



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

What a great week it's been! We have had some superbly contested fixtures, some of which had sunshine, played in the true Berky spirit, and lots and lots of extra events. I thoroughly enjoyed the Early Years' concerts this week; with words written by Mrs Roddy Watts, 'The Jolly Postman in the Jungle' took the audience on the trip of a lifetime! Fabulous costumes and a great set brought the story to life and the children rose to the occasion, performing their parts with clear enjoyment. I particularly loved the dancing elephants!

This morning, I met many parents who came in for coffee and the opportunity to 'Taste the Prep Snacks' for next year. There were homemade (warm) sausage rolls, cheese muffins, fruit scones, homemade cheese straws, toasted tea-cakes, flapjacks, chocolate brownies... and lots of fresh fruit. Mmmmm... a huge variety, too many to sample them all, but I gave it a good go! The kitchen staff are working with the children on the variety and portion size (feedback will be via the School Council) and each day they will be offered fresh fruit or a savoury snack. On the days when we have soup and roast lunch on the menu the children will be offered a sweeter snack such as flapjack or chocolate brownie. We will continue to offer 'Taste the menu' sessions for parents so that you too can sample some of the food the children eat. I wonder if any of the children told you about the Greek lunch they had this week?

This week in assembly I read this A.A. Milne poem to the children:

NOW WE ARE SIX

When I was one, I had just begun.

When I was two, I was nearly new.

When I was three, I was hardly me.

When I was four, I was not much more.

When I was five, I was just alive.

But now I am six, I'm as clever as clever.

So I think I'll be six now for ever and ever.

They seemed to really enjoy it - particularly the six-year-olds! As the children consider the end of the academic year and the move up to the next year, it was an opportunity to remind them that, whilst we might feel we are 'clever as clever', we never stop learning. As staff, we learn from the children every week and it is important to us that the children appreciate this. Education is for us all at whatever age we are.

I do hope you are able to come to the Summer Fayre tomorrow. It looks like the weather will be great... but don't forget to wear your hats and put sun cream on before you come. We will have plenty of water available - and lovely new water bottles to buy! Also, look out for the 'Guess the Teacher' stall which gives you the opportunity of seeing photographs of the staff when they were six or younger!

It was lovely to see so many parents at the 'New To...' evenings this week. We have met the new parents to Kindergarten and Reception and there's plenty of excitement about what September has in store. The children are already feeling bigger and are becoming ready for the new challenges ahead. Year 2 parents can look forward to learning more about Prep at the 'New to Year 3' meeting on Monday.

Richard
Richard Cross
Headmaster

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates...

Mon 1st July

2.00pm Kindergarten - Year 2 Moving up Afternoon

6.00pm - Year 2 Parents' introduction to the Prep, Prep Hall

Tue 2nd July

9.00am - Kindergarten Sports Day - parents welcome

Wed 3rd July

2.15pm - Pre Prep (including Reception) Sports Day - parents welcome

6.00pm - Year 6 Play, Prep Hall

Thur 4th July

9.30am - Year 1 Summer Walk (No swimming for Year 1)

10.05 - Year 2 Swimming Gala, Cheltenham College Pool - parents welcome from 10am

5.00pm - District Athletics, Prince of Wales Stadium

Fri 5th July

Year 2 Art Day

Year 5 trip to The Black Country Museum

9.00am - U8/U9 Girls' Athletics, Richard Pate (A)

2.30pm - New to Reception Session
6.00pm - Year 6 Play, Prep Hall





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News from around the school

Y4 TRIP TO L'ARTISAN RESTAURANT

Over the last two weeks, both 4E and 4T have made the short journey in to Cheltenham to the lovely little French restaurant called L'Artisan, which is run by a French family who are originally from the beautiful Provence area of France.

The trip was arranged to enable the children to have experience of speaking French to French people in a real situation - namely, ordering food - and they did this very well. The food choices available to them were crêpes au sucre, crêpes au chocolat and crêpes a la confiture d'abricot. They were also able to order a drink. Elisabeth, the owner, was wonderful with the children, speaking entirely in French and teaching them the vocabulary for the cutlery which they had to say correctly before being allowed to order their crêpes! The children also spoke to Caroline a chef-in-training at L'Artisan from the Caen Academy in Normandy.

The crêpes were absolutely 'délicieux' and there was not a thing left on any of the plates! Manners nearly flew out the window with many children asking if they could lick the plates clean! Quelle horreur!

An excellent time was had by all (including the staff who were lucky enough to accompany us!) and superb French was spoken by all of the children!

SUMMER FETE

Don't miss tomorrow's Summer Fete! This year we have an environmental theme - stalls include a second hand toy stall, a plant stall and a the 'Berky boutique.' Look out for carefully selected, gently worn clothing and accessories for men, women and children.

There will be also be lots more on offer, including a fantastic hamper raffle. The fete takes place from 1pm-4pm (See poster).



BERKY SUMMER FETE

1-4^{PM} 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...

CRICKET

U11/U10 v The Richard Pate School Lost 306-277

It was absolutely freezing at RPS, and incredibly windy, so the girls had to play with a heavier ball than they were used to. The ground was rather soggy so the ball was not travelling particularly well. We lost the toss so were put into bat first. Georgie and Varnika opened and after a tentative start they opened our account. Sophie and India followed and Sophie managed to hit one of the few sixes of the match. They had a good partnership, working well together. Varnika and captain Lizzie steadied the ship and were followed by Hazel and Darcey then Eleanor and Bella. The final pairing of Lizzie and Georgie managed to gain quite a few more runs from wide balls and sneaky single runs. We finished on 277 for 3 wickets. RPS batters were strong and our bowling was overall accurate. This allowed RPS to score quite a few boundaries off our bowlers and their score began to climb. We were rather sleepy in the field and there were a few missed opportunities for catches and wickets. Varnika claimed the only wicket. There were a few dives onto the muddy ground to restrict the runs by Darcey but RPS continued to gain those sneaky singles. We have learnt an awful lot in our first season and will work on our fielding in preparation for next year. Well done girls!

U11/U10 v St Edward's Lost 352-323

Berky won the toss and elected to field first. Our bowling was a little wide of the mark and with several no balls St Edward's were quickly amassing runs. The fielding was quite tight and they only scored 3 boundaries. However, by the end of their innings they were on 352, which is a tough score to chase.

Daisy and Kimora came in first and scored a respectable 22 with one boundary. Unfortunately we also lost a wicket, meaning a loss of 5 runs. Emily and Eloise scored 23 runs without loss. Phoebe and Charlotte scored 24 runs, lost a wicket but scored 2 boundaries. Frankie and Poppy scored 11 but lost a wicket. Phoebe and Charlotte came in to bat for a second time since St Edward's had more players. Between them they scored 43 runs including 3 boundaries and one magnificent 6. Sadly it was not quite enough. However, the girls showed great determination. We ended the innings on a very respectable 323.

U10/U11 v St Edward's Won 318-311

This was a true team effort. All of the Berky girls bowled with accuracy and control. All of the Berky girls batted with vigour and power - they all hit boundaries. Batting first, our girls set a tough target for our hosts. In reply, careful bowling contained the St. Edward's batters but steady scoring meant that a tense final over (bowled superbly by Daisy O) would decide matters. Aided by a breathless Beatrice D run out at the death, Berky prevailed in a thrilling finale. Congratulations to a very fine team (Beatrice D, Daisy O, Anna T, Edith H, Isabel K, Cressida F, Joy C, Rebecca F) on a stirring performance.



U10 Girls

Sports report...

CRICKET - BOYS

U8A Buffaloes v Dean Close

Berkhampstead 257-1

Dean Close 229-3

Last Friday the U8 boys had their first cricket match of the season against Dean Close. The Buffaloes had six players so two players were able to bat twice which was great experience for them. Each pair played two overs, facing twelve balls in total. The boys fielded first and did this well. Their bowling was good with only a few wides and no balls. Dean Close weren't able to run that often so only finished on 229. When the boys came to bat, they hit the ball well. There were a few single runs scored but lots of 4s and even a 6. This gave the boys a win with a total score of 257. Well done to the boys, a well-deserved win, and thank you to our loyal supporters for coming along to cheer them on.

U8 Bisons v Dean Close

Dean Close went into bat first. Our good bowling and fielding kept them down to a total score of 218. Our first pair of Sam and Otto batted really well, Sam scoring 3 fours, and their total alone took us up to 217. Reuben and Richie batted well, both scoring at least 1 four each, taking our total up to 235. Then Jacob D-T and Eddie increased our score up to 247. Max Y and Otto (with a lot of very close runs!) took our final score to 266. A well deserved victory. Well played everyone.

U9B v Beaudesert

Won by 13 runs

On Wednesday, Berky travelled to Beaudesert to play in an under 9B cricket match. Luke, our captain, won the toss and put the opposition into bat and it only took two overs until we saw the fall of the first wicket, with Will taking two in two balls. Mateo, Albie and Michael also took wickets in the 12 over innings. Initially, our fielding needed improving, with needless overthrows gifting Beaudesert runs but, thankfully, this tightened up towards the end of the innings. Beaudesert finished on 258. Robert and Will opened the batting, scoring five boundaries, including a great six from Will. Albie and Mateo batted second with their third over being the best as they scored 18 runs, including a six from Mateo. Luke and Harry batted cautiously as our third pair, preserving runs as we ended the 9th over on 245. Michael and Charles were our 4th pair in a very nervous ending. Four fours and a six (from Michael) meant we had a total of 262 with the final over to go. However, we knew a wicket would change everything, as this would deduct five runs. In the fourth ball of the over, an easy single was on offer but hesitation could have cost us dearly. Fortunately, Michael and Charles (eventually!) sprinted to the crease with two balls remaining. Michael then decided the win was ours as he smashed two fours meaning we finished on 271 runs; winning by 13. A fantastic game where all of the boys should feel proud.

U9A v Dean Close

Won by 22 runs

With the previous two matches having been cancelled due to the inclement weather, the sun finally appeared as we made a short trip last Wednesday to Dean Close. Our captain Harry A won the toss and put Dean Close into bat on a flat drying wicket with a short boundary. We wasted little time in setting out our stall with Henry R taking two wickets in the first 3 overs and restricting Dean Close's score to just 3. Further wickets from Henry T and Freddie and a brace from Albie B and Will C kept the batting side's final score down to just 37. This was without doubt one of our best bowling and fielding performances of the season. Despite remaining unbeaten we had previously haemorrhaged runs with wides and no balls in our bowling, but in this game we bowled and fielded superbly. Henry T and Patrick both took great catches in the field and despite not taking wickets Rufus, Will J, Harry A and Patrick all recorded some excellent bowling figures. Unfortunately, our batting didn't quite match our bowling and fielding. With some very fast bowling from Dean Close we looked a little fragile at times. However, a good opening stand of 17 from Henry R and Oli got us off to a good start but it was the middle order stand of 33 from Freddie and Albie B that secured a great win by 22 runs. Well done boys for a great result!

U9A v Beaudesert

Won by 53 runs

With the season drawing to a close and the A's still unbeaten we faced our stiffest test against Beaudesert on Wednesday. Will C won the toss and decided to put Beaudesert into bat. Berky wasted little time in putting the batting side under pressure with some tight accurate bowling. Two early wickets from Henry R and then 7 further wickets from Rufus (2), Freddie (1), Will J (1), Harry (3) and Will C (1) didn't allow the batting side to get any grip on the game and Beaudesert were starved of runs, finishing with a score of just 23. We began our batting with an excellent opening partnership of 16 from Henry R and Oli. Rufus and Henry T then faced some very quick bowling and we lost 3 wickets with the momentum seemingly swinging with Beaudesert. However, once again our middle order pair of Freddie and Albie B steadied the ship and kept the scoreboard moving with some excellent running between the wickets and a pairs score of 21. An excellent contribution of 14 from Will J and Harry A and 24 from Patrick and Will C who both hit 6's secured a great win for the boys by 53 runs.

U10B v Hatherop

There were a few sad faces when we realised on Wednesday that it was the last cricket match of the season. The U10B team have had a thoroughly enjoyable season with many good wins and they ended on a high. Excellent bowling from all the boys ensured that Hatherop found it difficult to score runs. Good fielding and catching also brought many wickets with the champagne moment being Ethan's catch, bowled from a very well hit shot. He grinned broadly on taking the catch even though his hands were still stinging! The pick of the bowling, though, were Archie and Jonathan who were rewarded with an additional over. Archie bowled a wicket maiden and Jonathan took two wickets with a 'clean-bowled' and 'run-out' in his final two overs. Hatherop scored 55 runs. In response, our opening partnership of Ethan and Jonathan put on 43 runs (and 1 wicket taken) and the second pair of Otto and Rupert scored 39 runs (and 1 wicket taken). This meant that the team were well clear, and Oli, Archie and Alex could relax and play their shots. This they did with some lovely shots to the boundary. The team ended on 114 runs... a superb win. Well done, boys - I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing your enthusiasm and delight for cricket.

U11 Cheltenham Schools' Knockout

Our opening game was against a good Charlton Kings side. We scored 252 for 4 with Harry and Jonny top scoring and hitting two sixes each. We bowled well and gave them little in the field to restrict them to 226 for 6, winning by 26 runs. That put us through to the semi final against Richard Pate, who we had beaten in the previous two finals to take the trophy. However they proved to be a very strong side and we found it hard to contain their batsmen. They finished on 282 for 4. We batted steadily, with each of our batsmen scoring runs. Will (15) and Alex (12) were our top scorers. However we couldn't quite get near their total and were chasing the game and having to take risks toward the end which resulted in us losing wickets and ultimately the match. Nevertheless it was an encouraging performance against a strong team. Our final game was the third/fourth place play off against Grangefield. They batted first and started strongly scoring 28 off the first two overs. However we fought back with the best bowling performance of the day. Will and Jack bowled superbly to take 3 wickets each and Alex took an amazing 5 for 28. Our opponents ended with a score of 239. We then dazzled with the bat. George and Andrew put on 30 in the first two overs. The flow of runs kept coming and we finished on an outstanding total of 292, winning by 53 runs and finishing the tournament in third place. Ably captained by Luke, the boys worked brilliantly as a team and, supported and encouraged each other throughout the day. They also played some exciting cricket. Well done boys for a great finish to the season. Many thanks to our supporters yesterday. It is much appreciated as always.

U11A v Hatherop

Wednesday saw the last hardball game of the season against Hatherop. We batted first and accumulated runs at a steady rather than spectacular rate. Harry played well scoring 19 and Finian chipped in with 13. We had a strong finish with Luke (25 not out) playing some fine strokes, including a 6 off the last ball of the innings. We ended with a total of 107 for 6, which was a little short of where we would have liked. Our bowling was good for the most part and we took wickets on a regular basis. George and Alex bowled accurately getting two wickets apiece. They were ably supported by Harry, Jonny, Will and Jack who all took wickets. It was an exciting end to the game with us needing to dismiss two more batsmen to win and Hatherop needing 12 runs. After a tense last few overs, we were pipped at the post, to lose by two wickets. Well done for some excellent cricket once again boys, and thanks as always to our supporters who were treated to an entertaining match.

U11A v Cricklade Manor

Berky 121 for 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 and found it difficult to face the bowlers from Cricklade Manor. They finished with 11 runs on 21.1. This was 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.

U11B v Hatherop

Hatherop 279-9

Berkhampstead 307-5

It was an excellent afternoon of cricket at the Victoria Ground on Wednesday and for some of the boys, this was their final match for Berkhampstead. The boys batted first and played well. Lots of 4s were scored and I was impressed with their running. They worked together to seize every run possible and these single runs all added up, contributing to a final score of 307 with 5 wickets taken. Hatherop started their innings well but had a bit of a wobble in the middle when one of their pairs didn't run as well as they could have. Our boys bowled accurately, and Jensen bowled a maiden over which I was really pleased with. Lincoln also bowled well with very few wides or no balls. Hatherop finished on 279-9.

It was an excellent win against Hatherop for the final match of the season and I thought everyone played well. Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the boys.