



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

It has been such a lovely week, with great weather and so very much going on. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to spend some time with the children and chat to them about their experiences of the term - and the good news is that they are very pleased so far! I enjoyed having fun in the Pre-Prep playground (see picture) and they were reminding me that they were not to stand on the Butterfly seat!



The Year 5 children were hugely enthusiastic when the Platinum Award was launched for them whilst they were on their Viney Hill residential trip. They are already buzzing with ideas of what they might do in terms of New Skills, Volunteering, Physical Challenge and Adventure in their senior two years in the school, which is great to hear.

In Year 6, the House Captains have been appointed and congratulations go to:

Henry W (St. Patrick's)

Katie L (St. George's)

Ollie R (St. Andrew's)

Rowan M (St. David's)

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER
AUTUMN TERM

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
WILL NOW TAKE PLACE
ON MONDAY 7TH
NOVEMBER**

Mon 10th Oct

Year 1 and Year 2 Scottish
Activities Week

Tue 11th Oct

Year 1 and Year 2 Scottish Dance
Workshop
6.00pm – 6Mc Parents' Evening

Wed 12th Oct

Year 1 and Year 2 Scottish
Cooking Day – including
breakfast
1.00pm – Hockey U10, U9
in Cheltenham College Prep
Tournament (A)
2.45pm – Rugby U11A, U11B,
U10A v Richard Pate School (A)
6.00pm – 6H Parents' Evening

Thu 13th Oct

Year 1 Autumn Walk
2.45pm – 3.30pm – Early Years
Family afternoon – parents
welcome
4.15pm – Cross Country (venue
TBC)
6.00pm – Year 1 and Year 2
Parents' Evening

Fri 14th Oct

Year 1 and Year 2 Highland
Games – parents invited to
watch from 2.45pm

Sat 15th October –
Sun 30th October - Half-term

Mon 31st Oct

School Returns



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NEWS FROM THE HEAD, CONTINUED

They started by handing out Monitor Badges to the Year 6 pupils in their House. The School Council Leaders for this year received their badges in assembly this morning. Congratulations go to:

Naomi F, Amelia K and Oliver A

They will be leading our School Council Form representatives who are:

- 5B Sarah D
- 5W Charlie M
- 4E Lizzie H
- 4T Anna T
- 3CC Sebastien L
- 3MC Otto B, Griff L
- 2O Harry A
- 2C Bea N

The first meeting of the Friends of Berkhampstead, our fabulous PTA, was held this week and there is lots in the pipeline for the coming year - all are welcome and if you feel that you'd like to be more involved then do please mention this to a member of staff or contact Steve Ackland, PTA Chair on ptachair@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk or catch him at the school gate. The PTA Quiz and AGM last week was a big success, challenging questions, lots of fun and fine sustenance in the form of Simpson's fish and chips. Well done to 'Nilly Frickers' who won the Cup for 2016.

The School is looking in great shape - the new facilities, the displays, the grounds (and the children) all look smart and are ready to receive visitors tomorrow on Open Morning. You are, as I mentioned last week, very welcome to come and look round, particularly at the 'next step' part for your child.

Next week, I will be inspecting a Prep school in the South East for three days for the Independent Schools Inspectorate. I have always found inspecting to be an informative and enormously useful experience and I invariably return to Berky with new ideas but also with the conviction that what we offer really is something special and that the children are right to be 'pleased so far!' During this time Mrs Agg, Deputy Head, will deal with any matters arising but form and class teachers remain the first point of contact as they know your children very well.





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News from around the school...

YEAR 1 TRIP TO PRIMROSE VALE



YEAR 1 VISIT FROM THE VET





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Sports report...

RUGBY

Game - U10B v Hatherop & Prior
Park

Lost 6 - 5 to Prior Park U10B

Lost 5 - 2 to Hatherop U10A

In this triangular match the U10 team took on Prior Park U10B team and the Hatherop U10A team. In the first game against Prior Park we were slow to start and let in three tries within the first five minutes. However their heads didn't drop and they fought back well with tries from Rhys and James E.

From then on the game was even with great tackling from Archie, Eliot and Rumhann and further tries from Rhys (who scored a hat-trick of tries) and Eliot.

The second game was tougher with very robust tackling from Hatherop not allowing the space needed for scoring tries. Well done to Benjamin, Archie and Ollie for making some great tackles against much bigger opposition and for James CG and Will P for making some sniping runs and good passes. James E and Charlie scored two good tries and the boys fought right to the end of the match. Well done boys!





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Sports report...

HOCKEY

Game - U9 v Rendcomb Lost 2-0

Sometimes you play a better team, and this was such an occasion. It was played in a very friendly manner with teams being allowed lots of advantage play. Berkhampstead got off to a bright start with Daisy making good runs up the wing, ably supported by Varnika. Anna only saw the ball occasionally in the first half but held her position well on the other wing. Sadly Millie did not get the ball up front as much as she would have liked. At the back Hattie had to make some good clearances. Bea and India had to make some good tackles. Rendcomb were getting stronger as the half continued and towards the end of the half shot wide. Berky had chances too but the ball went well wide on all occasions. In the second half Georgie came on in the middle and Emma became a wing. Rendcomb really began to pass the ball in the second half and we struggled to compete with clever passes. The first Rendcomb goal was a shot that came in from the deep of the D and we failed to make contact with the ball as it glided into the net. Their second goal was an excellent worked move with 4 lovely passes that left our goal unguarded and their attackers was able to tap in from 2 yards. Berky fought back bravely and tried to score.

game with lots of fine effort and many things to learn from for the future.

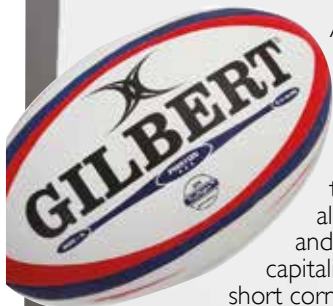
Game - UI0B v Hatherop Lost 4 - 2

A beautiful autumnal day in a beautiful setting... Hatherop began the first half with real purpose and soon Berky found themselves a goal down. They were struggling to find their form on the grass pitch and the Hatherop girls began to take advantage. Throughout the first half, the girls were defending hard, with few opportunities to move forward. The half time whistle went at 2 - 0 to Hatherop. After a chat about what we could do, the girls came out with fire in their bellies and within the first minute of the second half, Berky had passed the ball wide in the D to Catherine, who was able to sweetly sweep the ball past the goalkeeper. Hatherop reacted by scoring another quick goal. The second half was end to end action, all the girls fighting for the ball and working hard for the team. Kyla managed to score a second for Berky - the girls were beginning to find space and connecting their passes. Unfortunately Hatherop sneaked a final goal within the last seconds of the game. A few things to work on girls but you all showed real determination in that second half.

Game - U-11A v Rendcomb Lost 4-1

A slightly disappointing game which saw lots of great attacking endeavour in the first half but no goals. Rendcomb had one break away chance and scored. Ellianna and Lovisa made some great attacking breaks up the wings. Milly and Evie supported these in the centre. At the one point the ball threaded through to Evie in the D but she slipped at the vital moment and no goal was scored. At the back Helena in goal and the two defenders Izzy and Katie played really well with great wide strikes out of the box and Katie making promising inroads into their defence.

In the second half Amelia came on to play centre half and Lola came on to defend. Rendcomb attacked well and through some good passing play scored a lovely second goal. A third goal was scored though some scrappy play. Berky were not defeated and came back strongly. They scored a wonderful goal. Lovisa flicked the ball through to Amelia. She passed it sideways to Evie who then provided a beautiful pass for an unmarked Katie. She powered it into the back of the net. Berky now were storming forward but another break away goal left the score 4-1.



At one point Millie managed to get 1 on 1 with the goalie but unfortunately the whistle had already blown and we failed to capitalise on the short corner. A good