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NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing half-term break and were able to make the most of some good weather. There was brilliant weather for the Year 6 Viney Hill trip before half term. On their return the children, and staff, were a little weary but this week we have been recounting exciting tales of canoeing, mountain biking, crate stacking and climbing.

The Art Exhibition yesterday was a great success. I have the privilege of seeing super artwork around the school on a daily basis but it was lovely to see such a range of artwork all together, including drawings, paintings, ceramics and sculptures across all year groups – a piece of work from every child from Kindergarten to Year 6. I hope you enjoyed perusing the exhibition too. The highlight for me was seeing the children's faces light up as they caught sight of their piece of work on display for all to see.

At last... after much hard work, the Wellbeing Pod has been installed in the Prep. There is still some work to be done in decorating and furnishing it, but we hope the children will have access to it by the end of term. The pastoral care of the children is at the forefront of what we do, and this will be another useful resource to ensure we have happy, engaged children at Berky. An enormous thank you to the PTA and yourselves for the money raised to purchase this.

This is a great time of year with so many trips and visits happening. Just this week we have had Reception out visiting the West Midland Safari Park, Year 3 visiting Bristol Zoo and Year 4 thoroughly enjoying the amazing exhibits and shows at the Science Festival; see their reports later in this letter.

We welcome Oscar D and George R to Kindergarten this week and we have two other new joiners, Amelia E in Reception and Ellis FM in Year 5. I know they have been embraced by the other children and are already enjoying their new school.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 7TH JUNE
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates...

Mon 10th June

Pre-Prep Production
Rehearsal week

Tue 11th June

10.00am - U10/U11 (2 teams)
Girls Cricket Tournament at
Cheltenham College (A)
1.15pm Kindergarten trip to
Forest School

Wed 12th June

2.00pm - U8/U9 Boys Cricket
v Hatherop (A)
2.00pm - U11/U10 Boys Cricket
(3 teams) v St Edward's (H)

Fri 14th June

9.00am - Year 2 to Year 6 -
Opro Mouthguard Fittings
2.30pm - U9A/U9B Boys Cricket
v King's, Gloucester (H)



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News from Early Years...



Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely holiday. The children have returned to school happy and eager to engage in all the exciting activities they have planned with staff.

Early Years children and staff are practising for our Summer Concert "The Jolly Postman In The Jungle". The children are very excited about their parts and Mrs Sallis has been busy teaching them all the songs and actions. Reception children are busy learning their lines; thank you for your support with helping your child with this.

The Kindergarten children are full of excitement and enthusiasm for our new topic 'The Beach'; everyone has been involved in discussions about what activities they would like to include both indoors and outdoors this term. Some ideas have been: learning about sea creatures, walking in sand, making a rock pool and, of course, eating ice creams!

All the children have been able to learn from first hand experiences and give detailed accounts of their favourite holidays.

Some popular activities this week have been picking up seaweed using large tweezers and investigating it under magnifying glasses, playing with different sea creatures to act out a storyline and designing then building a pier with large construction blocks. Our new role play area has become a beach complete with sand, water and the beach - side chip shop which is already well loved.

It was a perfect day to introduce our new topic "Wild About Animals" to Reception children at West Midland Safari Park, the home to some of the world's most beautiful and endangered exotic animal species. On arrival at the park, we headed straight into the safari drive. Rosie, our Safari Ranger, joined us during our trip around the safari. The children couldn't wait to see the animals close up, wandering around in front of us as we drove around the park; we saw Zebras, Congo Buffalo, Greater One Horned Rhino, the Cheetahs, the African Lions as well as the Tigers and Elephants. Our favourite part of the safari was when we were in the Lion enclosure and we saw the pride of lions roaming around to the side of our coach. It was so wonderful to watch them and see how big they are in real life. It was incredible to see the animals just metres away from us. Throughout, Rosie personalised our experience by sharing amazing stories and pointed out individual animals for the children to spot. The children discovered how fast a cheetah can run, the unique way in which wild dogs hunt, how long a giraffe's tongue and many other interesting animal facts!

During the afternoon we wandered around the Land of the Living Dinosaurs where a brilliant selection of life-size dinosaurs come to life with sound and movement. We were really impressed with the dinosaurs; it was a fantastic experience for the children to walk amongst the prehistoric creatures and take in what they would have sounded like. We visited the reptile house with its snakes and crocodiles and loved watching the penguins swimming and having fun! A great day out and the children returned very enthusiastic to find out more about these wonderful animals through our topic "Wild About Animals".

The Reception children are being encouraged to be more independent in their learning within the classroom to increase their independence ready for Year 1. From Monday 10th June, children can be dropped off in the Pre-Prep playground in the mornings. They can leave their book, bags and drinks in boxes which will be left outside the Reception door. There will also be a folder if you need to write who is collecting your child etc.

This term in Early Years is a very busy term and here are some important diary dates. Please feel free to come and speak to the staff if you have any queries



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Kindergarten
Gracie O'M, Lyla U S,
Eddie S, Charlie K, Alanah F,
Milo R, Edward S

Reception
Matilda S, Olivia M, Harriet
C-W, Harry L-S, Miles H,
Annabelle A, Toby R, Isaac M



Reminder...

Plants, toys, animal - shaped soft toys, clothes, books - all needed for the Summer Fete - please drop into the school office.
Many Thanks.



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Early Years timetable

Date / Time	Event
TRANSITION	
21.6.19 2.30 :3.15	New to Reception session (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
28..6.19 2.30 :3.15	New to Reception session (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
1.7.19 2.00 :3.15	Moving up afternoon (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
4.7.19. 2.30 :3.15	New to Reception session (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
CONCERTS	
Mon 24 th June 9.15	EY dress rehearsal All Kindergarten children invited for rehearsal. If your child does not attend the morning session, please collect your child after the rehearsal at 10.15am.
Tues 25 th June 9.15	EY concert (Kindergarten parents invited) All Kindergarten children are invited for the concert. If your child does not attend the morning session, please collect your child after the concert at 10.15 am. Coffee /tea will be served after the concert
Weds 26 th June 9.15	EY concert (Reception parents invited) All Kindergarten children are invited for the concert. If your child does not attend the morning session, please collect your child after the concert at 10.15am. Coffee /tea will be served after the concert
INTRODUCTORY EVENINGS FOR PARENTS	
Tues 25 th June 7.00	New Kindergarten Introductory Evening
Thurs 27 th h June 7.00	New Reception Introductory Evening
SPORTS DAYS	
Tues 2 rd July 9.00	Kindergarten Sports Day Kindergarten children to wear PE kits and bring in their sun hats and water bottles. All children are invited for Sports morning. If your child does not attend the morning session, please collect your child after at 10.15am.

Wanted...

7 Hobby Horses wanted for Pre-Prep production - traditional horse colours please! Will be returned.

Missing...

School jumper named
ROBERTS
Prep Hoodie
EMERY



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News from around the school

CHESS REPORT

The Berkhampstead chess team contested a friendly fixture at King's, Gloucester this week. The King's team comprised mainly Y8 pupils (including, happily, three former Berky pupils) so our players were up against plenty of experience. Berkhampstead – possibly more battle-hardened after a challenging league season – won the match 4.5-1.5. This was a special occasion and our team appreciated the experience of playing against older

competitors in historic surroundings. Thank you to Berky parent and King's teacher, Mrs Martin for hosting the event. It would be lovely to make this an annual fixture. MC



BRISTOL ZOO TRIP

We had a great day at Bristol Zoo with Year 3. The weather was perfect, and the children were hugely excited by all the different animals, insects, fish and birds we saw. They also had a workshop on 'endangered animals and their habitats' which we are covering in class. Would you like to have a Madagascan hissing cockroach on your hand? There was also the most beautifully coloured snake from the Amazon

which they could stroke - it was surprisingly cool to the touch. The meerkat mountain, the seals and the penguins were also firm favourites, as were the vibrantly coloured but delicate butterflies. Well done to all Year 3 for a most enjoyable trip! LW



Y4 TO CHELTENHAM SCIENCE FESTIVAL

On Thursday the Year 4s had a fantastic visit to the Cheltenham Science Festival. We had a demonstration about the Periodic Table and how it was compiled over many years. We went into the Discover Zone where we were able to get our hands on investigations such as how Canal Locks work, programming robots and eating locusts! We also visited the GCHQ tent with plenty of code breaking, the Loughborough University shed looking at how the body works, Hartpury College's tent on animal science and the Creativity Tent. There is a lot happening at the Science Festival (more than ever) and a lot of it is free. If you have any spare time this weekend, it is well worth a visit.

At several of the stands throughout the Festival our pupils were complimented on how well they behaved and on how well they approached the investigations. We are very proud of them, well done Year 4.



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 - BOYS

U11A v The Richard Pate School
Lost by 79 runs

On a lovely afternoon at the Victoria Ground the boys had a tough game against RPS. Luke won the toss and elected to field.

We started well with the ball, with wickets from Will and Harry restricting our opponents to 17 from the first 4 overs. Further wickets came from Alex and Jonny which made for a competitive first half of the innings. Then a combination of very good batting from our opponents and some misfielding led to them posting a very strong total of 155 for 4. Extras were also a significant contributor to the total.

George and Andrew opened our innings, scoring 22 and 12. They played some lovely shots and struck 5 boundaries between them. However a combination of accurate bowling and tidy fielding made it difficult to score at the required rate. Although we batted through our 20 overs and still had 5 wickets intact, we weren't able to challenge what proved to be a formidable total. We completed our innings on 76 for 5.

There were many positives to take from the game as well areas to improve. Well done boys for a good effort.

U11B v The Richard Pate School
Berkhampstead 325-6
Richard Pate 248-11

It was an excellent afternoon of cricket at the Victoria Ground on Wednesday. The U11Bs batted for the first innings and they played well with lots of 4s and 6s scored. Henry and Oscar had a good innings, scoring runs with almost every ball. Sebastien and Will also had a good innings. The boys finished on 325, a superb score. The excellent performance continued when the boys were fielding, and I was impressed with all the boys bowling and fielding. This was the best I had seen them play this season. The bowling was accurate with very few no balls or wides and the fielding was well organised.

It was an excellent win against RPS, and well deserved. Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the boys.

