

BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Nearly a year ago I wrote this in my newsletter: 'It has been a sad and surreal end to the Spring Term, and it is with a heavy heart that we will say goodbye to the children at the end of today without having done all the usual exciting end of term things.'

Of course, that was just before lockdown 1, and who knew that nearly a year later we would be coming to the end of lockdown 3. The brilliant news is that the vaccine is having a very positive effect and all our hopes are that 'lockdowns' will be a thing of the past - part of Mr McCreanor's history lessons! We also have lots to look forward to for the rest of this term. I know that the staff are gearing up for some exciting lessons that include the climbing of the beanstalk in Reception, becoming astronauts in Year 1, putting out the Great Fire of London in Year 2 and a full-on Shakespeare Week in Prep.

We WILL have an exciting end of term!

This week, though, we have been heavily into books, with **World Book Day** inspiring the children and staff to dress up. I have seen some wonderful pictures from you on Instagram and the Kindergarten looked brilliant in their great costumes. Some of these are here for you to see. From the Hungry Caterpillar to Fern from Charlotte's Web, The Cat in the Hat to Harry Potter - very well done to all the children and staff who dressed up yesterday.

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH
SPRING TERM

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

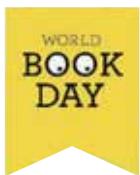
Fri 12 March

9.00am - Year 6 Drugs Workshop

Sat 13 March

Open Morning - by appointment only





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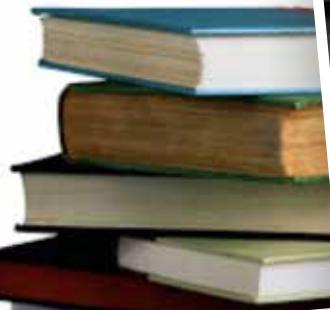
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I wonder whether you are aware of the 'Turn on the Subtitles' campaign that was promoted in the press this week. This campaign is making the claim that turning on the subtitles on TV will double the children's chances of becoming good readers. They state that on average children watch 11 hours of TV each week and that by turning on the subtitles the children subtly learn to read more. Supporters include Stephen Fry, Sandi Toksvig and Lennie Henry and if you would like to know more then click on: <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/>

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



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