



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

I write from the wonderful setting of the Viney Hill Outdoor Centre in the Forest of Dean on the Year 5 residential trip - and what a few days they've had!

The Berky spirit has been very much in evidence, the instructors have remarked on it and on the children's keenness to learn and to develop their skills. It has been a real pleasure to see them having a go with such enthusiasm, supporting and encouraging one another as they tackle the activities. The programme has included Orienteering, Ropes and Bushcraft (with instructors who have worked with Bear Grylls), Team Building, Archery and Bridge Building, along with evening activities of wide games and cooking marshmallows on the campfire.

My enormous thanks to Mrs Bareham, who organised this fantastic trip and to Mr Banks and Miss Walter who have gone the extra mile (literally) to ensure that the children have had a good time. The children have learnt a lot about themselves and each other, about being away from home and they have applied the school motto - perseverantia vincit - many times. It has proved a great experience and they will have super memories of it.

Our Twitter feed '@BerkyCheltenham', has a series of pictures from the trip - take a look! It gives regular updates of school goings-on throughout the term, as does the news page of the website.



FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
AUTUMN TERM

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tue 27th Sep

PTA Cake at Break
6.00pm – Year 3 Parents' Evening

Wed 28th Sep

2.30pm – Hockey U11, U10, U9 v
Malvern St James (A)
2.30pm – Rugby U11B v
Beauesert (A)
2.30pm – U9 Rugby Festival at
Beauesert

Thu 29th Sep

Year 5 trip to @Bristol
4.00pm – Hockey U9A, U9B v St
Edward's (A)

Fri 30th Sep

2.30pm – Hockey U9 v
Rendcomb College (A)
7.00pm – PTA AGM and Quiz
Night, Prep Hall

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Sports report...

RUGBY

Game U9 v Richard Pate

Last Friday the U9 boys travelled to Richard Pate for their first contact rugby match. They started well and quickly took the lead with a try from Finian. The match was fairly even with both sides tackling well and taking advantage of the space that was given to them. There were some good runs from George and Noah and the boys were really good at looking for gaps between players and driving through players when they had to. They played two short matches, drawing the first one and winning the second one.

Well done to all the boys, a great start to the rugby season and many thanks to our loyal supporters.

Game U11A v Hatherop

Won 22 - 13

Powerful running, clever link play, good hands, incisive passing and moments of individual skill combined to offer Berkhampstead U11A a comfortable and deserved 13-2 victory over Hatherop Castle. Defence played a part in the win too with firm tackles and sharp counter-rucking stopping Hatherop's incursions and providing quick and useful ball. The pace and guile of Ollie R. and Harry caught the eye; Rex and Ollie A. took contact with glee and made many yards; Sam's 'heads up' style created numerous opportunities; Ethan, Nic, Jasper and Hugo showed enormous energy and were always there to receive, pass and support. This was a tremendous and encouraging performance.

Game U11B v Hatherop

Lost 25 - 10

The U11B travelled to Hatherop to play an entertaining game on Wednesday. In the first half we made some good runs and passed well but were a little reticent to become involved in the rucks. As a result we lost possession and conceded two tries.

However after a chat at half time we were like a different team in the second half. We were more aggressive at the breakdown and began to dominate possession. Two excellent tries by Charlie evened the match. Even though we showed tremendous commitment in defence, Hatherop came back strongly and as we tired scored three more times to claim the victory.

I was delighted with the progress the boys made during the game. Peter, Max and Ollie were excellent in defence, Edwin, Toby and Charlie made some wonderful runs and Henry did some sterling work in the rucks and in taking the ball forward. The most impressive aspect was how well the boys supported each other. Well done boys!





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HOCKEY

Game U9B v Beaudesert School Won 4 – 1

For their first match of the season the Under 9B were quite excited. Captain Lizzie won the toss and chose first push back. Within a few minutes it was clear that both teams were still getting used to the need to spread out but soon Berky started to pass and to get into a space to receive the pass. Centre half Emma surprised even herself by scoring after only five minutes. Hattie made several fine saves in goal and Daisy and Simran played a very strong match as left and right back.

Lizzie and Lorien made several good connections on the wing and Lizzie managed to go all the way and score. Frankie held a very strong centre forward position and contributed to a lot of the attacking play. For a first outing the girls did very well indeed to achieve such a convincing win and to work so well as a team. Bravo.

Game U10A v St Edward's Lost 5 - 0

Our U10A team is strong and thank goodness it is! In less than 30 seconds St Edward's had scored a super goal with their star player dribbling in and out of 4 or 5 players, and within a minute or so were 2-0 up. St Edward's completely dominated the first half but by the end of it our Berky girls were playing much better. Alice, playing for Ella in goal made a couple of good stops but she had no chance with the three goals that St Edward's scored. For the second half Florrie moved to defence alongside Mollie and both girls did brilliantly keeping the St Edward's girls from scoring until quite late in the half. Emily and Alexa worked like Trojans in the centre and Sarah and Jemima gave the game much more width playing very nicely on the wings; altogether Berky had learnt much from the first half. St Edward's fully deserved to win this match but it was a hugely improved performance in the second half and Berky were unlucky not to have scored a goal or two. Final score 5-0 to St Edward's. Well battled, girls!

Game U10B v St Edward's Won 5 – 0

With Darcy kindly volunteering to play goalkeeper for the match, the girls were fired up and ready to play. The whistle blew and the girls began on the offensive immediately, tackling strongly and entering St Edward's D very quickly. Catherine whipped in an early goal to raise the girls' confidence. Kyla and Isi teamed up well in the centre with Isi battling to pass the ball up field for Kyla to take into a shooting position. By half time we had added a further two goals to our tally, with Kyla scoring an excellent shot. The defence squad of Chiara, Eleanor, Hannah and Zoe rotated on and off, providing well timed tackles. Darcy made a timely save, but most of the action was up the other end with Berky adding another two to their total, courtesy of Rosannah and Zoe. A thoroughly well-deserved victory – all the girls worked hard and began to play as a team.





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HOCKEY

Game UIIA v Beaudesert

Lost 1 - 0

A close game where chances proved few and far between. The team played very well on a pitch that proved extremely difficult to play on. The grass was very springy and the field undulating. Trying to control the ball was hard. It was like playing on a trampoline with a ping pong ball. The girls, however, rose to the challenge. The ball didn't travel well on the grass and the girls were forced to playing short balls that were pounced on by the opposition. The first third proved indecisive with both teams unable to break the deadlock. Katie and Lola proved solid at the back with Milly scurrying back to add to the defence. Helena kept the ball out and made some good clearance kicks. On the wing Ellianna and Lovisa battled well for the ball. Evie too worked hard up front but we were unable to gain space to shoot.

In the second third Naomi came onto the wing and Izzy came onto the defence. Izzy proved her prowess with great hard hitting getting the ball out wide to Naomi who made several darting runs up the wing. The final ball always seemed to prove elusive. Milly, Lola and Izzy continued to make great tackles and Helena made brave saves that kept Berky in the game.

In the last third Lovisa went to play up front and Katie came onto the wing. Once more Izzy's hard hits proved their worth and led to a few breaks but we could just not have a clear shot on goal although

their goalkeeper had to clear the ball on a couple of occasions. At the other end, despite some great defending and wonderful goalkeeping from Helena, Beaudesert scored the only goal of the match after Helena had already made a great save. Berky counterattacked throwing players forward. We just couldn't get a goal. On the break Beaudesert were again in on goal but Helena stormed out of the goal and saved again. A really good effort and the girls showed great grit and determination playing in difficult conditions.

Game UIIB v Beaudesert

Lost 8 - 2

This was always going to be a tough match for the girls, but they were full of determination. Very quickly we were under attack and the girls worked hard to keep the ball out of our goal - Claire was incredible in goal, constantly kicking the ball away. Unfortunately after a prolonged attack during the first half, the girls were three nil down. Half time came and we began to regroup, showing the typical Berky resilience. The girls began the second half full of spirit - they were passing the ball into space and working far more as a team. Amelia, Holly and Eve worked tirelessly in an attempt to pass the ball up the field. Fran and Evie communicated well in defence, clearing the ball and defending more effectively. Flora and Kayley rotated onto the wing and an injured Daisy made an appearance in defence. We were rewarded with two well taken goals from Holly and Flora. However, the Beaudesert girls proved too strong and continued to score - it was as if they had an extra couple of players on the pitch! I know the Berky girls were disappointed with the end result but they all gave 100% in the second half and should be proud of their efforts - it was just that they were up against a very strong team.

