



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

It has been a particularly busy and eventful week, beginning on Monday with Millie W's Cake Pops sale to raise money for the Open Door charity; I am delighted to announce that she raised an astonishing £116.61. Thank you to everyone who supported her, both by helping at the sale and buying and eating the cakes.

Thank you, too, to those who brought in additional donations of tinned food, packets and bottles of squash. Millie and her mum will be delivering the proceeds to Open Door very soon. Well done, Millie – all that baking and creating was well worth it!

Shrove Tuesday saw the Prep House Pancake Races on the MUGA, watched by crowds of Pre-Prep children and many parents. There were many fantastic examples of swift, determined running but even more pleasing to witness was the encouragement that the members of each house gave to the participants and the way that children for whom things went less than smoothly (falling over, shoes flying off, pancakes dropped etc.) showed resilience and pressed on regardless. The result was – for the second year running - a four-way tie, so each house was awarded a suitably coloured frying pan trophy.

The South West heat of the National Quiz Club Championship took place on Wednesday. Our four quiz champions - Alice (Y3), Charles (Y4), Alessio (Y5) and team captain Oscar A (Y6) - set off with Mr Cole and Mrs Agg for Beaudesert Park. In spite of taking the scenic route, they arrived in good time and acquitted themselves admirably, coming a respectable 6th. It was an interesting and educational event as well as being great fun. We are all very proud!

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH
SPRING TERM

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sat 9th March

Open Morning 9.30-11.30

Chess congress at St Gregory's
9am-3pm

Mon 11th March

6.00pm - Year 4 and Year 5

Future Schools Information Evening,
Prep Hall

Tue 12th March

NO AFTER SCHOOL

PREP YOGA CLUB

Wed 13th March

9.00am - Year 1 Assembly
parents welcome

2.00pm - Netball U1A, U1B,
U10A, U10B v St Edward's (A)

2.00pm - Football U1A, U1B,
U1C, U9, U8 v Wycliffe (A)

Thu 14th March

NO AFTER SCHOOL

PREP NETBALL AND
FOOTBALL CLUB

Fri 15th March

2.30pm - Netball U8 and U9
v King's Glos (H)

8.40am Visiting Head's Assembly -
Mrs N Huggett - CCPS - Parents
invited to watch assembly and join
Mrs Huggett for coffee in
Prep Foyer.





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NEWS FROM THE HEAD CONTINUED

On the same day, the Year 6 children held their break time market as part of the 'Fiver Challenge' they have been working on with Mr Banks as their Carousel activity. Advertising posters had been produced and started appearing around the Prep last week so everyone knew what they wanted to buy from a vast range of products such as decorated stones, keyrings and various edible delicacies. Mrs Agg was delighted with her 'Iron Man' keyring, bought for her by two very thoughtful Year 3 girls!

At the end of the day, we also received the great news that the U9 boys had won the Hatherop Castle Football Tournament. They returned to school with a beautiful trophy which will be displayed with pride in our House trophy cabinet.

Thursday was World Book Day. Always game for a bit of dressing up, I donned my 'Baby Bear' costume and joined in with the hordes of Early Years and Year 1 book characters - princesses, crocodiles, witches and pirates. Every child had the opportunity to listen to a talk by Clare Elsom, who told them all about how she came to be a successful author/illustrator and gave them some useful advice about drawing characters before reading from one of her books. The children also had the chance to buy copies of her books afterwards.

Friday, too, had plenty to offer. In assembly, Mrs McInnes started the 'Berky Gets Greener' campaign with a talk in both Prep and Pre-Prep assemblies. The children will be forming an Eco-committee which will work with Mrs McInnes and the staff to promote recycling and a more careful use of our planet's resources both in school and at home. We were delighted to see so many children wanting to be part of this vital initiative; many thanks to Mrs McInnes for spearheading this campaign.

Perhaps the most magical event of all, though, happened in KG, where ten eggs and an incubator had been delivered. Every day, the children had the privilege of witnessing the miracle of new life as each egg cracked to reveal its initially rather slimy occupant; however, the chicks soon managed to acclimatise and become fluffy and cute.

Tomorrow is Open Morning. Our school is looking lovely with all the beautiful artwork produced by your children up on the walls. Thank you to all the children who are giving up their Saturday morning to represent the school, in particular those who are taking our visitors on tours; there will be edible rewards!

Finally, we hope to see plenty of parents of Year 4 and Year 5 children at Monday's Future Schools Information Evening (6.00 in the Prep Hall). This is a very useful evening, imparting information about the choice of schools, the relevant dates and the procedures for registration. It is also a good chance to ask any questions you have about the process. There will also be a short talk on e-safety and the latest internet pitfalls and dangers given by Mrs Bareham.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster





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Chess congress...

Please note tomorrow's chess congress will be from 9am - 3pm

Missing...

Raincoat and tracksuit bottoms
G. Atkin

News from around the school

NATIONAL SCHOOLS' QUIZ CHAMPIONSHIP

The Berky quiz team travelled to Beaudesert School this week for the regional heat of the National Schools' Quiz Championship. After 40 demanding questions about flags, rivers, battles, monarchs and planets, Berkhampstead finished a creditable sixth out of nine teams. These quizzes are always enormous fun and this week's event proved an exciting and worthwhile venture. Well done to Oscar A (captain), Alessio T, Charles C and Alice S. MC

CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday 14th February

We arrived at Cheltenham College, the weather was ok and the course is relatively flat, so things were looking good! All the runners worked hard and pushed themselves; there were some great finishes with a few of the runners finding some last minute energy!

Well done to all of you for working so hard and taking part. Well done to Becky for being the first Berky girl in, coming in 10th and well done Jonathan for being the first Berky boy, 74th, at Yr 5 and below. Jensen was the first Yr 6 boy to come in, 44th, and Anna who was the first Yr 6 girl from Berky to come in, 38th.

Thursday 28th February

It was a wet Thursday and we arrived at St Edward's ready to go! It's a tough course on a dry day, but after a thorough warm up all the runners were ready to go. Approximately 85 pupils run in each age group so the start is a busy place! After the first lap they were sent up the BIG hill; it's a hard, long, steep hill and in the wet weather it was all the more difficult. Well done to Ethan for being the first Yr 5 boy from Berky to come in and Becky for coming in 10th again. Well done Anna and Millie for coming in 34th and 35th and Jensen for being the first Berky boy to come in, 48th.

Well done to all runners:

Year 6
Anna T
Vamika B
Millie W
Hattie S
Edith H
Jensen A
Noah W

Year 5 and below
Jonathan B
Rupert G
Otto B
Rosemary B
Rebecca F
Joy C
Arabella W



CONGRATULATIONS...

To our U9 boys who won the football tournament at Hatherop on Wednesday.





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Sports report...

U8 v Dean Close Lost 4-2

11 of the Year 3 girls boarded the school mini bus ready to play their first netball match and what a match it was! Not only was it their first match but it was also in the sports hall so we had to get to grips with the different coloured lines! After we had established it was the blue lines we were good to go. The girls had a great start, Maisie got a goal within the first few minutes. Lucinda and Zoe worked hard in defence, trying to keep with their quick opposition. Kitty made some good runs onto the ball. Unfortunately Dean Close had found their feet and were working hard to keep possession of the ball. They managed to sneak two goals in, we went 4-1 down. Ellie made some good interceptions, helping the team keep an advantage. Primmy and Isla worked really well in the centre court and attacking third together, making some strong passes and great interceptions. With their great team work they passed the ball into the attacking third and we got another goal. Hannah and Chloe had good movement around the court into space and made some good passes. Alice worked hard in the second half whilst in defence and made some great interceptions that allowed us to gain possession. Thea made some good drives away from her defender to get free for the ball. It was a great first game, lots to work on but a great first effort.

Well done girls.

U8 Red Team v St Edward's Lost 7-0

We arrived at St Edward's as the rain started to fall; we wandered to the outside courts to warm up. It was decided that we would move inside because it was too wet. The team got to watch the U9 games before they went on court, taking note of some great play by the U9 girls. The indoor court is a short narrow court, so it took a while for the girls to get used to this; with a few mistakes regarding the courts we gave a few passes away. It was a quick game and St Edwards shooters were on great form and didn't miss in the first few minutes. We struggled to get in front of our defenders when we had possession. We had some good passes, but it just wasn't our game! We have things to work on ready for the next match!

Well done girls, good effort.

U9B v Rendcomb College Draw 6-6

This was a rearranged match after a deluge earlier in the season had prevented play. After a slow start from the Berky girls (at half time we were 3-1 down) it became a fantastically thrilling game to watch towards the end, and it was great to see how much the girls have matured in their play. Intelligent decisions were being made and the Berky girls played exceptionally well with good pace, passing and defending. Bea-Bea, Anna and Elodie were phenomenal at attacking and getting the ball into the D and to the excellent pairing of Holly and Matilda E. This enabled Matilda to score 6 times and their excellent teamwork was noted by the opposition who voted Holly as player of the match.

U10B v Kitebrook Lost 10-4

A close game in which the ball went end to end. However, Kitebrook proved a bit more accurate with their passes. Poppy and Bella both battled well in the centre creating space and making good passes. On the wings, Charlotte, Kimora and Daisy all made a good effort to mark their players and find space. In the defending D, Cressie, Viera and Phoebe all marked their players well. Viera and Phoebe in particular were looking for the interception. In the attack, Eleri, Bella and Hazel all created chances and scored 4 goals. A good performance but the girls were pipped at the post.





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Sports report...

FOOTBALL

U8 Buffaloes v Rendcomb

Draw 0-0

This was a very well fought game which we were unfortunate not to win. In the first half Rendcomb put a little extra pressure on us but we were able to defend well and make the occasional attack in their half.

The second half saw us with the majority of possession and many chances to score. We were able to keep the ball in Rendcomb's half for the majority of the 15 minutes but were unable to find the back of the net. When Rendcomb counter-attacked we were able to defend well and get the ball back into an attacking position.

The boys are all improving their game skills and positional play. A well-played game.

U8 Bisons v Rendcomb

Win 6-0

Last Friday the U8 football team played Rendcomb at the Victoria Ground. The boys started well, applying lots of pressure on Rendcomb and they started scoring goals early on. The boys worked together and created some great chances, passing the ball well and really thinking about where they needed to be to receive the ball. At half time it was 5-0 to Berkhampstead.

In the second half, Rendcomb made a couple of changes which put more pressure on our boys. This didn't deter them though and they still managed to get another goal and the match finished 6-0. A fantastic win!

Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the boys.

U9A v Richard Pate

Won 5-3

On Friday our U9s travelled to RPS to play in what turned out to be an exciting encounter. Both teams attacked from the off but the better of the chances seemed to fall our way. Will C and Patrick linked well and Harry and Albie B contributed to some decisive moves in attack. Our defence were solid with Henry R, Oli and Freddie in goal, making few if any mistakes. At half time we were 3-0 up. However, as so often happens in U9 matches we took our foot off the gas and RPS came on the attack, and despite some good defence from Rufus, Oli and Freddie we conceded two quick goals. Henry seemed to steady the ship at right-half and we began once again to build some lovely triangular moves up front with two further goals from Will C and Patrick

who completed a lovely move with Harry, Will and Henry R to complete yet another hat-trick. Despite a goal in the dying minutes from RPS the result never looked in doubt with Berky comfortably winning 5-3. Well done boys.

U9B v Richard Pate

Lost 1-2

The U9B had a super match against RPS last Friday. Our boys played with great energy and enthusiasm and created lots of attacking opportunities. The first half was a little frenetic but improved greatly as we spread out and had more success with our passing. Will J, Harry M and Albie B-C worked tirelessly in midfield and Mateo, Charles and Hugo made some fine tackles at the back, leaving Will S fairly untroubled in goal. Our goals came with fine finishes by Henry T and Robert. Well done boys for an excellent game and many thanks to our supporters.

U9A v Hatherop Castle

Won 3, Drew 1

Our U9As played in a tournament on Wednesday in wet and windy conditions. However, the weather didn't deter the boys from playing some excellent football. Despite the small sized goals, the boys managed to put three excellent wins together in the group stages. We beat St Hughes 1-0 with an excellent goal from Patrick, Rendcomb 3-0 with two more goals from Patrick and Will C and Kitebrook 2-0 with a couple of fortuitous goals from Henry R and Will C. Having won our group, we played the winners of group one, St Edward's. As we have done throughout the season, we built decisive moves from the back line. Freddie, Oli and Henry rarely looked in trouble and were often able to make good use of the space in front of them to create excellent moves for our attack. Rufus, Albie B, Harry, Will C and Patrick all played their part producing some excellent football throughout the afternoon but in the final game they couldn't quite manage to find the back of the St Edward's net. With the game goalless after extra-time and no penalties to decide the outcome, the match was declared a draw with both teams sharing the spoils. The boys played superbly throughout the wet blustery afternoon, they were a credit to the school and themselves. Well done boys.

U10A v King's, Worcester

Won 5-0

Wednesday was a great day for football. Manchester United defied the odds to beat

PSG in the Champions League and the U10A team achieved their first win of the season with a stunning performance against RGS King's Worcester. The boys started this match at pace and applied lots of pressure, firing shots at their goal. This continued for the rest of match with lots of positive play and some great passes. Lincoln scored a hat-trick in the first half and at half time it was 4-0 to Berkhampstead. In the second half, there were a couple of changes, but the pace of play continued, and another goal was scored. Jack had an excellent game, retaining possession and thinking about where he had to pass the ball to help the team score again. The match finished 5-0 to Berkhampstead.

Well done boys! You deserved to win. It was an impressive performance. Many thanks to the parents and friends that came to support the boys.

U10B v King's, Worcester

Won 6-0

Another emphatic victory against King's, Worcester for the U10B team. They seem unbeatable at home with dogged defence, midfield mastery and superb striking! Harry scored four goals and Archie one, but the goal of the day went to Jonathan who took a shot (he said it was a cross) from an acute angle which thundered into the net past a bemused King's goalkeeper. What a shot! Another great team performance - well done boys!

U11 v King's, Worcester

Lost 3-1

The U11 played against the strongest team we have encountered this season. We were on the back foot in the first half as our opponents passed well and kept possession. We went 1-0 down early on but worked hard to equalise with a fine goal from George. We then conceded 2 more goals before half time.

The second half saw the Berky spirit shine through. We battled so hard and ran our socks off to compete well with King's. Andrew, Jensen, Oscar H and Luke showed excellent energy and commitment and Ed and Oscar A made several fine tackles at the back. Finian also made some super saves in goal. A 0-0 second half was an excellent effort.

This was a tough game in which our boys competed superbly. Well done boys and thanks as always to our supporters.

Reminder...
Wycliffe football matches are now starting at 2pm due to the races.
Rearranged U9B Football 22 March away at St Edward's starting at 2.45pm