



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



Encouraging a love of performing at a tender age  
@BerkyCheltenham #whenwewereyoung #Y6leavers2018

## NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

It has come to a poignant time in the lives of our Year 6 children. They are starting to think about next year, and many are meeting staff from their next school in preparation for the transfer. They can be reassured though that they are a brilliant group of children who will have much success in the future. They also have some wonderful memories of their time here and I have been thrilled to see the Year 6 #whenwewereyoung pictures on the school twitter feed; if you would like to see these then please follow us on @BerkyCheltenham.

I am sure that Year 6 will thoroughly enjoy their last half term at Berky – including the Art Exhibition (more to follow), Leavers' Recital at CLC, Gloucestershire Primary School's Athletics, Summer Fete, Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies drama production, Sports Day, various sports fixtures, Leavers' Disco and Speech Day. They will be busy!

Our annual Art Exhibition, held yesterday, was a huge success. It was lovely to see such a diverse range of painting, drawing and ceramics. It featured a piece from every child from Reception to Year 6 - it was wonderful to see all of this displayed together; it gave a lovely opportunity for parents across the school to come together and celebrate that every child is an artist. My huge thanks to Mrs Bareham for planning and co-ordinating this and all the staff who encourage the creative young minds in our care.

It's been a lovely week and I have seen so much going on outdoors. I have glimpsed Miss Latham in the Wildlife Garden with Year 1 Sketching Club – and Mrs Agg enthralled by the frogs in the Pond! I had a wonderful afternoon at the Victoria Ground as the boys took on St. Edward's while the girls played Hatherop Castle (see the match reports below). It was idyllic – sitting in the sun at arguably the best cricket ground in Cheltenham eating strawberries and cream! I dropped in on Year 4 at the Cheltenham Science Festival as they explored the Science Trail before dropping into the Discovery Zone. A brilliant event.

*Richard*

Richard Cross  
Headmaster



**FRIDAY 8TH JUNE**  
**SUMMER TERM**

## Diary dates...

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Mon 11th June

Prep Exam Week

2.30pm-3.15pm

New to Reception session

#### Tue 12th June

4.00pm – Rounders U9A, U9B  
and U8 v St Edward's (A)

#### Wed 13th June

2.30pm – Cricket U10 and U11  
v Dean Close (A)

2.30pm – Rounders U11A

and U11B v King's Gloucester (H)

2.30pm – Cricket U8 and U9  
v Hatherop (H)

#### Thu 14th June

6.30pm – Chess Prize Giving at  
Richard Pate

#### Fri 15th June

9.00am – Year 2 to Year 6

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2.45pm – Rounders U9A, U9B

and U8A, U8B v Richard Pate(A)

3.30pm – Cricket U9A and U9B  
v Dean Close (A)

#### Sat 16th June

6.00pm – PTA Midsummer Ball,  
The Queen's Hotel, Cheltenham



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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.

We are looking forward to the 'New to Reception' sessions on Mondays and it will be good to meet the children. Tea or coffee and cakes will be served in the gym. All parents are invited to come and meet other parents.

Early Years children and staff are practising for our Summer Concert; 'The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf.' 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 learn their lines.

During Early Years assembly on a Wednesday, two children from each class will be awarded a certificate (in a form of a leaf) for living Berky's values! The children will put their leaves on the relevant branches (honesty, kindness, perseverance, trust, and politeness) of the tree; each term they will take the certificate home. The children's names will be announced in the Newsletter alongside Early Years news.

The Pre-School children are being encouraged to be more independent within the setting ready for Reception. The Kindergarten staff have set eight challenges for the Pre-School children - for example, keeping pegs tidy, good table manners and following instructions; they will be awarded a sticker for each challenge met and when all challenges have been completed, a certificate will be awarded. The children are very excited, and their sights are set on completing all challenges by the end of this term

What a great day out Reception children and staff had visiting Warwick Castle. The children had a fabulous time exploring the castle grounds, learning about life in the castle and watching amazing historic events unfold. We visited lots of attractions from the Mighty Trebuchet, the largest working catapult in the world to watching the skill and power of

Warwick Castle's bowman as he explained the techniques and equipment used in this popular historic past time. It was a perfect day to introduce our new topic "Once Upon A Castle".

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 11th 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.

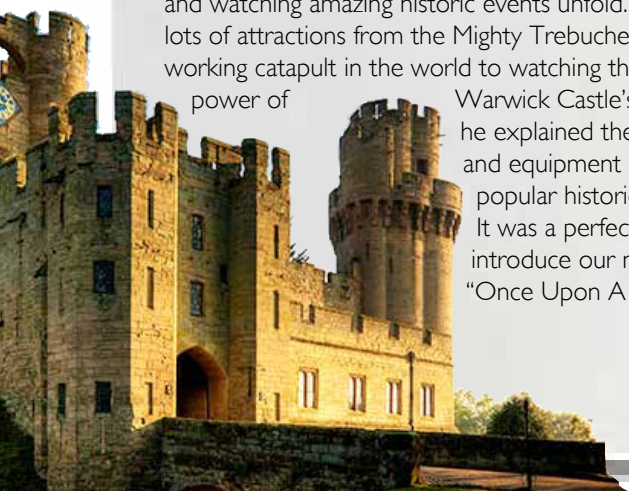


## THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

BERKHAMPSTEAD  
SCHOOL  
EARLY YEARS  
VALUES TREE

Kindergarten  
Charlie F and  
Harriet CW

Reception  
Asia D, Leo E, Jack F  
and Hugo H







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## Early Years diary dates

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.

### TRANSITION

11.6.18	2.30-3.15pm	New to Reception session (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
18.6.18	2.30-3.15pm	New to Reception session (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
25.6.18	2.30-3.15pm	New to Reception session (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
02.7.18	2.30-3.15pm	Moving up afternoon (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)

### CONCERTS

#### Mon 25th June - 9.15am 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 10am.*

#### Tues 26th June - 9.15am 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 10am. Coffee/tea will be served after the concert.*

#### Weds 27th June - 9.15am 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 10am. Coffee/tea will be served after the concert.*

### INTRODUCTORY EVENINGS FOR PARENTS

Tues 26th June - 7.00pm	New Kindergarten Introductory Evening
Thurs 28th June - 7.00pm	New Reception Introductory Evening

### SPORTS DAYS

#### Tues 3rd July - 2.15pm Pre-Prep Sports Day

*Reception children to wear PE kits and bring in their sun hats and water bottles.*

#### Weds 4th July - 9.30am 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.*

Tues 10th July - 2.15pm	Pre Prep RESERVE Sports Day
Weds 11th July - 9.30am	Kindergarten RESERVE Sports Day

### TRIPS

Thurs 7th June	Reception trip to Warwick Castle
Tues 10th July	Pre school trip to Cotswold Farm Park

### CELEBRATIONS

Sat 23rd June	Summer Fayre
Thurs 12th July	Early Years Party - Prince, Knights and Princesses Party. All Kindergarten are invited for the day.
Friday 13th July at 12 noon	Kindergarten and Reception depart from school.

## Missing...

B Jenkins - Overall  
H Hunt - Jumper  
E Vincent -  
Summer dress and blazer  
M Cass - Jumper  
G Atkin - Jumper



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## News from around the school...



### READY, STEADY, GROW!

This term Year 2 have been studying plants in their topic 'Ready, Steady, Grow'. They have enjoyed a visit to Batsford Arboretum and have become very knowledgeable about how plants grow and reproduce. They have now moved on to learning more about pollination and how amazingly clever bees are! On Monday we had a visit from a member of the Gloucestershire Bee-keeping Association who taught us all about his hobby – we learnt so many new facts.

### YEAR 4 VISIT THE CHELTENHAM SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Year 4 had a lovely morning at the Cheltenham Town Hall on Thursday.

On arrival we went to the Hartpury Science Hub. Inside the tent we were able to experiment with their thermal camera, experience what it is like to ride a horse, test our reaction speed and play the drums!

Then we went into the Crucible tent where we had a presentation about uncovering the invisible. The scientists discussed many things in our world that we are unable to see such as x-rays, radio waves, heat and gases around us. They did several experiments: making smoke rings, knocking plastic cups off heads using air and looking through a microscope to see microscopic spiders crawling over cheese!

We then completed a trail around the gardens based on a variety of animals from the Mantis Shrimp to Peregrine Falcons.

Finally we went into the Discover zone. Many companies and universities helped our pupils to complete their own investigations from making circuits, playing with Virtual Reality, looking at micro-organisms to cracking codes (GCHQ).

The science festival is a great event in Cheltenham that we really enjoyed. It is running over this weekend. We heartily recommend you visit it.

The bee-keeper showed his special protective suit to the children; it had an integrated hood and 'mask' so that the bees couldn't get inside – however, they could still sting through the material – and sometimes did! He explained that he was first stung 47 years ago and had a severe reaction so had to go to hospital, but he ignored the doctor's advice to give up bee-keeping and has been doing it ever since – he has developed an immunity to the sting now.

He explained the different role that the bees have in their hive and the importance of the queen bee. As he was talking, Jacob said that he could hear buzzing – and sure enough, he was sitting next to a closed case which was housing about 1000 bees! The children were then able to observe the live bees in a sealed observation unit and could spot the queen bee because she had a yellow spot painted on her body which signified that she was born in 2017 (queen bees born this year have a blue spot – it's an international code).

The children were completely engaged and asked lots of interesting questions; they have become bee experts!!

Finally we were also able to taste honey from local hives. Most children loved it, but a few were reluctant. We compared the local 'mixed flower' honey to a pure heather honey which fewer children liked!

This afternoon was the perfect start to our busy period of rehearsals for the Year 2 production 'Bees' which shares a key message about the vital importance of bees and how humans must do their best to promote their survival.







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PTA NEWS...

### SUMMER FAYRE - 23RD JUNE

# BERKY PTA SUMMER FAYRE!

Saturday 23rd June 2-4pm



## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Face Painting \* Games \* Ice creams \* Tombola \* Pimms \*  
Strawberries & cream \* Tug of War \* Coconut Shy \* Guess  
the teacher \* Beer Bar \* World Cup Football on the Big Screen  
\* Tea, Coffee & Cakes \*  
And so much more...

## Famous Berky Raffle of Fabulous Summer Hampers

Come on down for an afternoon of fun and laughter and raise some final pennies for the amazing Wellbeing Pod!

### Toy table...

Please could parents bring in any unwanted toys for the toy table at the Summer Fete. Please can they be clean and in saleable order - and puzzles with all the pieces!

Please bring to school office on Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd June.  
Thank You.



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## Sports report...

### CRICKET

**U11A v St Edward's**

**Won by 4 wickets**

**St Edward's 105-8**

**Berkhampstead 106-6**

The U11A team continued their good season with a victory against St Edward's. Our opponents batted first and struggled to score in the first half of their innings due to some accurate bowling and excellent fielding by the Berky boys. George R had an excellent spell, bowling twelve consecutive dot balls. Soon wickets began to fall with Andrew, Rhys, George de B-T and James S all gaining success. Adam was excellent in the field, taking three catches. St Edward's closed their innings on 105 for 8.

Our boys batted sensibly and were ahead of the run rate from the first over. Luke batted solidly for 12 and was well supported with a super knock from Charlton of 14. Coming in at number 4, Adam took the game away from St Edward's with a quick fire 31, which included two sixes, one of which he hit out of the ground. Benji and Andrew saw us through to victory in the sixteenth over, with Andrew hitting the winning run. Berky finished on 106 for 6, winning by 4 wickets.

Well done, boys, for another fine performance and many thanks to all of the parents for their support.

**U11B v St Edward's**  
**Berkhampstead 298-4**  
**St Edward's 234-5**

It was an excellent afternoon of cricket at the Victoria Ground on Wednesday. The U11Bs batted for the first innings and they played well. Ed and Jensen started and took every run that they could, scoring a respectable 20. Archie and Lincoln were next and hit a 4, scoring 26 in total. Alex D and Will also hit a 4 as well as a 6, scoring 26 runs too. James C-G and Eliot hit four 4s and scored 14 runs in total. Then finally Jack and Will P went into bat and hit two 4s, scoring 12. The boys finished their innings on 298 runs. I was impressed with all the boys bowling and fielding. This was the best I had seen them play all season. The bowling was accurate with very few no balls or wides and the fielding was well organised. This was commented on by their teacher and parents that came to watch.

It was an excellent win against St Edward's on a warm, sunny afternoon. Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the boys.

**U11B v St. Edward's**  
**Berkhampstead 168-1**  
**St. Edward's 83-9**

The U11B team had a superb and convincing win against St. Edward's last Wednesday. Batting first the first pair (Finn and Charlie) set a great score of 40 runs off their 3 overs. The second pair (James CG and Oscar A) steadied the run rate - this set the tone with the next two pairs all contributing well, taking the score onto 321 for no wickets. The final pair (Oscar H and Noah) came out to bat, determined to hit out and this they did, scoring a superb 47 runs off 3 overs. The bowling started well too with great overs from Charlie, Harry W, Benji J, George and Jack E. The fielding was superb too with an amazing catch from Charlie on the square-leg boundary and plenty of run outs. A superb all-round performance which led to a convincing win by 85 runs.







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### ROUNDERS

#### U11 v Rendcomb College

**Won 15½ - 7½**

'Top pitches' at Rendcomb is a glorious sight when bathed in sunshine as it was for the under 11A match. This was a tremendous all-round lesson in how to bat, bowl, run between the posts, make the correct decisions and field at a very high level. Berky batted first and after a slowish start the girls put their foot on the gas and started to connect with the ball and it went sailing out into the deep field area. Two whole rounders were scored by Zoe and one each by Sarah and Ella with many half rounders. Our total came to 8 rounders after the first innings. Our fielding was then completely amazing! Three catches by Emily, Mollie and Florrie with great work between Mollie at backstop and Alice on first post got seven of their players out. Their score was 5 rounders so still close enough to be a slight concern. In our second batting innings it was Florrie's turn to score 2 whole rounders with Alice and Emily scoring one each. Our total was a fantastic 15½ rounders. If the fielding was very good in the first innings it was even better in the second. Numerous stumpings at first post, and another catch by Mollie meant that the whole Rendcomb team were out after only 19 of the 27 balls. This match was super to watch from every aspect and the girls are to be congratulated on a spectacular performance! The final score was a convincing win by 15½ rounders to 7½.

#### U9A and B v Hatherop Castle

**11½ to 10½ win**

After a late start at the Victoria Ground (which was bathed in sunshine), this combined A and B team match began... and goodness, what a close match! For the first innings, an U9A team batted and then fielded against the Hatherop team. It was not a good start to say the least and after the first 4 balls, there had been no score, but a loss of two girls - one caught out and one stumped. It did pick up, however, and after some excellent hits and running from Becky (2½ rounders) and Phoebe (1½ rounders) and a further one from Bella, the score at the end of the first innings was 5 rounders to Hatherop's 4½. The second innings saw the U9B girls take their turn and the score gradually crept up with a series of

half rounders. The tally was also improved by some poor bowling from Hatherop which led to the B team completing their innings with a total of 6½ rounders and a combined Berky total of 11½. Hatherop needed 7½ to win, but after some super fielding and excellent decision making by Berky, this was prevented. Their final score was 10½ rounders and so it was a close Berky win. Well done to all the U9 girls - very much a whole team effort!

#### U8 Red and Blue v Hatherop

**Won 13-11**

Hatherop's late arrival meant a delayed start but the Under 8's first match of the season finally got underway. An excited Red team batted first in the bright sunshine with some big hits straight away. This, along with some enthusiastic running, meant they soon scored some complete rounders; Uma first, followed by Jennella and Aurielle. Uma went on to score three more complete rounders and a half, making her the high scorer of the afternoon. What a great start!

Some lucky catches for Hatherop meant we lost some good players early on in the game but the Red Team held it together to score a fantastic nine rounders in this first innings. It was then our turn to field. A bit of a nervous start meant we gave away a few half rounders but Rosemary soon settled into her role as bowler. After a few reminders to stump their posts, the Berky girls put in a good effort fielding, with Elodie and Hannah stumping their posts consistently, preventing Hatherop from scoring all but two complete rounders.

Running considerably late, the second innings had to be shortened. We ended up batting first again with some more big hits from Uma as well as Holly and Beatrice. Fielding, we again gave away a few half rounders but there was some good decision making from backstop Beatrice which meant Hatherop had little chance to score any complete rounders. An excellent effort all round with a very satisfactory win and final score of 13-11. Well done U8s!

