



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
AUTUMN TERM

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

It is good to be back in the autumn sunshine and I hope that your children had a relaxing holiday. This half term is always packed with extra events and I'm looking forward enormously to the first of these, the fabulous **Berky Family Fireworks Display this evening**. Our fabulous PTA invariably put on a great show; there will be hot food and drink on sale and lots of flashing plastic objects available to buy!

It has been another great week weather-wise. Nearly all of the Prep children have been involved in matches this week - and the U8 boys and girls have been particularly excited about their representative games. In assemblies this week we have focused on courtesy and manners and the importance of showing respect for others and the children have responded very well. I am sure we will see this as well as some competitiveness on the games field and I hope that you are experiencing this at home too! This theme will continue, with a focus on 'listening well' next week.

You will have noticed that parking is particularly difficult at the moment, due to the temporary traffic lights and restrictions on Hewlett Road. May I again ask that all parents park legally and with consideration for local residents, pedestrians and other road users. Not all Berkhampstead parents do this currently - please do spend time to ensure the safety of everyone in the area around School.

Next Friday, 11th November is Remembrance Day and we will, as usual, mark this with the Last Post and a minute's silence at 11am. Poppies will be on sale in classrooms for the Pre-Prep and after assemblies and at break times in Prep if you would like to send in money with your child. They are also available from the School Office.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 7th Nov

School Photographs
Sibling Photographs -
7.30am - 8.45 am- Andrews Gym
Year 2 DT Day
Kindergarten Parents' Evening
6.00pm

Tue 8th Nov

6.00pm – 5W Parents' Evening

Wed 9th Nov

9am - Year 2 Assembly -
parents welcome
2.30pm - Hockey U9, U8
v Hatherop Castle School (H)
2.45pm – Hockey U10A, U10B
v The Richard Pate School (A)
2.45pm – Rugby U11A, U11B,
U10A v St Edward's (A)

Thu 10th Nov

Year 1 and Year 2 visit to
Bristol Aquarium
6.00pm – 5B Parents' Evening

Fri 11th Nov

Year 6 Mosaic Artist Workshop
2.30pm – Hockey U8
v Rendcomb College (H)
3.45pm – Rugby U9
v St Edward's (A)
Rugby U8 v Rendcomb (TBC)

Deadline for '**Operation
Christmas Child**' Shoe boxes:
to be returned to school by
16th November.



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News from around the school...

DETECTIVE AGENCY WORKSHOP

Former police officer Jenny Williams ran a variety of fascinating activities for Year 6 which demonstrated how science is used to capture criminals.

The children learnt the importance of finger prints - that they are individual and that a thin layer of oil leaves a print that can be later be "lifted" by the police and hopefully identified.

Year 6 used a brush dusted with aluminium powder to make fingerprints stand out, then lifted them ready for matching. They also took their own fingerprints using black dye. They then found out what style of print they have - whorl, arch or loop.

Using chromatography, they discovered which pen might have been used to write a threatening letter during a bank robbery. The black dye separates out on special chromatography paper into several colours as the water rises up it. Handwriting was also discussed as a means to implicate a suspect.

Other means of identifying a suspect or a victim were discussed. The use of DNA from living cells such as blood or hair roots, dental records and skeletal information were all included. The children then used this knowledge to interpret a crime scene. They had a great time and immersed themselves in the activity.



MOSAIC ART

Working with mosaic artists, Tomato Jack Arts, our creative Year 6 have collectively designed a very special mosaic for the outside of the Prep building.

Their splendid design incorporates familiar aspects of Berky life including our crest, the Houses and sporting and subject icons.

Today was the first of a two-day workshop, with the children turning their hands to tile cutting before beginning the creative process of sticking the tiles in place, and seeing their design come to life.





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Sports report...

RUGBY

U8 Rugby v Hatherop

Both the Buffaloes and Bisons had tough opposition in the two Hatherop teams that we played. All 4 games that were played were filled with end to end action. The Bisons drew one game and lost the other. The Buffaloes narrowly lost both games.

The difference between the teams came simply from the number of mistakes made. We made a couple of extra mistakes such as running off the field or knocking the ball on that gave Hatherop the advantage.

All of the boys played well. Tries were scored by Otto, Max, Jonny, Will, Jack Sebastien and Harry.

Well done, boys.

U10 Rugby v Beaudesert Won 50-30

A great game of rugby which saw both teams battle hard and improve as the game continued. The first try came about with Adam "Rhino" Ryder storming over. However, a quick break down the wing led to Beaudesert equalising. Adam again showed great strength scoring three more tries. Beaudesert came back, however and scored two in return.

Adam then replied with a further two of his own. James, George, Jack and Rhys made some crunching tackles.

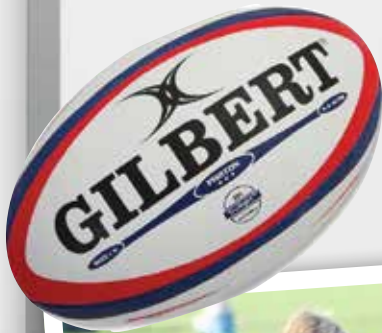
Rumhann, Eliot and Archie made a nuisance of themselves in the ruck causing the opposition no end of trouble. The score at half time was 30-15. In the second half James S scored the opening try with Beaudesert scoring another in reply. Rhys, Rumhann and George scored further tries. Charlton and James E made some good runs but were unable to break through the Beaudesert defence. Despite some great tackling from Charlie and Archie, Beaudesert scored a further two tries. The match finished 10 tries to 6. However, a great determined effort from the boys led to another well deserved victory.

U9 Rugby v Hatherop

On Wednesday the U9 boys travelled to Hatherop for their first rugby match of this half term. Hatherop started well and scored a try in the first minute or so however we picked ourselves up and came back to take a big lead of four tries. George and Noah were superb at tackling and made it really difficult for their boys to make any progress with the ball. Our lead didn't continue though because in the second half Hatherop managed to get through our defence so the game finished with a draw of 6 tries each.

The try scorers were George, Noah, Euan, Andrew, Finian and Finlay. I was pleased that over half the team managed to score a try each.

Well done to all the boys a great start to this half term and many thanks to our loyal supporters. DB





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Sports report...

HOCKEY

U8 Red v St Edward's

Draw 1-1

Their first match and what a super start! Both teams played with great energy and enthusiasm and there were some lovely passages of play. There was some crowding around the ball but Berky made some very good passes to spread the ball, particularly from defence. In the first half, we had a lot of play in our attacking D and Bella managed to push the ball over the line, 1-0 to Berky! The game continued much as it had in the first half and there were a lot of tired legs by the end of the match. St Edward's did equalise and 1-1 was a fair result. Well played to the whole of the Red team.

U9 Hockey Tournament at Cheltenham College

A squad of ten girls set out for Cheltenham College on a sunny afternoon. After a picnic packed lunch it was time for the first of five 8 minute matches. Beaudesert began very strongly but Berky got themselves organised and kept the ball clear of the goal. Final score 0-0. The next the match was closely contested as well, but again, India, Daisy and Bea were strong in defence. Final score 0-0.

Emma and Georgie took it in turns to play centre half, each trying to get the ball up the field for Millie or Lizzie to score, but it was the same clean sheet against St Edward's. 0-0. Then it was Cheltenham College who lined up ready for their 8 minute challenge. Verity was playing for the College and everyone was pleased to see her again. College very nearly scored on several occasions but goalkeeper Hattie made one marvellously confident kicking save after another and again the final score was 0-0.

Finally came The Dragon School from Oxford. The attacking force of Millie, Varnika and Anna did manage several fine forages towards goal but just did not manage to get the ball over the

line. Again, Hattie pulled off magnificent clearances from in front of the posts for Berky but this time opposition was just too strong and, with three minutes to play, The Dragon scored. Emma and Daisy who had swapped on and off very efficiently during the tournament came on for one final effort but the score remained The Dragon 1, Berky 0.

Berky did not quite qualify for the semi-final match but had an exciting and enjoyable afternoon.

U11A v Richard Pate

Lost 3-0

With Miss Walters making a welcome return to the side lines, the girls were determined to play their best hockey. The game started at pace and it soon became apparent that the Richard Pate girls were a talented bunch. Both teams were trying to use the width of the pitch and putting together accurate passes. Our defence worked hard to keep the ball further up the field and Helena produced some excellent saves. Unfortunately by half time Berky were down by 2 goals - the only difference between the teams was a little more aggression in attack by Richard Pate. After a quick team talk at half time the girls began the second half well, passing the ball out wide and running up the wings. They began to push forward, spending more time around Richard Pate's goal, but we just could not score! The squad of nine rotated on and off the pitch effectively and the girls were talking more to each other. In this half the teams were evenly matched and the quality of the hockey was good. Sadly, Richard Pate sneaked a final goal to make it 3-0. However this score really did not reflect the closeness of the game. Helena continued to save further attempts on goal and played fearlessly.

The whole squad played well but were just beaten by a slightly better team on the day. Well done girls, there were a lot of positives to be taken from this game.

U11B v Richard Pate

Lost 6-0

The Richard Pate team started off strongly so this was going to be a difficult match for our girls. Within a short space of time the opposition scored two very nice goals. Clare in goal made several good stops and the defence were battling hard to keep the ball out of our defending 'D'. As the half progressed we started to pass more accurately and made some good forays into our attacking half. At half time the score was 3-0 to Richard Pate. The second half was a much more even affair and we fully deserved to score at least a couple of goals; unfortunately, we did everything but score! RPS were a stronger team but I am proud of the way our girls kept to their task and they improved hugely throughout the match. Well done!

