon 4th June

School returns

Wed 6th June

2.00pm - Cricket U11 and U10
v St Edward's (H)

2.30pm - Rounders U9 and U8
v Hatherop Castle (H)

2.30pm - Rounders U11
v Rendcomb (A)

Thu 7th June

Year 4 visit to Cheltenham
Science Festival

Reception trip to Warwick Castle
4.00pm - 6.30pm - Whole School
Art Exhibition, Prep Hall -
parents welcome.

Fri 8th June

2.30pm - Rounders U9
v Rendcomb College (H)

3.00pm - Cricket U9A and
U9B v Richard Pate (H)





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News from around the school...

CHESS SUCCESS!

The annual District Chess Congress - hosted by St. Gregory's last Saturday - proved really successful for Berkhampstead.

George de B-T retained the championship that he won last year with some tremendously skilful and thoughtful play. Also playing with style were Edith H and Jack P who ended the day in joint second place. James S finished in 4th= position while Rupert G and Oli S were 7th= and 12th= respectively. Edith was the highest scoring Y5 pupil while Rupert achieved 'top Y4'. Happily, Berkhampstead picked up the award for the most successful school so will receive the Wheeler Cup (for the fourth year in a row) at next month's prize giving ceremony. MC



BERKY'S QUIRKY QUARTET OF QUIZZERS

The school quiz team (Leslie M, Oscar A, Jonathan B and Lucy P) took part in the semi-final of the National School's General Knowledge Cup last Friday. It proved a tense affair and after 33 of the 40 questions, our quirky quartet of quizzers was lying in third place, just behind the eventual winners, Magdalen College, Oxford. The last seven questions didn't quite fall our way, however, and Berkhampstead ended the contest in 6th place out of eleven schools. Berky did themselves justice against an array of much larger schools from London, Oxford and all over the south of England and our young contestants can feel tangible pride in their achievements. It was Berky's first year in the tournament and our journey has proved enormous fun and hugely entertaining. MC

MUSIC NEWS

Summer Recital

On Monday we heard a wonderful selection of instrumentalists from Y2-5 performing at the Summer Recital. It was a delightful concert with some who had only started their playing recently alongside many other, far more experienced players. All played confidently with some great musical expression and we enjoyed a great variety of music and instruments.

Music Taster Afternoon

Yesterday pupils from Y2-5 and parents gathered to hear our peripatetic music teachers playing their instruments and talking about how to learn to play each one. This was followed with an opportunity for those interested in trying out, and approximately 200 'Try-outs' were given!

I will be sending out application forms and information about the lessons we offer after half term with a view to some new instrumentalists starting in September.

Family Concert

For the first time, as part of the Cheltenham Festival of Music, there is going to be a Family Concert featuring the BBC National Orchestra of Wales on Sunday 8th July, 1-2pm.

They are performing a great selection of pieces with a well known compère. Please see www.cheltenhamfestivals.com for details.

Programme includes:

Rossini William Tell Overture
Bizet Carmen Suite 2: Chanson du Toréador
Beethoven Symphony No 5, first movement
Lenny Sayers Plinky Plonk Polka
John Williams Main Theme from Star Wars
Tchaikovsky 1812 Overture

Plus a live audience vote!

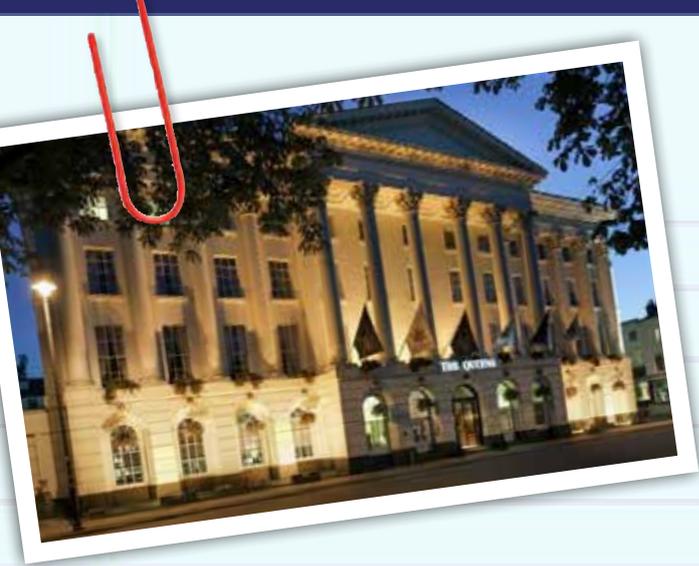
Summer Music Courses - Jazz, String Starters and Orchestra (Grade 1-4 and 5-8)

Organised by Cotswold Music Tutors in Stroud, July 30th - Aug 3rd. Please see website www.cotswoldmusicutors.co.uk for details. These are very popular and an excellent way to have fun, make new friends and develop skills. PM



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PTA NEWS...

MIDSUMMER BALL UPDATE

TICKETS

We have only a few spaces left on tables for both couples and individuals and we would love for you to join us for a night of fun, laughter and dancing!

The evening opens with a drinks reception to fab piano music, by 'The infamous Piano Man' from Subtone... followed by a three course dinner and wine, stunning auction, raffle and of course dancing the night away for only £65 per person!

To enquire about tickets please email berkhampsteadpta@gmail.com

AUCTION!

We have had some fabulous prizes donated to this year's Midsummer Ball Auction and we are delighted to share the details of some of the lots below with you.

This year, we will be offering all parents the opportunity to place a bid on any of the auction items even if you are not attending the ball.

If one of the fabulous prizes takes your fancy and you wish to place a bid please email your details and top bid to berkhampsteadpta@gmail.com by 9am on Friday 15th June 2018 in order for your bid to be entered into the auction.

If you are successful you will be contacted on Monday 18th June confirming you have won!

Remember, all proceeds go towards this years amazing Wellbeing Pod for all our children to enjoy!

AUCTION LOTS

- ELLENBOROUGH PARK HOTEL SPA & STAY VOUCHER
 - OBSIDIAN KITCHENS & BATHROOMS - 30% OFF
 - CHELTENHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB HOSPITALITY & MASCOT PACKAGE
 - FLUID PILATES – 20 CLASSES TOP PACKAGE
 - BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL MINI BUS HIRE
 - MINI MARINES UNLIMITED SUMMER PASS
 - STUART HOLMES PAMPER & CHAMPAGNE PACKAGE
 - £100 WARDROBE MAKEOVER PACKAGE
 - COTSWOLD PICTURES – A LOCATION FAMILY PHOTO-SHOOT WORTH £195
- FURTHER PRIZES TO FOLLOW.....

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Sports report...

CRICKET

U11A/B v Hatherop Won by 18 runs

A mixed U11 team took part in an exciting game against Hatherop on Wednesday. We batted first scoring 129 for 3. Adam was the standout batsman, scoring an unbeaten 46 which included ten boundaries. He was well supported by Rhys, Charlton and James who all batted very well.

Hatherop proved to be a capable batting team and scored at a rate which could have given them victory. However the regular fall of wickets always had us in the driving seat. Noah, Jensen, Adam, James and Rhys all took wickets. However the champagne moment came from Rhys when one of Hatherop's batsmen hit a nice shot and went for what appeared to be a comfortable run. Rhys picked up the ball one handed and hit the stumps from 15 metres with only one stump to aim at. It was a fantastic piece of fielding to dismiss the batsman. Hatherop ended the innings on 111 for 8.

Well done to all of the team for an entertaining and hard fought victory.

U10 v Airthrie Lost by 1 run

This was a great match when our Year 5 boys (Year 6 were on their residential trip) took on a Year 6 team from Airthrie. Losing the toss and being put into bat it was important to get off to a good start. This they did with Andrew and Finn opening, followed by Oscar H and Jensen. Between them they put on 30 runs, including consecutive 6s from Oscar, and they lost 2 wickets. The next three pairs, Luke, Ed, Noah, George and Oscar A, all contributed but found it more difficult to score runs in the last two overs. They took the final score to 269 off 10 overs.

Airthrie got off to a slow start to the run-chase with great bowling from all our bowlers. It was the Airthrie third pair who hit out and jumped the score up to 240. With the last pair coming to the crease Airthrie needed 17 runs. It came down to the last ball with Airthrie needing a 4 to win. They hit the ball well and despite a great effort from Berky it went for 4. A great competitive game though and the boys learnt a lot from a tight finish.

U9A v St Edward's Won by 77 runs

Our second match of the season was at St Edward's in glorious conditions. Alex D won the toss and decided that Berky should bat first. We wasted little time in setting out our stall with an excellent opening partnership of 25 from Griff and Jack. Jonny and Will kept the momentum of runs flowing despatching fours to all corners of the ground and in doing so making a superb score of 31. Further contributions of 22 from Harry and Seb and 29 from Alex and Will resulted in a finishing score of 107. After a sumptuous tea break the boys resumed and wasted little time in putting St Edward's under pressure with tight accurate bowling. An early wicket from Jack and then 8 further wickets from Harry, Seb, Jonny, Alex and Will didn't allow the batting side to get any grip on the game and St Edward's finished on a score of 30 runs. It was a super display of bowling from Berky who gave little away in wides and no balls and fully deserved a fine victory despite only fielding 7 players. Well done boys.

U9B v St. Edward's Won by 10 runs

This was a very good game against two even teams. Berky batting first scored consistently with Oli and Alex top scoring with 31 runs – unfortunately they also gave away the highest wickets with 3. Otto and Rupert also scored well and at the end of the innings Berky finished on 259 runs. Berky bowled well and didn't allow St Edward's to score easily with Jonathan, Max and Archie the pick of the bowlers with some lovely straight deliveries. The fielding was superb with many run outs from Alessio our wicket keeper and this led to St Edward's only scoring 249 runs in the allotted overs. Well done boys... a great victory!





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Sports report...

ROUNDERS

U9B v King's, Gloucester

Lost 11½-9½

This was most definitely a match of two halves. The girls had played really well last week when I saw them in a practice session but all their excellent fielding, decision-making and sensible running between the posts were left at the Victoria Ground – we were playing away!! Most of the 8 rounders scored by the King's girls were due to fielding errors rather than good hitting. The only highlight was Cressie's super running and hitting which earned her 2 rounders. The score after the first innings was 8 to King's and 4½ to Berky. After an animated discussion at half time the girls got their act together and played like they had done in practice. They added a further 5 rounders to their total with Millie and Darcey scoring complete rounders. Now was the big test; our second fielding innings. What a difference! Good decision-making throwing the ball to the correct posts or bowler, stopping the ball when it was hit hard and good accurate throwing all round. They restricted the King's girls to only 3½ rounders so winning the second innings. Well done girls for a good come back!

U10A v The Croft School

Won 14-7½

On a gloriously sunny afternoon Berky U10A rounders team travelled to The Croft, Stratford on Avon – once home of the great writer Shakespeare. The opening innings was not at all Bard (excuse the pun) with fine rounders flowing from Bea, Lizzie and India. Berky scored 5½. When it came to fielding the girls played very much as a team. Super bowling from Hattie, very strong backstopping from Simran with several splendid catches and a strong second post from Varnika. What particularly impressed me was the coordination among the deep fielders, Daisy, Bea and Millie. Those on the posts, (Georgie, Lizzie and India) were responsible for several very fine run outs. This was thrilling to watch.

At half time the score was 5½ to each team.

The second innings saw Berky score a glorious 8½ made up of rounders from

Millie, Georgia and Daisy and a myriad of half rounders from the rest of the team.

A really gutsy performance. Then, incredibly, Berky caught out the entire Croft team until there was only a solitary player left. Astounding play altogether.

A most convincing win, girls - Bravo!

U10B v The Croft School

Won 10½-9½

Another beautiful day for rounders! After a long coach journey the girls were ready for a match. Grace and Isla kindly joined the team today and slotted in perfectly. We lost the toss so Frankie led the team to their batting positions. The girls managed to sneak a few half rounders, through speedy running between the posts, and Emma managed to score a full rounder. Unfortunately poor Lorien was run out on her first ball. It was then our turn to field. After a rather slow start, (where we gave away a few rounders), we began to make better decisions in the field and Frankie's accurate bowling helped limit the half rounders. The first round finished in a 6-6 draw. During the second innings, the girls continued to gain ½ rounders, taking a few calculated risks. The Croft came into bat, knowing their target, but Berky were far sharper and Edith (on fourth base) proved to be our secret weapon. It was a tight match down to the last couple of balls – Berky's competitive spirit came through and they were determined to secure a victory. Well done girls, an excellent win and Frankie won her bet!

U11A v The Croft School

Lost 16-14½

I suspect this will be one of the best and most exciting matches of the season. Put into bat Berky soon found their stride and their hitting was outstanding. Eleanor, Isi and Alexa scored 2 whole rounders each, one whole rounder was scored by Florrie and Sarah with lots of half rounders. Our batting was on fire and some of those hits were massive. Our tally after the first innings was 10½. Our fielding was then equally as impressive with Florrie and Alice working as a great duo and getting most of the team out at first post. The Croft did not survive the full 27 balls. The Croft's tally was 6½. The Croft got their fielding together in the second innings and Berky could only add another 4½

rounders making 14½ in total but surely that would be enough? Slowly and steadily the Croft added half rounders and were creeping closer and closer to our total. Our Berky girls didn't really make any fielding errors but the ball was hit cleverly so that we couldn't stop them scoring nor could we get them out. I am not quite sure how Berky came to lose this game but sometimes you have to accept the fact that despite a great performance the other team just got over the winning line in first place. It was a super game and I know the girls will realise that every half rounder really counts in a close game, and you don't necessarily have to hit the ball into orbit to win a match! Well done for a great performance in a high standard game.

U11B v The Croft School

Won 12-6

Leslie won the toss and elected to field first. The fielding was superb with The Croft batters being restricted to just one rounder. Zoe on second post was a sure pair of hands and repeatedly stopped them from scoring half rounders. Catherine on fourth also kept her post well. Kyla stopped the ball on several occasions. Mollie was excellent at backstop and made superb decisions when throwing the ball. The accurate throwing from the outfielders of Darcy, Chiara and Georgia kept the runs at bay. Leslie on first got several players out and The Croft were unable to complete all their bats. Berky ran sensibly and successfully. Mollie scored a complete rounder, several players scored half rounders with Zoe scoring off every ball. In the second innings The Croft again just had five scoring opportunities with Berky always making good decisions in the field. Berky's second innings saw several half rounders, with Leslie playing a captain's innings. Mollie and Darcy scored whole rounders and Berky won the game quite comfortably 12-6. A fantastic display with great decision-making in the field.

