



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear parents

I am delighted that the Berky Blazer for the Spring Term will be coming home today. It is always enjoyable looking back on the wonderful events of the term including the amazing range of learning opportunities. It was great to be able to give a focus on the wonderful History teaching at Berky and to see how engaged and enthralled the children are when studying the subject. If you would like a further copy of the magazine for family or friends do please ask in the office.

It has been a week of typical Summer weather and unfortunately our fixtures were cancelled. I know that the Early Years and Pre-Prep children have been loving their games sessions with Mr Mildren on the MUGA and that many of our Year 5 and 6 girls have turned out for the first two lunchtime Cricket Clubs. In addition, Year 6 have been making use of the fabulous Prince of Wales track for their athletics this week. Fingers crossed for the fixtures against Rendcomb, Richard Pate and Kitebrook next week.

The PTA Film Night was a great success last week. The children just loved coming together on a Friday night to socialise, eat popcorn and watch a film in their pyjamas, onesies and slippers. I think for many the film was secondary to just being together for a good time. A big thanks to Joey and her team who organised this and I hope we can repeat this next Autumn.

I have been showing round many prospective parents recently for the last few places we have. There are still 3 places left in Reception for September so if you know of anyone looking for a school...

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



NOTICES

MIDSUMMER BALL – don't forget to get your table sorted out for the Berky Ball. 16th June – Queen's Hotel.

WET WEATHER – can Pre-Prep parents please use the side door for entry into the school please.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL – can parents please communicate directly with the office (01242 523263 – and office@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk) if your child is absent from school. Thank you.

PARKING – I have received an email from a resident in Ariel Lodge Road with regard to parking obstructing driveways. The car registration number given was MT65 UAL



FRIDAY 27TH APRIL
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 30th April

4pm - Year 6 Viney Hill Meeting, Prep Hall

Wed 2nd May

9.30am - Reception Minibeasts Workshop

2.15pm - Cricket U11A and U11B v Rendcomb (A)

2.45pm - Rounders U11A

and U11B v Richard Pate (A)

8.00pm - PTA Meeting, all parents welcome

Fri 4th May

11.30am - Year 6 Athletics, Prince of Wales Stadium

2.15pm - Cricket U9A and U9B v Kitebrook (H)

Congratulations...

To Harriet Rees, TA in Prep, who is expecting her first child in the Autumn.



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News from around the school...

CHESS REPORT

The District Cup Final was played on Thursday afternoon. Two strong teams - Berkhampstead and the Richard Pate School – came together and did battle with RPS pipping Berky by 3.5 boards to 2.5. It is always disappointing to lose a cup final but our players can hold their heads high and reflect on plenty of successes. The narrow scoreline indicates two talented groups of strong players scrapping it out; the quality of the chess was high and small margins counted. The school can feel very proud of its 'A' team. Jack P has captained the side keenly and James S, George de B-T, Edith H, Olly W and Rhys L have proved loyal and dedicated teammates.



A Berky 'development team' took part in a mini-competition against other schools last Saturday morning. A mixed Y3/Y4 team was selected and played against more experienced sides from Bishop's Cleeve, Holy Apostles and St. John's. Berkhampstead finished in a creditable third place and our young players (Otto, Jack, Jonathan, Harry, Uma and Harry) showed great promise.

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

CHARITY NEWS

Brave Year 5 pupil Franscesca and her chums India, Daisy and Eloise gave a presentation about Macmillan Cancer in assembly this morning. To support this charity close to Franscesca's heart, the four girls are holding a cake sale on Monday for their fellow Prep pupils during mid-morning break. All cakes will be 50p.

Pre-Prep children will be pleased to hear that they are now able to enter Year 4 Phoebe's 'Name the Bear' competition. Phoebe is raising money for Winston's Wish and the Edward's Trust, and many Prep children have already entered the competition to win the enormous much-coveted teddy. A guess of a name costs just £1.

