



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing half-term break and were able to make the most of some good weather. It was lovely to have so many parents join us for the Art Exhibition this week. For many it has been the first time they have been in school for over a year; and it was a pleasure to be able to spend time talking to parents. I have the privilege of seeing super artwork around the school on a daily basis, but it was lovely to see such a range of artwork together, including drawings, paintings, ceramics and sculptures across all year groups... Kindergarten to Year 6. I hope you enjoyed perusing the exhibition too. The highlight for me was seeing the children's delight in showing their piece of work to you.

It has been a busy week with enthusiastic clusters of children gathered putting together acts for 'Berky's Got Talent' and in Prep rehearsals for the Year 6 Leavers' Production 'Ali Baba and Bongo Bandits', a wonderful musical production, has also been underway. In Pre-Prep Year 2 finally made their trip up Crickley Hill in lovely sunny weather and they had a great time. The trip included building dens, searching for bugs and of course the Berky packed lunch!

Yesterday we had a wonderful visit from a musician/conductor of an iPad Orchestra. Year 5 had the privilege of spending the morning learning how to play various stringed instruments using the touchscreen on the iPad and all linked up to multiple speakers. I was invited to the final performance, and it was amazing. I believe that this performance has been posted on the Berky Instagram feed so please take a look.

There is a sense that school is getting back to normal and I hope to be able to send you more detailed information next week about more events in school that you will be able to attend - we are creating our NHS COVID-19 QR code for track and tracing!

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 11TH JUNE
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tue 15 June

5.30pm - 3C Parents' Evening

Wed 16 June

2.15pm - Girls' U11 Cricket v RPS (Away)

2.30pm - Boys U8 Cricket v Dean Close (A)

Thur 17 June

9.00am - Year 1 Class Assembly
Reception trip to West Midland Safari Park

Year 6 Science Workshop

5.30pm - 3M Parents' Evening

Fri 18th June

Year 6 Online Relationship Workshop

11.00am Year 2 visit to Prep Playground

2.15pm - Girls' U8/9 Cricket v RPS (A)

2.30pm - Boys' U9A/B Cricket v King's Glos (H)

Sat 19th June

AB Music Exams





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News from Pre-Prep

This week, Year 1 and 2 have jumped straight back into school life with a bang! Year 1 have been busily preparing for their class assembly ready to perform and film next week; lots of emphasis has been put on using BIG voices and lots of good expression when talking. The children can't wait for everyone to see their performance and hope it will be ready to view by the end of next week. Great excitement has been had when the children were introduced to the Spheros during ICT; the children had a go at programming the Spheros to write their own names! The Year 2 children have also been looking at their upcoming production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and planning out where each part will go and who will help produce the backdrop and props. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to go on a very exciting trip up Crickley Hill for survival training and den building; great fun was had by all and the weather was just right for a very exciting day outdoors. LL





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News from around the school

MRS WEEKS' CYCLE FOR CHARITY

Music Teacher, Judith Weeks and her husband are cycling for charity from Land's End to John O'Groats. Because of Covid restrictions they are doing this in three sections. They cycled from Land's End to Cheltenham in April, and are soon to cycle from Cheltenham to Carlisle. They hope to complete the final section in August.

For further details click here: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JudithWeeks>



ECO WARRIORS'

Congratulations to Sam B (Y5) who is the first recipient of the Eco-Warrior badge! The badge is awarded to pupils who carry out at least five actions from the Berky Eco Pledge on a regular and consistent basis. Sam embraced our eco initiative with great enthusiasm, and his green activities included the installation of a water butt, bird box and bug house in his garden, growing pansies and violas for his pet tortoise, litter picking and increasing his recycling at home. And most importantly, he is spreading the word! The Berky Eco pledge is published on Teams.

CRISP PACKET RECYCLING SCHEME

Please start saving your crisp packets again! We are working with TerraCycle to prevent crisp packets from ending up in landfills. Instead, TerraCycle recycles them into items such as watering cans, bowls and even furniture! Bring your crisp packets to school and help save the planet!

BERKY ECO PLEDGE

- 1 We pledge to reuse and recycle unwanted household items.
- 2 We pledge not to waste food/buy food produced in a non-eco-friendly way.
- 3 We pledge to use less plastic.
- 4 We pledge to reduce the amount of electricity and gas we consume.
- 5 We pledge not to waste paper.
- 6 We pledge not to waste water.
- 7 We pledge to reduce our fuel consumption.
- 8 We will support wildlife and plants at home and further afield.
- 9 We will be less materialistic.
- 10 We will spread the word!



ECO WARRIORS' TOP TIPS

WAYS YOU CAN TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THE OCEAN

- Use less water
- Reduce waste
- If choosing seafood, eat sustainably
- Lower your environmental footprint
- Use reef-safe sunscreen
- Do a beach clean
- Call for an Ocean Recovery strategy
- Use less plastic





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Cricket reports...

GIRLS

U10 v Rendcomb

The girls were excited to be playing in their first cricket match, and slightly nervous. Kitty (our captain) won the toss and elected to field first. We used the match as a training match to help the girls improve their bowling. Each girl bowled an over and had improved by their final ball. Our fielding became better as the match progressed and the girls worked hard to restrict the runs; Isabel hassled the batters brilliantly! When it was our time to bat, Sophia and Zoe S managed to claim a couple of boundaries. The match was tight and went down to the last over. Rendcomb won by 6 runs. Well done, girls - your behaviour was impeccable and I think you all learnt a lot about tactics!

U11 v King's Glos

Group A lost by 9 runs 285-276

Group B won by 22 runs 289-267

It was a glorious sunny day and, with water bottles replenished and sun cream applied, we boarded the minibus for Kings! We played two smaller games so the girls had much more involvement; this meant a lot more running around in the field! I was so proud to be their teacher, not only because they put their all into the matches but because of their manners and behaviour. All the girls were fantastic sportswomen and the King's staff mentioned how well-mannered they were at the end of the matches.

Both teams were up to bat first and there was some brilliant batting all round today. The bowling from King's was good which allowed our girls to make greater contact; a large percentage of the girls got 4s and 6s. With the runs tallying up, I was starting to get excited! Group A finished their batting with 276 and Group B 289. With King's now heading in to bat, the girls knew what they had to do. The fielding in both games was brilliant; girls were moving quickly to stop some of the 4s. Group B worked so well as a team with great communication and King's finished with 267: a great win for Group B, well done girls. King's had one over left and were on 276 in Group A's match; the girls knew they had to prevent them getting any runs and/or get a few catches. During the last over, there were two near catches but unfortunately they were dropped. We just couldn't keep their runs down and King's ended with 285 runs.

Some brilliant play all round, girls, and I was so proud of how you played and represented Berky. Looking forward to our RPS game now!

BOYS

U11A v Richard Pate

Richard Pate - 70 for 9 from

20 overs Berkhampstead -

78 for 1 from 8 overs

Berky won by 9 wickets

The U11 had a wonderful match against Richard Pate's on Wednesday.

We won the toss and elected to take the field. The boys started superbly, taking two wickets in the first over, both from the bowling of Henry R. This had RPS on the back foot and we were able to exercise pressure with accurate bowling and some superb fielding. It was great to see so many of the boys involved in the dismissals, with Will J, Will C, Rufus, and Will S all taking wickets. Harry M and Freddie also bowled very well but without much luck on this occasion. Patrick was also involved in several wickets with catches and stumpings. They completed their allotted overs on 70 for 9.

Harry A (17 not out) and Will C (22 not out) batted very nicely to see us comfortably pass their total in the 8th over. We had scored 78 for 1 by that stage, ensuring a win by 9 wickets. However, we continued to bat out most of our overs, finishing on 121 for 5. There were good contributions from Michael and Henry R and it was great to see all of the boys get a bat.

This was an excellent all round performance by the team and I was pleased to see us play so well in all three disciplines. Well done, boys!

U11B v Richard Pate

Won by 36 runs

The U11B team have gone from strength to strength this term. They are now at ease - batting and bowling and alert in the field. They showed this again this week against a good Richard Pate team, winning convincingly. Fielding first, the bowling was accurate with the wicket taking bowlers being Mateo and Connor. The fielding was superb with two good catches and many dives to stop boundaries - the boys' knees looked very green! Some alert wicket keeping from Luke stopped further runs and a late run out meant Richard Pate posted only 17 runs. The batting started steadily with Connor and Luke scoring 12 runs followed by Arthur and Robert nudging the scores level on 17 runs. Mateo and Captain Albie then made the big difference with over 30 runs scored with a number of big sixes. The final pair of Charles and Connor (batting twice as we only had 7 players) pushing the score onto 53. Well done, boys - another great win!

U10 v Richard Pate

RPS 264 - 6

Berky 255 - 7

On Wednesday afternoon the U10 boys played a cricket match against Richard Pates. The match was at The Richard Pate school and the boys chose to field first. The boundary was fairly small, but the boys bowled and fielded well, keeping a tight field and preventing any balls from escaping out of the boundary. There were 6 wickets taken from RPS and they finished with 264-6. When we came to bat, it was a challenge because Richard Pates had more fielders, and they had some good bowlers. The boys batted well though and going into the last over there were only 7 runs in it. Unfortunately, RPS took a wicket from the last over of the last pair and the boys finished with 255-7.

This was such a close match, and it could've gone either way, well done boys.

