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It's Showtime



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GREAT YEAR



What a delight it has been to welcome back former pupils in this our 70th Anniversary year. A series of events saw old boys, girls, parents and staff join us to remember just what is so special about Berkhamstead. 'It hasn't changed a bit!' was heard....along with 'Oh – look at how lovely they've made this!' A very wide age range attended and we heard reminiscences of lessons from the 1950s

onwards! It is super to have confirmed that Berky remains true to its roots and that the 'can-do' attitude we nurture in every child has been valued for 70 years. This was reinforced on Speech Day when we welcomed 'old-girl' Lottie Prentice, successful 3-day-eventer, solicitor, children's author and mother. She spent her formative years at Berky, gained the confidence to try new things, and considers this a key factor in her success. It was with this in mind that I launch the new Berkhamstead Platinum Award, designed to challenge the children and build on these values as we embark on the next 70 years. I look forward to presenting the first awards next year.

The range of events and experiences that the children have enjoyed over this busier than ever term is represented in the snapshot offered in this edition. We have had a record number of sports fixtures in which every child from Year 3 onwards has represented the school.

Our inaugural Art Exhibition was a triumph – see p10 – every child from Reception to Year 6 exhibited. Inclusivity builds a belief in one's abilities and is central to the Berky ethos. Berkhamstead is made up of talented and committed staff, who allow every child to achieve remarkable things and have been doing so for 70 years – here's to the next 70 successful years!



Richard Cross - Headmaster

Fabulous Friends

On a beautiful May evening the Friends of Berkhamstead brought together over 180 guests to celebrate the school's 70th anniversary at a very special Platinum Ball.

In the stylish surroundings of Pittville Pump Room, parents, staff, governors and former pupils enjoyed fine food, a superb auction, and the musical talents of James Agg (Berky alumnus and teacher) and his band. Current pupils also demonstrated that 'Berky's Got Talent' when they stole the show at the Summer Fete, out-performing even the Pimm's and pony rides. The crowd was wowed by singers, musicians, gymnasts, comedians and even a hula-hoop genius! Perhaps one of them will be back on stage for the school's centenary. . . .?



Thank you to everyone who gave such enthusiastic support to these events, and others throughout the year. In July the Friends were delighted to present the school with a £10,000 cheque to fund the new outdoor classroom – an inspirational space to nurture Berky's talents of the future.
J.C. (PTA)



TOP CHESS!

2014-15 proved a good season for the Berky chess team. Just one defeat blotted the school's copybook (away versus Charlton Kings) but a brace of drawn matches put paid to any aspirations of winning the league. Happily, the school won the Wheeler Cup for the most successful school at the annual congress and it is wonderful to have a significant piece of silverware nestling in the trophy cabinet. The summer term was less busy, but there was still plenty of chess to be played. The House Chess tournament was very hotly contested, with St. Andrew's, adroitly captained by Harry Brooks, emerging victorious after three very tight matches. The annual Y2 club proved a success. It is always a true pleasure to see the older members of chess club teach the Pre-Prep children with such patience. Each summer the staff take on the school in a pivotal challenge fixture. Yet again, the school prevailed but the 8-4 scoreline was slightly less one-sided than last year. The staff are moving in the right direction, so maybe next year, colleagues? Finally, it was wonderful to witness the Howard Cup for Chess presented to Poppy and Sasha Sathasivam at Speech Day. The twins' enthusiasm, skill, cheerfulness and dedication epitomise all that the Berkhamstead chess scene holds important. M.C.

DISCOVERING! Inside and Out

Science Week sees everyone conducting fun investigations which they can hopefully re-create at home - Science is not just for in school in the lab! Year 3 created volcanoes using vinegar, bicarbonate of soda, washing up liquid and coloured dye. They also looked at the surface tension of water by trying to make as many paperclips float on water as possible. They had fun with 'zooming fish,' using a drop of washing up liquid on a fish shaped piece of paper and watching the fish move away. Year 4 looked at the density of different liquids that did not mix: vegetable oil, coloured water and golden syrup. They also created paper flowers that opened up on the water, had a 'strongest boat' competition using just one piece of A4 paper and got messy with cornflour and water deciding if it was a solid or liquid.



The fastest balloon rocket challenge was great fun for all involved! Year 5 enjoyed 'Save the Egg'. Each group had to drop their egg from the top of the fire escape and keep it intact by using only 2 balloons, one piece of A4 paper and minimal sellotape (sadly many eggs were lost in this activity!) The pupils also created secret messages using lemon juice and created rockets from old film canisters, alka seltzer and water. Year 6 had a look at some indoor fireworks and investigated Acids and Alkalis, creating their own indicator from purple cabbage. Each class also had the pleasure of mixing mint mentos with diet coke to create a spectacular fountain. Science Week is always a pleasure to run as the children have so much fun with their investigations. If they (and parents) ever do an investigation at home please take a photo or video of it and bring it into school so that we can share it. T.M.



STAFF ON THE SPOT

Tim Morpew is Head of Science and teaches Boys' Games.



He joined Berky in 2009. *What excites you about Science?* Being able to do experiments that show us how different things work – not just listening to somebody else or reading from a book - learning for ourselves. Science is fun. *Your funniest science lesson?* When creating a volcano I once added far too much of each ingredient and the volcano "erupted" so much that it hit the ceiling leaving a big red splodge. The cleaners weren't impressed! *If you didn't teach...?* I would like to help write travel books. Having lived in both Egypt and Malaysia for two years I really enjoy visiting new places and meeting different people.

Your favourite lunch at school? Turkey twisters, spicy spirals and spaghetti hoops was my favourite meal, but alas Jamie Oliver put a stop to that! *Do you have any pets?* The Science lab has three fish: Goldie, Nemo and Danny. We also have tadpoles in the summer term – it's amazing to see them change into froglets. *Your message to an aspiring scientist?* Be inquisitive, enjoy finding out things for yourself and want to know more about the world (and universe). Expect to get things wrong and learn from that. *Why is learning Science so important?* Science is all around us. In Y3 we learn that everyone is a scientist and that everything we do involves science somehow. T.M.



Musical Notes

Following the musical extravaganza of our ensembles in the Spring Concerts, the summer term is an opportunity for more individual challenges and demonstrations. Most who were beginners at the start of the year are forging ahead, making great progress and are ready to perform. We heard delightful musical items from a wide variety of players in Years 2 – 5 at the School Recital held in May; the concert was exciting as they overcame any nerves and performed confidently and with real satisfaction. The Cheltenham Festival classes offered an opportunity for some advanced players to perform for an adjudicator and there were some thrilling results with some magnificent cups awarded and presented at School. Our Chamber Ensemble, ably led by Corli More, showed once again what very fine skills of playing they have developed and they performed beautifully in their class. We were delighted that our Y2 children once again were awarded the cup for Infant Music Making for our rendition of Dragon Dance. The first half term ended with our lively Taster Afternoon put on for pupils to learn more in depth about individual instruments. Our marvellous and enthusiastic team of peripatetic music teachers supervised about a hundred 'Try Out' sessions, from which many children have registered an intention to start learning instruments in September. A wonderful evening of performances from Y6 pupils entertained a large audience at Dean Close School in June. The Leavers' Recital is always a highlight of the year, it's thrilling to watch and hear the astonishing range and ability of young players and singers and also to celebrate their final performances for us at Berky. Finally, at the end of term a number of pupils took music exams and we were pleased with their results. **P.M.**



MUSIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2014-15

Grade 1 Ben Hordern (jazz piano), Katie Lillywhite (flute), Lovisa James (flute), Jack Paterson (cello), Anna Paterson (piano), Holly Brown (viola*), Lola Stewart (cello*), Emily Wragg (piano*), Millie Jenkins (cornet**), Claire Crompton (viola**).
 Grade 2 Willoughby Cooke (double bass), Naomi Flexman (violin), Flora Harvey (violin), Rhys Loffhagen (bassoon**).
 Grade 3 Reuben Fuller (cello), Anoushka Page (violin*), Leah Barton (clarinet*), Heidi Mundinano (clarinet*), Leslie More (piano**) and oboe**).
 Grade 4 Anya James (Violin), Rhys Loffhagen (Piano*).

(* denotes merit, ** denotes distinction)

Music Awards 2014/2015

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|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Dean Close Prep | Leah Barton | Music Scholarship |
| Dean Close Prep | Georgia Day | Music Award |
| King's School, Gloucester | Emma Holder | Music Scholarship |

National Children's Choir Caitlin Green, Heidi Mundinano, Caitlin Robbins, Megan Silsby, Poppy Sathasivam, Sasha Sathasivam, Wren Snaith.

National Children's Orchestra Corli More, Leslie More (training orchestra)

NEWS

HANDS-ON LEARNING!



The Prep Department held their first STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activity morning. The children began by seeing themselves projected onto a screen through a thermal imaging camera. Mr Harvey, a STEM ambassador and professional engineer, headed up an exciting team of parent helpers; he himself led the 'Take it to Pieces' sessions, helping the children to dismantle unwanted electrical appliances - computers, TVs, video machines, a record player and even a washing machine – and encouraging them to examine the materials and components used in their manufacture. Two GCHQ employees brought along interesting activities such as Musical Bananas, Grid Defender, Little Bits and the Old Safe Game. Another engineer brought his drones and robots and the children formed teams to compete in programming them. Meanwhile, other groups were building tall towers out of newspaper, trying their hand at building weight-carrying bridges out of Lego and creating and testing the aerodynamics of paper aeroplanes. The Prep Department was a hive of industry and everyone was able to experience every activity, finishing just in time for lunch and leaving Mr Harvey with an enormous mound of scrap components to take down to the recycling centre! **G.A.**



German Fortnight was a fine venture into the culture and differences of the German-speaking world. Children bought Sachertorte (delicious Austrian cake) and listened to German music from waltz to opera - Zauberfloete (Magic flute) to pop. They tried asking name and age and chose German names for themselves. The boys were particularly interested in the origin of the car logos of BMW and Audi, a favourite was the Darth Vader figure featured in VW, Das Auto advert. Gut gemacht alle! (Well done everyone!) Vielen danke, liebe Frau Atkinson.

A group of Year 5 pupils joined native language teachers of Russian, Greek, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, German and Italian at Malvern St James school. They learned about the origins of the English language, that 'English' is in fact German with French added in, thanks to William the Conqueror! Enthusiasm was high and pupils gathered different gems from every lesson. From 'hello, my name is....' to counting, to singing colours or naming food and drinks, to writing a story in English using words of German and French origin, Year 5 conducted themselves very well and got a lot from the experience. Well done! Gut gemacht! ¡Bien hecho! Ben fatto! xopowo! 做得好! Μρόβο! **C.C.**



The children enjoyed their parents coming into school and sharing their favourite Creepy Crawly story. They were transfixed and everyone loved listening to the many different stories from the Pig's Eggs to What the Ladybird Heard. Huge thanks to the parents who took on the storyteller role - they had fun too and it was lovely to welcome them to the Reception classrooms. **H.R-W.**

DRAMA



Shake, Ripple and Roll!

Berky Pre-Prep brought this wonderful tale to life with their cheeky characters and by singing their hearts out throughout all of the songs! Their superb outfits, the staging and lighting helped to set the scene and the audiences were delighted to see the children's amazing potential on stage!

The story began in the quaint town of Hamelin, with ordinary children and townspeople, but this was quickly transformed when the dreaded RATS appeared! The people of the town were desperate for a solution. The mayor agreed that a pied piper would be fit for the job and indeed he was. The rats were gone, the deed was done, but the pied piper was outraged when he was left with a much emptier pocket than planned! He took the children as a punishment for his mistreatment. Fortunately two saved the day by finding one deaf rat and thus proved that the pied piper had not fulfilled his duty...the children were returned to their parents and all was happy ever after!

This was yet another superb performance by all actors, however we must not forget the staff involved who helped to produce this superb play (written by the amazing Mrs Agg!) such a success! Roll on next year! **C.B.**



The Year 6 children found themselves transported back to the 1950s for their performance of Shake, Ripple and Roll. The play told the tale of a private detective, a Hollywood diva and an ice cream parlour's future hanging on the hope of finding a lost will; the story was full of action, humour and most importantly had a happy ending. Year 6 took on the play with great enthusiasm and threw themselves into the challenging dance routines as well as songs. It was wonderful to see the whole year group participating; all now know how to box step, twist and jive - a talent I'm sure they will use in the future! They put every effort into both rehearsals and the performances. They created a truly wonderful show and its success was down to their hard work and determination. A fantastic performance - the children should be incredibly proud of themselves as it provided such a wonderful end to their time at Berky. A huge well done to them all! **B.E.**



The Jolly Postman

The Early Years' Concert "The Jolly Postman" was a great success. The children invited parents to join the adventure and meet many well-known Fairy Tale characters, alongside the Jolly Postman. Reception children did an amazing job remembering their lines and using musical instruments to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs. Kindergarten children remembered all their actions and words for their songs and were confident, having spent several enjoyable weeks rehearsing songs and using their creative skills to make props for the back-drop. Parents and staff were very proud of them. It was good to observe how each child knew what was expected of them to the extent that the staff sat back and let the children take charge of their performance! **H.R-W.**



Rats!

Active Learning



Cadbury World. Rockley Watersports Centre. Pittville Park. Cheltenham Festival. Cotswold Water Park. Batsford Arboretum. Corinium Museum. Sulgrave Manor. Pond Dipping. Black Country Museum. Cotswold Forest School. Malvern Languages Day. ZooMania. Butterfly Farm.

Art



BERKY EXHIBITS



What a display! The range of work at our inaugural Summer Art Exhibition was huge – every child from Reception to Year 6 had a piece of work on show and the clear talent of so many of our pupils was great to see. Parents, governors and friends appreciated the art and enjoyed tea and cupcakes on a lovely, warm evening. It was super to see so many children showing parents round with pride and taking pleasure in others' pieces as well as their own. The standard of creativity and technical ability was very high and there is much talent in the younger years, which bodes well for the future. Congratulations to the two of our Year 6 children, Lauren de Burgh-Thomas and Joel Read, who gained Art Scholarships to independent senior schools. **M.B.**

Kindergarten



animals for a seaside scene. Who lives in the sea/the jungle/the desert was the key question and the animals were arranged according to the children's answers – it was a good job they had learned so well and we didn't get any polar bears in the Sahara! We had great fun with paint, the children

tambourines, sticks and bells were very popular in 'Everybody Play With Me!' All followed Mrs Sallis' lead and were able to play their instruments loudly, quietly, slowly and fast as required. 'Brown Bear Sleeping' was a lovely final piece. The bears (children) slept, snored, stretched, twitched, peeped open their eyes and scratched their backs. It took a little while to wake all the sleepy bears, but once they were woken they all gave a big roar! The children beamed at the applause from delighted staff, parents and friends. A super term for all involved with lots of excitement!

It's been all about animals in Kindergarten this term and we've done a lot of talking about pets and animals in the wild. The mobile zoo visit was greeted with considerable excitement. The children, some more eager than others, were able to hold and pet a range of animals including: a chinchilla, a tortoise, a fire-bearded dragon, a corn snake, a rabbit and a sugar glider (a little like a flying squirrel). There was lots to learn about animals' key features and the way they live. The children were fascinated and asked very insightful questions. All collaborated to make a huge display and painted their favourite

discussed and made choices about what colours to use for the animal artwork and thought about what characteristics would distinguish them. Using pebbles and rocks to explore textures and stacking to form rocky cliffs and caves and a shoreline was enjoyed by all – the sandpit was widely used. Imaginative play was evident in the extensive use they made of an assortment of shells, sea creatures, boats and some small world people who became divers. We made a very popular zoo area and transformed the Home Corner into a veterinary clinic for consultations and operations. There were lots of role-playing opportunities for budding vets! As always there was lots of



free play, building and collaborating, card making and mark making...you lucky fathers with your splendid cards! Our Summer Concert was wonderful. There was a lot of concentration evident in '5 Little Monkeys' when each time the crocodile snapped up a monkey the children folded a finger down to count the remaining monkeys. The drums,



SPORTS DAYS

Kindergarten Sports

The children prepared enthusiastically for Sports Day and thoroughly enjoyed it. Miss J patiently coached and then demonstrated the many events - running race, egg and spoon race, obstacle course race, sack race and balancing race. All of Kindergarten took advantage of the painted white line lanes outside during free-flow play and practised their running races with great determination! The children's enthusiasm meant that in addition to PE, a flurry of activities occurred outside for the whole term. The day itself was super, with every child involved and active and with lots of smiles. The parents joined in with gusto. All enjoyed the lollies and cups of tea after the event - which were well deserved!



Pre-Prep Sports

What a great sporting event! In a day of two halves, the children enjoyed themselves enormously as they tackled a series of challenges. We began in the Day Nursery garden in uncertain weather conditions, with the Field events; the javelin throwing, long jump, egg and spoon and sack races tested the children's skills and gave ample opportunity for giggles, determination and endeavour. The track events followed on, with all the children being good sports and cheering each other on. The Year 6 helpers were also fantastic, demonstrating the different events very skilfully and preparing the various pieces of equipment; they were supportive and caring as they encouraged the youngsters. The parents' races were quite a spectacle - the most competitive we have had for some time - and provided a great deal of fun for participants and spectators alike. A.C.



District Athletics

This event seems to get tougher and tougher each year, but as usual all the Berky children did well. The longer distances came first and Alex Crane and Anya James got the evening off to a tremendous start - both winning their races. Completely unfazed by several children going off really fast, they paced their races to perfection. In the back straight they started to pick off their opposition and by the last bend leading into the straight had overtaken everyone and were sprinting to the finishing line first! Next came the individual sprint events and here; Leah Barton, George de Burgh-Thomas and Izzy Fletcher all finished second in their heats, qualifying for the finals. Our relay teams were up next and 5 out of our 8 teams reached the finals. The standard was very high and



George finished 7th, Leah 3rd and Izzy 2nd. Our Year 4 and 5 boys finished 5th, the Year 4 girls 4th, the Year 3 girls 2nd and a fabulous run by the Year 6 girls - Amy Brown, Corli More and Poppy and Sasha Sathasivam - took them over the finishing line in 1st place. Well done to all our children who took part, especially the Year 3 children who did themselves proud in their first big athletics event. L.W.



2015

Prep Sports

A perfect, cool breezy day greeted us at The Prince of Wales Stadium. The children rotated around all the different field events in the morning: long jump, standing broad jump, the ball throw and the quoit or shot putt. There was strong competition in each area - well done to the following children who all broke records: B Bird, C Campbell, F Hampton, A James, A Paterson, S Paulus, A Ryder and S Sathasivam. The afternoon track events started with the middle distance events, 400, 600 and finally 800 metres for Year 6. All the children ran well and completed their event and scored very valuable points for their houses. This was followed by the sprint events and finally the very exciting relay races. We had to wait until the relays for a track record to be broken. Here the Year 3 and 4 boys from St Andrew's, R Loffhagen, T Martin, S Perris, and O Rendell and the Year 5 and 6 girls from St George's, A Brown and C More, P and S Sathasivam broke the school records. Well done to all the children for doing their best and thank you to all the parents who came to watch and cheer on the children in the afternoon. Trophies: Relay Trophy - St Andrew's. Track & Field Trophy - St David's. L.W.



Cricket

SPORT REPORT

Rounders

Under 9 Cricket

A brilliant summer - the boys were enormously keen and showed skill batting, bowling and fielding. They were supportive, delighting in others' success with the bat and ball. Highlights were fine victories against King's Gloucester (the A team scoring 312 runs) and Rendcomb (317 runs) as well as a convincing win against St Edward's A. The B team had some close games - exciting for both sides. Well done to the captains who led the way - Henry for the As and Edwin and Ethan for the Bs. Batting improved hugely



A STATS

Played 9
Won 8
Lost 1

B STATS

Played 6
Won 3
Lost 3

over the term and those who developed the defensive cover drive excelled. Harry topped the averages for the A team (averaging 61), closely followed by Noah. There were many sixes from Bertie - almost a six in each game - and Ollie R managed to avoid being out all term! All batted well and it was pleasing to see Toby, Peter, Jasper, Charlie and Nic scoring freely for the B team. Bowling was strong with a mixture of pace and swing. The most economical was Ollie A, who took four wickets for only 13 runs off 12 overs. Fielding showed real determination - many run-outs and few overthrows. There is much talent here and I'm sure these boys will be playing Berky U11 cricket in 2016 and maybe even County U11 too! **U9 Squad:** O Armstrong, J Ayland, H Barber, H Bawtree, B Bird, N Brush, C Dunning, R Lewis, T Martin, N Milne, E O'Yando, S Perris, O Rendell, P Sinden, M Sissons, E Stojanov, H Whistler.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS 2014 -15

Cricket: U11 quarter-finalists Cheltenham Knock Out Trophy
District Cricket: J Coley, W Cooke.

Under 11 Cricket

As ever, the boys donned their whites with huge enthusiasm. Playing cricket four days a week really developed their skills and a combination of hard work, love of the game and some promising talent resulted in a fine season. We opened

our account with St Edward's, and won with the last ball of the game! As Year 6 headed off to Rockley, Year 5 stepped up to defeat Hatherop by a significant number of runs and a fine half century for Willoughby - a super achievement! We then met a strong Richard Pate side and lost, but played some excellent cricket and competed well. Next came Airthrie, where strong bowling and fielding led us to a 55 run victory. The King's Worcester match was superb - evenly matched teams and some fine cricket from both sides. We were edged out by 5 runs, but there was much to be proud of. Our final game, against King's Gloucester, really saw our hard work come to fruition. We were set a total of 114 to win, on a very fast outfield - a real challenge. We managed it with several overs to spare, largely due to a fine opening stand of over 90 by Joseph and Willoughby. I have been delighted with the team. Joseph, Willoughby and Tom have the potential to become very fine players. It has been a delight to see the improvement in technique of Reuben, Ben H, Harvey and Caelen and the excellent contributions by James, Ben G, Ellis, Quinn and Toby.
Under 11 A: C Campbell, E Clark, J Coley, W Cooke, R Fuller, B Gibson, B Hordern, Q Johnson (Capt), J Main, T Minter, T Perks, H Sullivan. All receive colours). **Outstanding Player awards:** J Coley, W Cooke, T Perks. **P.Mc.**



STATS

Played 9
Won 6
Lost 3



STATS

Played 5
Won 4
Lost 1

An impressive season of cricket from the U11B team who put in solid performances with both bat and ball. There were times when players failed to score, but the mantle was immediately picked up others - a great effort. In the first match Caelen, George, Jacob and Ethan batted successfully, George bowled well and Caelen took a double wicket maiden. Against Richard Pate, Toby batted well and Joel and Louie bowled consistently. Harry reared into life v Dean Close, with 11 boundaries and Ollie and Angus bowled very well. In the penultimate game v King's Worcester Jack and Joel batted solidly and Leo and Ollie took 3 wickets between them. Lastly, against King's Gloucester, performances by Jacob, Archie and Finlay won the game when all seemed lost. A season of great team effort! **Under 11 B:** H Brooks, O Dalton, L Harcourt, H Hurcombe, G Iles, T Minter, J Parkin, F Rayner, J Read, A Rendell, E Shaw, A Wrapp, J Wright. **A.M.**

U11 Both the A and B teams had good seasons and if it hadn't been for a lack of consistency when batting the A's would have done even better; their fielding was extremely



U11A

Played 6
Won 3
Lost 3
Drawn 0

good in all matches, with very few errors being made. Wins were recorded against Rendcomb College and The Croft, with the biggest win of the season in their last match against King's Gloucester. Here they scored an astonishing 20½ rounders!

The B team had a fantastic season, winning 4 out of their 5 matches. All of their matches were characterised by good strong hitting, accurate fielding and careful running between the posts. Wins were recorded over St Edward's, Richard Pate, Beaudesert and The Croft.

A team: L Barton, A Brown, L de Burgh-Thomas, M Cross, G Day, I Hill, A James, C More, H Mundinano, P Sathasivam and S Sathasivam. All awarded colours.

Outstanding Player awards:

L Barton, A James and S Sathasivam.
B team: C Bird, G Day, I Dewar, C Gillett, E Holder, A Kaur, P Mills, C More, A Paterson, M Pope, C Robbins, W Snaith, M Stojanov, E Wiles. **L.W.**

U10 Both Under 10 teams were unbeaten (the A's getting a very unusual 7 ½ rounders draw against St Edward's). The A team had the closer matches, with both the Richard Pate and The Croft matches only having a couple of rounders in it by the end of play. Sensible running and consistent hitting were evident throughout the term, and the win over Prior Park was testament to this with a cracking victory of 15 ½ rounders to 6. **A team:** R Atack, B Davidson, C Green, A Paterson, S Paulus, M Silsby, M Taylor, H Wan and E Wiles.

The B team played 3 and won 3! Comfortable victories were recorded over Richard Pate and The Croft, where we enjoyed scoring highly and fielded very intelligently. A much tighter game was the victory over Beaudesert. Here, a few slips in the



U11B

Played 5
Won 4
Lost 1
Drawn 0

field meant we were chasing the game, but all came good in the second innings and the match was clinched 10 - 8. **B team:** S Boddana, I Dewar, C Gillett, M Jenkins, A Kaur, K Lillywhite, I Mansell-King, P Mills, A Page, S Paulus, E Terry, G Woodward. **L.W.**



U9 The U9 teams have both had a fantastic season. They have listened carefully in Games sessions and have improved both their fielding and batting skills. They have developed their understanding of the game and have started to play more tactically. Both



U10A

Played 4
Won 3
Lost 0
Drawn 1

teams have had some incredibly convincing wins against some strong opposition. They have played with great determination and skill.

They have come together as a team; learning where their team mates are likely to be and communicating with confidence. Yet again they have shown great team spirit and support of each other. A fantastic finish to what has been a great year of sport! Well done.

A team: E Collins, I Fletcher, L James, M Jenkins, A Keogh, K Lillywhite, L Stewart, E Terry, E Wheaton.

B team: H Brown, C Crompton, K Dowds, N Flexman, E Griffiths, D Harcourt, F Harvey, H Mackay, R Mackay, F Parkin. **B.E.**

U9A

Played 6
Won 5
Lost 1
Drawn 0

U9B

Played 6
Won 4
Lost 1
Drawn 1

U8 The U8 girls have had a great

rounders season! They are a lovely group of girls who have great techniques and skills.

They are able to read the game very well and support one another throughout lessons and matches. They have progressed in each Games lesson and their hard work has paid off with a very successful, unbeaten season. It has been a pleasure to teach the Under 8 girls and I wish them all the luck in the future. Well done girls!

U8 Team: A Byndyu, K Crichard, H de Wit, S Doughty, A Ellison, E Emberson, I Freeman, F Hampton, A Holder, R Madden, L More, C O'Connor, J Rayner, S Slessor, E Vintcent, M Ward, C Whistler, D White, E Wrapp. **L.W.**

U8

Played 4
Won 4
Lost 0
Drawn 0

BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS

PRIZE WINNERS 2015

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| English Cup | Heidi Mundinano | The Howard Cup for Chess | Poppy Sathasivam & Sasha Sathasivam |
| Mathematics Cup | Emma Holder | | |
| Science Cup | Cottie Bird | Rockley Shield | Harry Brooks & Melinda Stojanov |
| MFL Cup | Quinn Johnson | | |
| Berky Prize | Leah Barton | | |
| Music Instrumental Cup | Corli More | Headmaster's Prizes: | |
| Wendy Burrows Cup - Choral | Caitlin Robbins | All-Round Academic Achievement | Finlay Rayner |
| Croker Music & Drama Cup | Wren Snaith | Citizenship | Leo Harcourt |
| Computing Cup | Georgia Day | Service to the Berkhamstead Community | Izzy Hill & Mia Pope |
| Humanities Cup | Reuben Fuller | | |
| Bartlett Endeavour Prize | Louie King | | |
| Courtesy Cup | Maisie Cross | Form Prize | Endeavour Prize |
| Williams Sports Cup (Girls) | Anya James | 3CC Catherine Whistler | Sarah Doughty |
| Scot-Simmonds Sports Cup (Boys) | Ben Hordern | 3MC Rhys Loffhagen | Alice Holder |
| Moss Sports Cup (Sportsmanship) | Amy Brown | 4E Naomi Flexman | Amelia Keogh |
| Art Goblet | Lauren de Burgh-Thomas & Joel Read | 4T Sam Perris | Kayley Dowds |
| | | 5W Alex Crane | Caitlin Green |
| | | 5M Anna Paterson | Imogen Mansell-King |

HONOURS BOARD 2015

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| Leah Barton | <i>Sports & Music Scholarship, Dean Close Prep</i> | Emma Holder | <i>Academic Exhibition & Music Scholarship, King's, Gloucester</i> |
| Lauren de Burgh-Thomas | <i>Art Scholarship, St Edward's</i> | George Iles | <i>Sports Scholarship, Mount Kelly, Devon</i> |
| Maisie Cross | <i>All-Rounder Award, King's, Gloucester</i> | Anya James | <i>Sports Scholarship, CCJS</i> |
| Georgia Day | <i>Music Award, Dean Close Prep</i> | Poppy Sathasivam | <i>Sports Award, King's, Gloucester</i> |
| Reuben Fuller | <i>All-Rounder Award, King's, Gloucester</i> | Sasha Sathasivam | <i>Sports Award, King's, Gloucester</i> |

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS 2015

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| Leah Barton - Dean Close School | Quinn Johnson - Bournside |
| Cottie Bird - High School for Girls' Grammar | Louie King - The Cotswold School |
| Harry Brooks - Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar | Corli More - Pate's Grammar School |
| Amy Brown - Ribston Hall Girls' Grammar | Heidi Mundinano - The Cotswold School |
| Maisie Cross - The King's School, Gloucester | Mia Pope - St Edward's |
| Georgia Day - Bredon Hill Middle School | Finlay Rayner - Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar |
| Lauren de Burgh-Thomas - St Edward's | Caitlin Robbins - Balcarras |
| Reuben Fuller - Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar | Joel Read - Balcarras |
| Leo Harcourt - Pate's Grammar School | Poppy Sathasivam - The King's School, Gloucester |
| Izzy Hill - Balcarras | Sasha Sathasivam - The King's School, Gloucester |
| Emma Holder - High School for Girls' Grammar | Wren Snaith - Balcarras |
| Ben Hordern - Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar | Melinda Stojanov - Cleeve School |
| Anya James - Cheltenham College Prep | |

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