

Stem Day..

Monday 9th July is STEM day in Prep! Please keep all your unwanted electrical goods for us to take apart! Newspapers are needed too please. Bring these to Prep from Monday 2nd July.



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



FRIDAY 6TH JULY
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 9th July

Year 2 Pond Dipping at Nagshead Pool in the Forest of Dean
Year 1 Beach Party Day
Prep STEM Day

Tue 10th July

Prep House Shout
Kindergarten trip to Cotswold Farm Park (*Pre-School children only*)
1.00pm - Year 6 Picnic
7.00pm - Year 6 Leavers' Disco

Wed 11th July

1.30pm - Year 5 and Year 6 to watch 'Joseph' at King's, Glos

Thu 12th July

Early Years Party Day
10.00am - Year 2 Swimming Gala - parents invited to watch
9.30am - Prep Sports Day, Prince of Wales Stadium - parents invited to watch from 1.00pm

Fri 13th July

10.30am - Speech Day, All Saints' Church followed by Year 6 Leavers' Refreshments at school
11.45am - Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 to be collected from All Saints' Church
12.00 noon - Kindergarten/ Reception/Year 1 depart from school

END OF TERM

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Well done to all... athletes in Kindergarten, Reception, Year 1 and 2, sports teams, parent supporters, the staff and pupils on trips, Year 6 in their play... they did so well with the intense heat! Water bottles have been much needed.

The Year 6 play 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' had its two performances on the hottest July days for a while - and it was a scorcher! Set in the Sherwood Forest the tale is not the familiar one... a band of theatrical entertainers overcomes the Sheriff of Nottingham and King John to save Maid Marion and the forest folk. Fabulous singing, dancing and comedy timing brought the performance to life - they gave so much energy and dynamism over both nights' performances! We have confident and talented children here at Berkhamstead... and they ALL did superbly! My enormous thanks to Miss Evans for her sterling work in this, to Mrs Mitchell for preparing the wonderful soloists and choruses, to Mrs Bareham for the very authentic set and to all staff involved in the preparation and who contributed to the smooth running of the evening. Mrs Rees, Mrs Holland and Mr Titley contributed hugely... and not just preparing my dressing room as I took to the stage as King Richard!

We had a series of Associated Board exams taking place in school on Saturday and well done to all those who practised and were able to do themselves justice on the day. Amazingly, Leslie M in Year 6 took her Grade 8 Viola exam on the day... what an achievement at the age of 11.

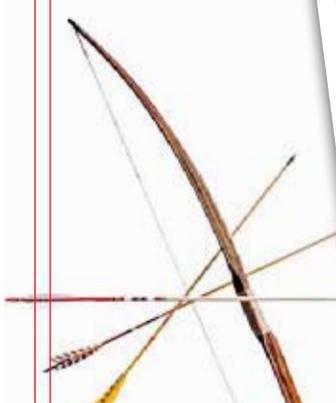
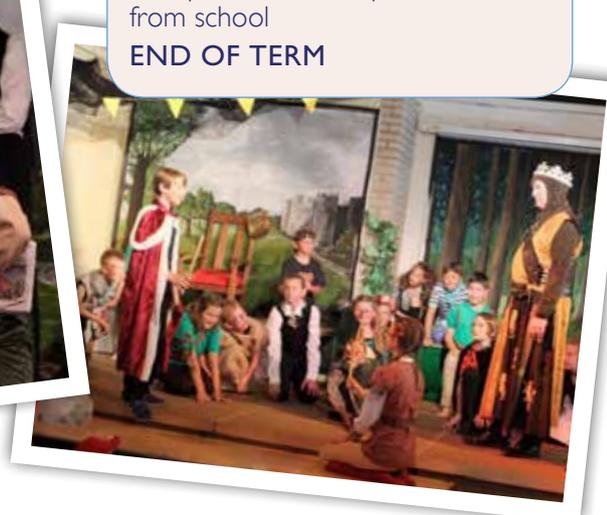
Other events this week have included the Prep Swimming Gala, Pre-Prep and Kindergarten Sports, a trip to the Black Country Museum for Year 5 and a trip for Year 4 to L'Artisan French Restaurant. Another busy week!

SPEECH DAY

I am looking forward to next Friday and Speech Day and prize giving. We are lucky enough to have as our guest Hannah Leathart. Hannah and her sister were at Berkhamstead in the 1980s and left to go to Malvern Girls' College. Being a talented games player, Hannah then trained to teach PE and Games and is now Head of Sixth Form/Director of post 16 at The High School for Girls in Gloucester. We look forward to welcoming her and her family back to Berky. I do hope that you are able to join us for this lovely event in All Saints' Church. It is a 10.30am start.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



Congratulations...

to Aimee Stephenson
on the birth of Jack
and Lou Morgan on
the birth of Lily



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News from around the school...

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Wow, what a busy few weeks! There have been so many activities and we've had so much fun. The last few weeks have flown by, and now we are nearly at the end of another very successful year.

Our Summer Concert was amazing! The children performed brilliantly in front of a packed audience, and they really enjoyed themselves, entertaining all their proud parents, grandparents and siblings. The children loved performing 'The Three Little Pigs and the BIG Bad Wolf.' They invited their parents to join them on a journey with the Three Little Pigs to Fairyland where they met some well-known characters. Reception children did an amazing job remembering their lines and using musical instruments to accompany the songs. The Kindergarten children remembered all the actions and words for their songs, and were very confident and entertaining.

A big 'well done' to all the children involved for such wonderful performances, as well as a big 'thank you' for the parental help with costumes, which once again were fabulous.

Thank you to all who attended our Introductory Meetings. It is always a privilege to share the learning and exciting activities we cover in the Early Years Department. It was lovely meeting new parents well as welcoming back familiar parents.

Sports Day for Kindergarten and Pre-Prep proved to be very successful. Staff, children and parents thoroughly enjoyed the two Sports Days. There was a wide variety of races, and every child was involved in each one. All the children happily enjoyed a well-deserved ice lolly after the event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Musketeers Chess Club is seeking volunteers from September. This popular club takes place during term time at Berkhamstead on Fridays from 7.30-9pm. It is run by Berky Dad, Adrian Bird. If you think you can help, please get in touch via the website at www.musketeersjuniorschess.com



Reminder...

Prep Sports Day next
Thursday - Children will
need hats, water bottles
and suncream



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Sports report...

CRICKET

U8 v Richard Pate Won 281-259

Richard Pate won the toss and decided to bat first. Their first batsmen were very good and scored 32 runs in 4 overs. Their second batsmen had a tougher time as Albie B and Will J bowled really well. They came away with minus 3 runs due to also being run out (good fielding Berky). The next 2 pairs of batsmen from RPS played well and managed to get their total to a respectable 259 (scoring starts at 200).

All of the Berky team managed to score runs (everyone getting at least one four). By the time our third bats pair had played (with Harry A scoring 4 fours) we were on 252 so only needed 8 runs from our last pair. Freddie B and Leon W finished the match off in style. Freddie sent the first ball soaring over the boundary to score the game's only 6 and followed that up with 5 fours. Between them they were able to get Berky to finish on 281. A very good win for only our second match.

Well done to all of the boys mentioned and Harry M, William S and Michael C who all contributed to the Berky win.

U8 v Richard Pate Won 292

Richard Pate U8 team batted first on a glorious sunny afternoon. They made good progress and each of their pairs scored some runs. The pick of the Berky bowling was Ollie M, Henry R (one wicket), Luke R (one wicket) and Will C. Good fielding from all the boys restricted RPS to 265 runs for 2 wickets. The batting started brilliantly with Patrick D and Albie BC putting on a brilliant 28 runs in their two overs. This set the tone for all the batsmen with each pair scoring 20+ runs in their two overs. I was particularly pleased to see the development of Henry T, Hugo W and Robert A who batted, bowled and fielded with confidence and enthusiasm. The Berky total was 292 - a win by 27 runs. Well done, boys.

U11B v King's, Gloucester Won King's, Gloucester 298-4 Berkhampstead 304-3

It was an excellent afternoon of cricket at King's, Gloucester on Wednesday. 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 that they could and these single runs all added up, contributing to a final score of 304 with 3 wickets taken. King's, Gloucester also batted well and I felt our fielding wasn't quite up to scratch to start with. Once King's started getting closer to our score, though, the boys stepped up and it was an incredibly close match. Going into the last pair, King's needed 13 runs from 3 overs to win. Fin and Jack bowled for the last 3 overs and their bowling was superb with both taking a wicket. I was pleased with how well everyone fielded for the last 3 overs; this ensured that King's couldn't score a lot of runs and they finished on 298-4.

It was an excellent win at King's for the final match of the season. Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the boys.

U9A v King's, Gloucester Won by 71 runs

Our third and last game in the space of ten days was a home match against King's. The boys were all very keen to finish the season, as we had started, with a win. They only thing we lost on the day was the toss and that seemed to work in our favour. Our bowling attack was strong, we took 7 wickets and restricted King's score to just 45. Jonny took 3, Jack 2 with Seb and Will taking one apiece, we took 4 catches which was a huge positive considering how shaky our catching looked in the early part of the season. Our opening batsmen, Alex and Will made a confident start and put 34 on in the first three overs. An excellent stand of 39 followed from Seb and Harry backed up with a 30 from Griff and Jack and 13 from Lincoln and Jonny. We finished on 116 for 5 a win by 71 runs. This was an excellent performance from the boys who've all shown significant improvements in their 8 cricket fixtures this term. Well done!

