



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



**FRIDAY 10TH MAY  
SUMMER TERM**

## NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents

We have packed a tremendous amount in to these past four days, and in addition to all the usual timetable, this week has included trips, visits and workshops. Two of our year groups have been out and about. On Tuesday, to support their learning about Roman Britain, our Year 3 historians spent a most interesting day at Chedworth Roman Villa. The trip involved a fascinating tour of the villa, and the children were shown striking features such as the famed mosaics, the underfloor heating system - the hypocaust - and the baths. The children also appreciated a hands-on session of mosaic making. Also on Tuesday, 5B enjoyed a trip to the biology labs at Cheltenham Ladies' College. The practical part of the science afternoon involved the assembling of recycled bottle terrariums to create mini-climates. The exercise was a brilliant way of illustrating how sunlight warms the air, soil and plants to help them grow, and enhanced the children's understanding of their classroom topic of 'Life Cycles.' 5P can look forward to this same trip next month.

Gloucestershire's Puddle Ducks Swim School visited our Early Years department this week, and taught our Kindergarten and Reception children all about keeping safe in the water. Needless to say, Puddle the Duck - who was a pro at demonstrating various life-saving actions - was very popular with our children, and many enjoyed a high five and a photo opportunity at the end of the talk.

As I write this Letter, our Year 2 historians - who have come to school dressed up as an array of Tudor characters including Pepys, King Charles II, the Pudding Lane baker and Tudor children - are in the midst of another memorable day - one that is dedicated to the Great Fire of London. 'Marvellous History' has come into school to run a superb workshop, bringing this well-known disaster to life with a series of really fun activities. These have included drama and quizzes, salt dough bread making and quill writing - all before lunch - and music and movement, games and songs taking place this afternoon - the day looks absolutely brilliant, and I, for one, can't wait to see Year 2 dressed up in character again for their production all about the Great Fire of London, which takes place on Friday 17th May. Next week promises to be a particularly exciting week for Year 2: the day before their production, they will have performed their poem, 'I'd like to be a Teabag' in a choral speaking class at the Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts. Our marketing team would be grateful for festival news and photographs of pupils across the school who are taking part; please email Mrs de Burgh-Thomas: [prmarketing@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk](mailto:prmarketing@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk) Good luck to all our performers.

Next week is another busy one; as well as the Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts and the Year 2 production, we will be hosting our Summer Term Recital on Monday after school. Plenty to look forward to!

*Michelle Bareham*

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Head of School



## DIARY DATES

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday 13th May

4:00pm Gloucestershire  
Wildlife Quiz - Semi final  
4:15pm Summer Recital -  
Prep Hall

#### Wednesday 15th May

10:55am Chamber Ensemble  
at Cheltenham Festival of  
Performing Arts  
2:15pm U10 & U11 Girls' Cricket  
v King's Gloucester (location tbc)  
2:15pm U11/10 Boys' Cricket  
v Hatherop Castle  
(home and away) 3 teams

#### Thursday 16th May

9:30am Year 2 Choral Speaking  
at Cheltenham Festival of  
Performing Arts

#### Friday 17th May

2:00pm U8 Boys' Cricket v  
The Richard Pate School (away)  
2:30pm U8/9 Girls' Cricket v  
The Richard Pate School (away)  
2:30pm Year 2 Production -  
Parents invited Prep Hall



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## NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN

The children are enjoying their topic of 'Fantasy, Magic and Adventure', and during one Circle Time we were thinking about superheroes and what our superpowers would be. The children gave us some amazing ideas:

*"I would always be kind to my friends. I want to see far, far away. I would have telekinesis to move things with my eyes."*

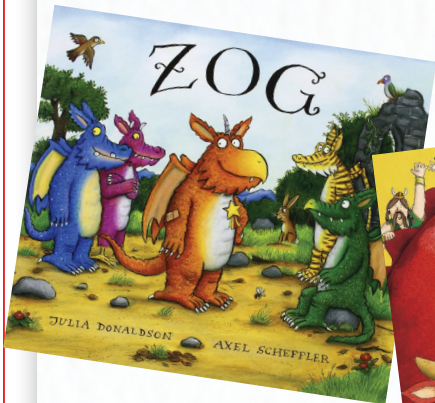
Their ideas led to a discussion about bravery, and the children could name characters from books and films they consider to be brave. They also talked about times when they have been brave.

Our book focus for this week has been 'Dragon Stew' by Steve Smallman and 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. We worked with the children to create a dragon home. Their ideas of coloured rice, logs, brown paper, and grass created an imaginative landscape. We observed some wonderful language during play as the children discussed where the egg came from, how big the egg would need to be, how large the dragon might grow, and what it would look like.

Our adventure theme continued with the children making dinosaur biscuits with Miss Wootton who is a brilliant baker. Her love of baking and children has been evident in her two very successful Baking Clubs that run during the Easter holidays.



In maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The children have been learning to identify, describe, and compare these shapes through designing castles. They have created some amazing 3D castles using Modroc, and clay. These, alongside other art pieces will be exhibited in the Summer Art Exhibition next month. MM



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL  
EARLY YEARS  
VALUES TREE

### THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Leaves: Holly C, Lucas D' A,  
Finn C, Ella W, Gethin C,  
Lola M  
Edna: Eva C, Wilf M





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## NEWS FROM RECEPTION

The arrival of the summer sunshine has been very welcome for the Reception children and we have embraced being outside as much as possible. The week began with a water safety talk from Puddleducks where we were super investigators, spotting dangers on and near the water.

We are continuing to learn about dinosaurs in our Understanding of the World sessions, this week looking at the theories of their extinction which has been fascinating. We have also talked about other animals that are extinct, such as the woolly mammoth, and animals that are endangered.

The children have demonstrated amazing creativity with their dinosaur sculptures and our clay fossils are ready to be fired in the kiln - we will glaze these next week and they will be available to view at the upcoming art exhibition.

In maths we have been subtracting and the children have been using classroom resources to help them to understand this concept, as well as singing songs and making shops to bring their learning to life. We are looking forward to our STEM week next week, where we will be exploring Kubos, investigating ice and recording our own fact videos about dinosaurs. Z M-S



  
BERKHAMPSTEAD  
SCHOOL  
EARLY YEARS  
VALUES TREE

### THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Leaves: Rory P, Matthew G,  
George B and Elsa K  
Berky Bear: Jesse L-O,  
Alex B





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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

### CALLING ALL PLANT LOVERS!

I am running a Plant Stall at the Summer Festival and therefore need a good variety of plants to sell.

Please start potting up seedlings and taking cuttings of indoor and outdoor plants in readiness for 29th June. I will be delighted to receive them on the day before or the morning the Festival, and find them good homes. Please make sure they are labelled (so that I know what they are); if they are unusual, any plating or care instructions would also be useful. Thank you.  
Mrs Agg

### PROPS PLEASE!

The brainchild of the School Council, the prop box in the Prep playground is going down a storm during break times! We would be very grateful for donations of hats and wigs etc to add to our collection!





THE  
**BERKY**  
*experience club*

7-11 years



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

### BAKING CLUB... AFTERNOON TEA (Y3-6)

Monday 29th July,  
9am - 4pm

At Baking Club, children will have the opportunity to make afternoon tea-themed bakes - including scones, mini Victoria sponge cakes and a savoury bake - under the guidance of Berky's Star Baker, Stephanie Wootton. The cost of the day will include all the ingredients, and the children will be able to take home their creations.



### RAINBOW BAKES (Y3-6)

Tuesday 13th August,  
9am - 4pm

The children will bake rainbow piñata cupcakes, funfetti cookies and rainbow fudge, again, under the guidance of Miss Wootton. The cost of the day will include all the ingredients, and the children will be able to take home their creations.

### MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August,  
9am - 4pm

Musical Theatre Club, led by Gemma Baker, will include singing, acting and dancing. Through engaging activities and games, the children will have the opportunity to develop their skills, build their confidence and work together to experience the magic of musical theatre.

*These days cost £47.50, and include a healthy mid-morning snack and a nutritious hot lunch (in the case of the afternoon tea-themed baking day, the lunch will be afternoon tea-themed (sandwiches, cakes, crisps, vegetable sticks and fruit)).*



THE  
**BERKY**  
*holiday club*

3-8 years

### MAY HALF TERM SPACE WEEK (AGED 3-8)

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May, 8.15am - 5.15pm

Join Miss Wootton and her team for a week of space-themed fun!

*The cost is £47.50, and includes a healthy mid-morning snack, a nutritious hot lunch and a light tea.*



To book any of these clubs, please visit: [berkhampstead.magicbooking.co.uk](http://berkhampstead.magicbooking.co.uk)



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



## SPORTS REPORTS

### CRICKET

#### GIRLS

##### U8 v Cheltenham College

On a glorious day, the U8 girls travelled the short distance to Cheltenham College for their first game of cricket. The girls performed brilliantly and applied what we have been learning during our games lessons. I was particularly impressed with some of the girls' hitting and excited by some of the risky running. Well done, girls, on a great first game of cricket. IP

##### U11 v The Richard Pate School

It was the first game of the season, and the girls had been working hard on their bowling so I was optimistic we could get a good game going. The bowling was good, and we managed three wickets across both games with a nice catch by Hattie E in one of the games. Millie worked well out on the boundary, with Eva, Frankie and Eulalie doing some great bowling and fast fielding.

There was some lovely play in the other game with Olivia hitting the ball for a 6 into a neighbour's garden! Kitty made some good contact with the ball, and there was some lovely bowling by Mollie and Ellie. There was some good movement in the fielding by Betty and Estella, who just missed out on a few catches. RPS made some good runs throughout their innings, taking the lead. Although both games were losses, it was not a bad start to the season, but there are a few things to keep working on. Well done, girls. CK

#### BOYS

##### U8 (Bulls) v Cheltenham College

Our lads' first match of the season ended in a narrow defeat but those involved can feel proud of a competitive and gutsy team performance. Berky fielded first. Cheltenham College had some big hitters in their team but our players bowled keenly and showed plenty of vim in the field. CCJS's target of 272 was a tough one to chase but some energetic blows saw us only 15 runs behind at the close of play. Both Georges, Max, Jack W, Rupert, Arlo, Sebbie and Devan all made pleasing contributions to a promising start to the season. MC

##### U8 v Cheltenham College

The Year 3 boys had their first cricket match of the season at Cheltenham College. Each team played well and gave it their all. We managed to win one out of the three matches and lost the other two. It was good to see the boys trying to put their skills that we have been working on in games sessions into practice. There was at times some lovely bowling and batting. Any practice outside of school on these skills would be much appreciated. The match tea, of course, was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys! Thank you to the parents who were able to attend. Well played, boys! TM

##### U9A v Beaudesert

Our second match of the season was at home against Beaudesert and played in glorious conditions. We lost the toss and Beaudesert put us into bat. Our openers Max and Jacob faced some extremely tight and accurate bowling which meant our opening score after three overs was 7 runs. However, Teddy and Ellis increased our run rate with a score of 25. Further excellent contributions of 25 from George L and Arthur, a massive 36 from Seth and George H and 12 from Dion and Ellis resulted in a finishing score of 105 for 7. A quick drinks break and team talk and Berky were back out in the field. Beaudesert's opening pair then put on a devastating display of attacking batting scoring 4 sixes and 2 fours and after their allotted 3 overs amassed a total of 34 runs. Two quick wickets from Teddy and Ellis slowly pulled us back into the game and with two further wickets and some tight fielding, Beaudesert required just 16 of their last three overs. Their two classy openers came back into bat and our fielders retreated to the boundary, three superb overs from Dion and George H and an excellent catch on the boundary reduced Beaudesert to just 8 runs with the batting side finishing on 297 for 5 and Berky running out winners by 8 runs. Well done boys! SM

##### U9B v Beaudesert

This was a very close game with both teams equally competitive. The Beaudesert team batted first and the bowling from Berkhampstead was a variable. They all bowled some very good deliveries, and took three good wickets, but there were too many extras from wides and no-balls. The sun was shining, and it was a glorious afternoon which meant that one or two fielders found concentrating a challenge. The fielding though was generally good with some particularly good stops from Ioan and Eddie S. The Beaudesert team scored 288 runs. The batting pairs were determined to score well, and the opening pair of Toby and Magnus put on a good total. This was followed by Ollie and Eddie S who swung hard but found it difficult to avoid the fielders. Quinn and Ethan came next and there were again some lovely shots, particularly from Quinn, and the total continued to rise. As we came to the last three batsmen, Eddie H, Ioan and Milo the Beaudesert target was in sight. Ioan hit some lovely shots, including a glorious cover drive but with one over to go 10 runs were needed. Sadly this over was one of the best from Beaudesert and only 6 could be scored off it, leaving the Berky team 4 runs short. A great game though, and well played, both teams. RC

