



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

What glorious weather! Just right for our Summer Fete which was absolutely brilliant, even if I did get a great many wet sponges hurled at my head; actually, on such a hot day, it was very welcome! Joey Bowden and her dedicated team of PTA helpers worked so hard to arrange this hugely successful afternoon for us all for which I am most grateful; I hope this will encourage new people to get involved with our PTA next year as we are short of volunteers. I was very proud that, in line with our 'Berky Gets Greener' initiative, our Fete was eco-themed with fabulous eco-hampers in the raffle, electric cars, second-hand clothes, toys and books, plants, reusable water bottles, hedgehog food and free wild flower seeds... just to name but a few of the wonderful planet-friendly things on offer. 'Berky's Got Talent' was, as ever, an absolute joy to watch with a variety of interesting acts headed up by our very own boy band, 'The Berky Boys'; many thanks too to Mr Senior for his excellent skills as a compere.

After the brief respite of Sunday, we have been plunged back into a wealth of other exciting activities. The warm weather remained for both the Kindergarten and the Pre-Prep Sports Days, both superb events with all sorts of races and activities organised by Miss Keegan. Yesterday's Year 1 Summer Walk was also blessed with good weather, as was the District Athletics Championships event at the Prince of Wales Stadium later on in the day. This was another good win for Berky as our immense success in the relay events meant we walked away with the Cheltenham and District Athletics Relay Shield – a big 'well done' to all the children involved and to Miss Keegan, Mr McCreanor, Mr Titley and Mr Kirby. There were many individual successes too. Let's hope the sunshine lasts until next week when the Prep have their big Sports Day at the Prince of Wales Stadium. Talking of sports, the Year 2 children will be sleeping well at night after such an active week: they also had their 'Great Pond Dip' Swimming Gala yesterday, full of interesting and unusual races involving balls, rings and woggles - how much the children's swimming has improved over the course of the year!

This week has also been exciting for Year 6 who have been performing their play 'Ye-Ha!' to packed houses. The Year 2s were thrilled to watch the dress rehearsal on Monday just before they joined the Prep for their Moving Up Afternoon, and the staff and parents were captivated by the humour, vivacity and confidence of Wednesday's evening performance; there is another performance tonight which I have no doubt will be the best of all. Many thanks to Miss Evans for her marvellous stage direction and choreography and to Mrs Mitchell for her musical expertise.

What busy and interesting lives our children lead! Today, the last Running Club of the term set off from the Prep gate in all sorts of fancy dress - and Mr McCreanor in his leprechaun gear - and the Year 5 children eagerly boarded the coach to travel to the Black Country Museum. Mrs Thorn - who leads our Tuesday Mandarin Club - is doing an assembly with her pupils for the Prep children and Mrs McInnes is visiting the Pre-Prep assembly to give the younger children some ideas for saving the planet over the summer holidays. Speaking of eco-matters, we have just heard that we have been awarded our Green Flag Bronze Award - well done to the Eco-warrior Committee and to Mrs McInnes for spearheading the campaign; we will work towards our Silver Award next term.

It's all go!

Richard
Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 5TH JULY
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates...

Mon 8th July

Year 1 Circus Party Day - children can wear party clothes
Year 3 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

Tue 9th July

Year 2 Orienteering Day
pm - Year 6 Picnic
6.30pm - Year 6 Leavers' Disco,
Pre-Prep Hall

Wed 10th July

Prep Sports Day, Prince of Wales Stadium - parents invited from 1.00pm

Thur 11th July

Early Years Party Day - children to wear Animal Costumes
Year 2 Pond Dip at Nagshead
9.30am Prep Swimming Gala,
Chelt College Swimming Pool -
parents invited

Fri 12th July

10.30am Year 2-Year 6
Leavers' Service - parents welcome
11.45am Year 2 -Year 5 pick up
from All Saints Church
12.00 noon - Kindergarten,
Reception and Year 1 collect
from school
12.00 noon - Year 6 Leavers and
their parents refreshments,
Pre-Prep Gardens

NO LATE OR SUPERLATE CLUB





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Photos from a busy week...





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Missing...
Sports cap, 2 jumpers
2 hoodies, Prep coat,
2 pac-a-macs, 1 blazer
All items named
RUTHERFORD

News from around the school

RACE FOR LIFE

Last Sunday 30 June Floyd R (2C) ran the 5k Race For Life - his first ever 5k!

He raised £185 to help in the fight against cancer; his Grandad died of cancer a few years ago and Floyd wanted to do it in his memory. Well done, Floyd.



BERKY GETS GREENER HOT OFF THE PRESS!

We are delighted to report that we have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag bronze award! Huge congratulations, and many thanks, to Mrs McInnes and her team of eco-warriors for working so hard this term.



BERKY GETS GREENER SUMMER CHALLENGE

Please could everyone try and do at least one of the following during the Summer holidays:

- 1 Encourage hedgehogs into your garden by linking your garden with your neighbour's. Hedgehogs like to travel 1-2 miles a night, so check with your neighbour first, and cut a small hole in the fence to allow them to move freely. Put out food, check for hedgehogs before lighting bonfires, and make sure your ponds have a small ramp so that they can exit safely. Perhaps build a hedgehog house out of logs.
- 2 Dig a small wildlife pond to encourage newts, frogs, toads, insects and many other creatures.
- 3 Create a wildlife area planting out flowers to attract bees, butterflies and other insects.
- 4 Build a bug house for all the minibeasts in your garden.

And remember to ditch the clingfilm!





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Sports report...

CRICKET - GIRLS

U8 Yellow v Richard Pate School

Last Friday, the U8 'Yellow' team played RPS. We batted first and started well with Hannah and Zoe B scoring three runs but, most importantly, not losing any wickets. Katy and Sydney kept our runs going before Alice and Zoe S batted third; both hitting boundaries. Vivienne and Kitty completed our batting with Vivienne hitting three fours as we finished on 224.

RPS batted second and they started well, even with some great bowling from Zoe B and Sydney. Zoe S managed five 'dot' balls before Kitty and Hannah bowled their overs. Katy took a wicket with the final ball in her over, as did Alice, which was the final ball of the game. Unfortunately, RPS managed to score one more run than us and they finished on 225.

The girls did incredibly well and should be proud of how much they have improved this year.





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Sports report...

CRICKET - BOYS

**U9A v King's Gloucester
Won by 62 Runs**

Berky U9A's went into the last game of the season at King's, Gloucester with an unbeaten record so the pressure was on to finish the season with a clean sweep of wins. Patrick won the toss and decided to put King's into bat. Once again, we showed just how much our bowling and fielding has improved. King's struggled to find runs despite a hard fast out field and only taking just the three wickets we kept King's score down to 63 with some excellent bowling figures from all the boys. We began our batting with two encouraging opening partnerships of 28 from Henry R and Oli and 33 from Rufus and Henry T. Freddie and Albie B chipped in with 18, Will J and Harry A 16 and not for the first time this season an exciting last pair stand of 30 from Will C and Patrick with Patrick hitting 4 sixes! We ran out comfortable winners by 62 runs with our highest score of the season: 125! This was a superb end to the season with all the boys playing at the top of their game and fully deserving of an unbeaten season. Well done boys for some excellent cricket this summer.

