



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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 looked a little weary but this week I have heard exciting tales of canoeing, mountain biking, crate stacking and climbing. Let's ask the children what they thought ...

"I loved riding up the hills but riding down was even better."

"It was great because we were already familiar with Viney Hill ... the campfire songs were cheesy and fun."

'While you were learning, you were also having fun!' 'I liked falling in the water!'

'Soaking Mr Banks was a highlight!' 'Painful, but fun mountain biking!'

In my assembly on Monday I picked up on the terrorist events of the last few weeks with regard to the importance of communities 'connecting' ... one of our Five Ways to Wellbeing. We appreciate that children should be somewhat sheltered from these awful events but they are also aware of some aspects. I focussed on the positives though and particularly mentioned the 'One Love Manchester' Concert that brought so many people and amazing musicians together at such short notice. In any community there can be discord and I went on to explain to the pupils how each of us must be strong to stand up for what is right. I used the short Pixar film 'For The Birds' and, in addition for the Prep, I used Edmund Burke's quote 'The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing' to support the message. Through our CWB curriculum, regular assemblies and talks from the NSPCC/Childline, we educate the children on what bullying is using the acronym STOP ... Several Times On Purpose. We also encourage them to be sensitive to and respectful of others, how to respond to incidents of bullying and to stand strong together. I am glad that, through our regular Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning on-line pupil survey, all the children surveyed (Years 4, 5 and 6) said they feel safe and secure in school.

An enormous thank you to the Year 6 parents. Through donations to the PTA representatives and through deposit donations too, the Year 6 parents have enabled the school to purchase a purpose-built display cabinet for the Prep Foyer. This will display the House Trophies (ranging from the House Chess Cup to the Pancake Race Trophy ... and many others too) and the trophies won by the school in sport, chess, music etc. It will be a great addition to a refurbished Prep Foyer and will be in place for September. I am sure the Year 6 pupils and parents will return to see their wonderful gift. Thank you – and if there are any Year 6 parents still wishing to make a donation ...!

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 together, including drawings, paintings, ceramics and sculptures across all year groups ... Reception 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. Many thanks to Mrs Bareham for her hours of hard work putting the exhibition together.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 9TH JUNE
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 12th Jun

Prep Exam week

Tue 13th Jun

Year 2 trip to Over Farm
4.00pm - Rounders U9 and U8
v St Edward's (A)

Wed 14th Jun

2.30pm – Cricket U11 2 teams
v Dean Close & Cheltenham

College Prep School (A)

2.30pm – Cricket U9 v

St Edward's (H)

2.30pm – Rounders U11, U10, U9

v King's Gloucester (H)

Thu 15th Jun

2.30pm – 3.15pm –

New to Reception session

6.30pm – 8.00pm

Year 6 Recital in the Prince Michael
Hall, Dean Close School

Fri 16th Jun

9.00am Opro Mouthguarding

Fitting – Year 2 to Year 6

3.30pm – Cricket U9 v

Dean Close (A)





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News from around the school

KINDERGARTEN

Welcome back. I 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.

Kindergarten children are continuing to enjoy activities centred around The Gruffalo and had news this week he has gone off on holiday! Reception children are enjoying their 'Stories from the Same Author' topic.

Excitement is building up in Early Years and there is much preparation behind the scenes for our Summer Concert, "Once Upon a Time". The children are enjoying singing the songs and learning their lines. Please remember costumes to be in a named bag and handed in no later than 19.6.17.

We are looking forward to the New to Reception session on Thursday 15th June 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.

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 Kindergarten children went on an exciting trip to the cookery room where they made Gruffalo Crumble! The young chefs had a fantastic time making their crumble especially getting their hands messy with the crumble mixture! They talked about how the butter and flour changed as they mixed them together. Very proud children carried their crumble home with instructions on how to cook it. We hope you enjoyed it and are sure it tasted scrumptious. The children and staff had such a great time that more trips to the cookery room have been planned!

Early years dates for diary...

Date / Time	Event
TRANSITION	
15.6.17: 2.30 :3.15	New to Reception session (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
22.6.17 2.30 :3.15	New to Reception session (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
29.6.17 2.30 :3.15	New to Reception session (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
3.7.17 2.30 :3.15	Moving up afternoon (coffee/tea served in gym for parents)
CONCERTS	
Mon 26 th June 9.15	EY dress rehearsal All Preschool children invited for rehearsal. If your child does not attend the morning session please collect your child at 10.30
Tues 27 th June 9.15	EY concert (Pre-school parents invited) Coffee /tea will be served after the concert
Weds 28 th June 9.15	EY concert (Reception parents invited) Coffee /tea will be served after the concert
Fri 30 th June 9.15	Kindergarten concert (Kindergarten parents invited) (Children who are staying in Kindergarten in September) The children will be performing a medley of songs. The concert will be held in the Andrews Gym at 9.15 and coffee will be served after the concert.
INTRODUCTORY EVENINGS FOR PARENTS	
Tues 27 th June 7.00	New Kindergarten Introductory Evening
Thurs 29 th June 7.00	New Reception Introductory Evening
SPORTS DAYS	
Tues 4 th July 2.15	Pre-Prep Sports Day
Weds 5 th July 9.30	Kindergarten Sports Day
Tues 11 th July 2.15	Pre-Prep RESERVE Sports Day
Weds 12 th July 9.30	Kindergarten RESERVE Sports Day
TRIP	
Thurs 6 th July	Early Years trip to Forest of Dean (All Kindergarten children invited)



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MUSIC

Congratulations to Rhys L who auditioned for a place at the Royal Academy of Music (Junior Department) in London last week. He has been offered a place at this world-renowned conservatoire to further his music education on Saturdays during term time. Rhys apparently approached the audition with a characteristic Berky 'can-do' attitude and enjoyed talking to the professors about his interests and experiences. He demonstrated technical skills and expressive qualities on the bassoon and piano, plus aural and sight-reading ability and they were obviously impressed. Rhys has only been playing the bassoon for 2 years!

Y6 Recital

Y6 will be presenting their evening Recital at Dean Close School next Thursday from 6.00pm.

They will need instruments and music in school during the day for a dress rehearsal.

Final rehearsal arrangements with music tutors as follows:

Monday - Brass 1.00 / Percussion 4-4.30 (TBC)

Tuesday - Jazz Combo 11.00

Wednesday - Strings 8.20

Thursday - Keyboard Orchestra 8.10 / Brass 1.00

Associated Board Music Exams

Confirmed for Saturday 8th July at school. All the exams will be in the morning and I will confirm the timing of appointments as soon as possible.

Music lessons next week

Music lessons will continue next week with allowances made to prioritise school exams. Pupils should check the noticeboard carefully for the rotas.

Mr Trim will be teaching string lessons on Thursday instead of Wednesday (Monday lessons as usual).

Cotswold Music Courses

These popular summer holiday music sessions are based in Stroud with Mr Trim and other local music tutors. Please see the poster on the Prep notice board for further details.

CAKE AT BREAK

The PTA's popular 'Cake at Break' took place on Tuesday. Cakes were jointly donated by Year 5 and Reception parents, and the popular event raised a most respectable £183. Thanks to everyone who provided such yummy treats.



For a snapshot into Berky life, check out our Twitter feed, @BerkyCheltenham. You don't need to become a follower to see our tweets. Simply search 'Twitter, Berky Cheltenham.'



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Sports report...

ROUNDERS

U8A v Cheltenham College Prep (A) Won 8½ - 7

The girls got off to a cracking start on a very windy Wednesday afternoon at Cheltenham College. We had a great first innings with Phoebe, Isla, Penny, Isi and Grace all scoring rounders or half rounders. They did very well considering CCPS had a strong and quick fielding team. We were playing carefully but confidently. CCPS then had their turn to bat. Berky girls put up a good fight and a special mention goes to Isla for her quick and accurate bowling and Phoebe for her fantastic back stop skills. This meant that the score at end of the first innings was 4½ to 3½ to Berky.

The girls continued to play a strong game throughout the second innings. Our fielding was strong, with the girls making good and quick decisions. We held our leading position and the match ended at 8½ - 7 to Berky. We done to all girls, you were all fantastic!

U8B v Cheltenham College Prep (A) Lost 8 - 4½ loss.

In the same conditions as the U9 girls, the U8B team coped really well and played superbly. The girls were put into bat first by Cheltenham College Prep and steadily crept their score up to 2½ with half rounders scored intermittently. However, their fielding was superb and even though the Cheltenham College girls were excellent hitters, our fielding meant that they were limited to scoring 6 rounders off the first innings and we got 3 of their batters out. Jasmine's bowling was fantastic and Viera made excellent decisions at backstop. In the second innings, 2 rounders were scored by each team and the play was much more evenly matched as our girls had increased in confidence and began to enjoy the game! It was wonderful to see!

U9A v Cheltenham College Prep Lost 9 - 6½

Both teams had to battle against the wind in this match and conditions were rather unfavorable for rounders! Nevertheless, after being put in to bat first, a good start was made and we scored 3½ rounders in the first innings, including a phenomenal

rounder from Millie off a backward hit (which set my heart racing with the stress of it!). A further 3 rounders (Hattie and Bea) were scored in the second innings, which was only 9 good balls, so was very impressive and demonstrated that the first half was only a warm up! The girls' fielding was wonderful and excellent decisions were made; however, the Cheltenham College girls were just a bit more confident of their play and scored 6½ rounders in their first innings and a further 2½ off the extra 9 balls of the second innings, bringing their total to 9.

U9B v Cheltenham College Prep Lost 9½ - 2½

Well, the wind was blowing a gale and may have knocked the posts down on a few occasions but this didn't blow the team spirit out of the U9 girls. We were first in to bat and as every batter stepped into the box they had the whole team behind them cheering them with courteous enthusiasm. Unfortunately, Berkhamstead played a lot of 'safe play', not 'risking it' to get in the half or whole rounders and what with Cheltenham College having some big hitters we finished the first innings 3½ rounders- 0 down. Come the second innings we did get some points on the score sheet but only through double faults on the bowling. However, come fielding, the girls seemed to have got into their flow and managed to get three of their players out but unluckily it was still a win for Cheltenham College finishing the game at 9½ - 2½. The girls demonstrated exceptional behaviour and represented the school fabulously. It was a fun game and I believe it was enjoyed by all.

U11A v RPS

Lost 8½ - 8

What a game! Winning the toss, Berky decided to field, and field they did to a very high standard. Super catches, accurate throws and great fielding between all our players meant Berky restricted Richard Pate to 4½ rounders. The highlight was a massive throw by Lola which went straight to Lovisa on 4th post stopping a definite rounder and also getting the RPS girl out. A super start! Berky then batted and got a slightly disappointing total of 4½. Katie scored 2 rounders and Amelia 1½ rounders. All to play for in the

second innings! Again, our second fielding innings was fantastic, 4 girls were out consecutively and the whole team were out before the 27 balls could be bowled. Surely Berky could win this one with their amazing batting! Sadly, it was not to be which was slightly frustrating as the whole team can hit huge rounders on a regular basis. The final score was 8½ to Richard Pate and 8 to Berky. The team fully deserved a win because of the extremely high standard of fielding in both innings but it goes to show all different parts of the game need to be on song to nail a victory. Well tried!

U11B v RPS

Lost 7 - 6½

Berky lost the toss and were put in to bat first. I was most impressed by some splendid hitting skills as illustrated by Fran and Eve who scored well. Daisy also managed a plucky rounder through some gutsy running. Many of the team hit the ball and pushed Richard Pate to field as tightly as they could. The first innings saw Berky with a total of 15 rounders. Rowan then opened the bowling and, thanks to strong throwing by backstop Fran and safe catching by Eve, had the first three RPS players stumped out a second post. Rowan steadily kept a good bowling style and allowed only a few half rounders lost due to no balls. The Berky U11Bs were put to the test several times around third and fourth post but Naomi and Daisy held firm and produced some most exciting fielding. Kayley, Claire, Evie and captain Flora all gave a good account of themselves in the deep field.

The second innings saw half rounders scored by Rowan, Eve and Naomi bringing the Berky total to 7 rounders. Richard Pate could not quite manage a sufficient response and allowed Berky to win by a hair's breadth. A very close run match played in fine spirit. Bravo!



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Sports report...

CRICKET

U8 v Hatherop

Throughout the first half of the summer term the Year 3 boys had been working really hard to get to grips with the difficult skills that are needed to play cricket. Their hard effort paid off in their first match as both teams came away from Hatherop Castle with a win.

The Bisons, captained by Jonathan, won 222 runs to 215. Lincoln was the highest scorer with 8 runs and Rupert was second with 4 runs. The Buffaloes, captained by Alex Doughty, won 238 runs to 225 runs. Top batters were Will on 14 runs and Griff, Harry and Jonny all on 7 runs.

The boys played really well and with extra practice we could expect some great things...

U11A v St Edward's Berky won by 5 wickets

On a blustery afternoon in overcast conditions we won the toss and elected to field. Bowling was more accurate than our previous match and we showed an energy and dynamism in the field. St Ed's completed their 20 overs on 96 for 6. Ollie A, Adam, Charlton, Harry and Rhys all took wickets. The opposition found it difficult to score due to astute field placings by Henry and Sam and great support from the rest of the team. Our opening pair gave us a good start with some lovely shots from James S, who scored 20. A flurry of wickets saw us 5 down at one point. However there was no panic as we had plenty of batting to come. An excellent stand of 62 by Henry, who top scored with 35 and Sam who contributed 16 took us to victory. We finished on 97 for 5 with 6 overs to spare. This was another fine display by our boys. Not only did they play an exciting brand of cricket, they also played in a great sporting manner and behaved superbly. Well done boys and many thanks to our supporters as always.

U11B v St Edward's Lost 313 - 297

We were very lucky with the weather this week and we had a dry spot for an afternoon of cricket at the Victoria Ground. St Edward's batted first but unfortunately our bowling wasn't quite up to scratch and we gave away a lot of no balls and wide balls. Our fielding improved throughout the first innings though and the boys quickly worked out where they needed to be to make the match difficult for St Ed's. We took 6 wickets from them which included two good catches from George and Ethan and they finished batting with a score of 313.

Our batting was good but we suffered from a fear of decision making. There were some balls that we could have run on however we couldn't quite commit to the run. St Ed's only took 3 wickets from us and we hit the ball for 7 4s and 2 6s which helped boost our score. As we approached the final over the scores were close and we only needed 20 or so runs to win the match. Unfortunately though we didn't run quite enough so finished batting with a score of 297, a loss of 16 runs.

Well done boys, lots of positives to take from the match and a few things to work on going forward. Many thanks to the parents who came to support the boys.

U11C v St Edward's Lost 324 - 318

Berky won the toss and forced St Edward's into bat. St Edward's hit the ball well and off the first 3 overs scored 48 runs. An understatement would be that our fielding was not too tight. At some point we appeared to be spectators that had wandered onto the field. 9 of the 12 boys had a go at bowling with various levels of success. Jasper and Edwin both took wickets.

However we failed to take catches or stop balls reaching the boundary. St Edward's amassed 324 runs. Our innings started well with Jasper scoring 12 runs with 3 boundaries.

Benjamin and Eliot both scored 6s. Eliot also scored 12 runs. However silly run outs did not help our cause. The final pairs who batted were really up against it but battled well with Peter scoring 14 runs and Nic top scored with 16. It was just too many runs to chase and although Edwin and Nic made a really good effort they were 6 runs short.

