

Cake at Break

After a long absence due to Covid, we are delighted that the PTA's popular Cake at Break event is making a return! Please remember to send your children (all pupils from KG - Y6) to school with money on Tuesday of next week!



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FRIDAY 24TH JUNE
SUMMER TERM

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

The Year 6 Leavers' Recital last night at Cheltenham Ladies' College Parabola Arts Centre was a delight. Year 6 performed wonderfully - ensembles and soloists entertained the audience with a broad range of music. Ensembles included a trash can samba band playing 'We Will Rock You', a piano trio playing 'The Run Around Blues' and a choir singing songs from 'Matilda.' There were many excellent soloists who showed great composure playing in front of an audience of family and staff.

The evening finished with Year 6 giving us an insight into their drama production by performing 'Piratical Style' from The Pirates of the Curry Bean (performances on 5th and 8th July). What impressed me most was how accomplished all the children were all evening - from serving canapés to their parents at the start, handing out programmes, announcing performances and playing so confidently on a stage they are not used to - and being so supportive of each other. It was a dazzling display of talent, and a pleasure to see just how far every pupil has come musically during their time at Berky. An enormous thank you to our music staff, and particularly Mrs Mitchell, for all their hard work over the years.

I have witnessed a shoal of sea creatures in Year 2, but parents please do not be concerned because I know that the staff have their fishing nets ready. I eagerly anticipate the performance of 'Stella the Starfish' next week. It is always a thrill to see the children performing on stage, acting, singing and dancing too!

We have a week of introductory evenings ahead with parents new to Kindergarten and Reception next year joining us on Tuesday and Thursday evening for an introduction into life in the respective year groups. As you know next year's staffing has been finalised and I hope that you will get the opportunity to meet your child's new form teacher in the coming weeks, if you haven't already.

I appreciate it is a busy time for parents, children and staff in the last three weeks of the summer term and sometimes this can cause some anxiety or tension. Please do talk to staff if you are unsure of events or if your child could do with a little more TLC in school.

Don't forget it is the PTA Summer Fete tomorrow at 11am - I have been informed that the weather will be perfect and there will be many stalls and activities to entertain. See you there!

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster

Diary dates

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues 28th June

Y3 Trip to Lower Moor Farm
Cake at Break

5:00pm Chess Match v
Gloucestershire Schools (A)

7:00pm Kindergarten
Introductory Evening

Weds 29th June

2:45pm Kindergarten
Wednesday Wander

2:30pm U10, A & B Girls'
Cricket v St Edwards (A)

2:30pm U11, A & B Girls'
Cricket v St Edwards (H)

2:30pm U11/U10 Boys' Cricket
v Richard Pate School (H)

2:30pm U9 A & B Boys' Cricket
v Dean Close Prep(A)

Thurs 30th June

1:00pm Cheltenham Schools
Cricket Knockout Trophy (H)

7:00pm Reception Introductory
Evening

Fri 1st July

8:40am Visiting Head's Assembly
- Mrs Huggett, Cheltenham
College Junior School

9:15am Y2 Summer Production

2:30pm U8 Girls' Cricket v
Richard Pate School (A)



Please note

Year 2 parents - Stella the Starfish is being performed Friday 1st July at 9.15am in the Pre-Prep hall.



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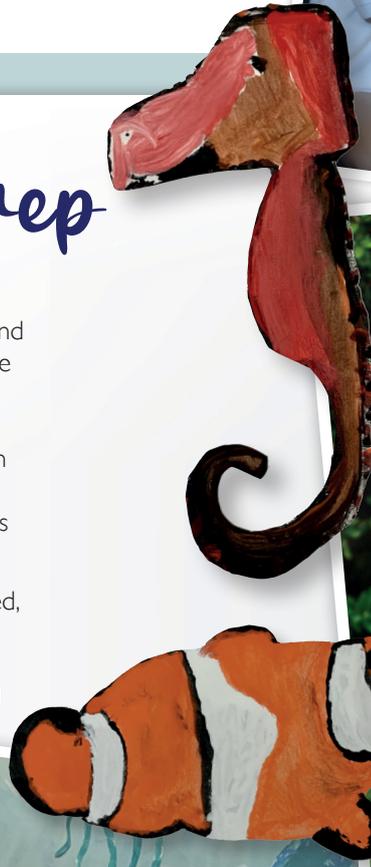


News from Pre-Prep

Year 1 have been studying a range of stories this week. They have been finding out about characters, settings and plots. They are looking forward to tying their knowledge together next week to write their own stories. British seashores have featured in topic lessons and the children have created fantastic tourism posters promoting British seashores; surfing proved to be very popular! The Year 1 children were excited to finish their ocean dioramas this week - what wonderful underwater scenes!

Year 2's rehearsals for 'Stella the Starfish' have continued, and they have also created scenery and props in art lessons. The children's costumes look brilliant so a big 'thank you' to parents for providing (and making) these! Layers of the ocean have been explored and the children were keen to discover which layer of the ocean their favourite sea creatures lived in. Many of the children would like to dive down to the Midnight Zone to visit the angler fish!

Maths lessons have focused on mass and weight. Lots of practical sessions have seen the children enjoying weighing, measuring and comparing. Year 2 have also started visiting Prep recently, and this term they have had their French lessons in a Year 3 classroom. This week the children loved having playtime in the Prep playground and thoroughly enjoyed watching Berky's Got Talent also in the Prep playground! AS





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Eco news

The Prep School Eco-Committee have been making lovely labels for the plants they are growing for Mrs Agg's plant stall at Saturday's Summer Fete. Meanwhile, the Pre-Prep Gardening Club's plants - including nasturtiums, nigella and cosmos - are flourishing! Well done, all!



PRE-PREP ECO NEWS

Plenty of children in the Prep department have achieved their Eco-Warrior badge, and have done so by carrying out a number of Berky Eco Pledges, and providing photographic evidence. Once the eco committee has approved the application, the children are awarded a smart badge in assembly to wear on their blazers.

The Pre-Prep Eco-Warrior team are keen for the Berky Eco Pledge to be rolled out to the younger children too, and have compiled a simplified version:

We pledge not to waste food

We pledge not to buy food produced in a non eco-friendly way

We pledge to use less plastic

We pledge not to waste paper

We pledge not to waste water

We pledge to support wildlife and plants at home and further afield.



The children need to provide proof of completing at least three of these pledges to earn the Pre-Prep Eco-Warrior badge. Photographs can be handed to form teachers or sent via our Pre-Prep Eco-Warrior email address:

pp.ecowarrior@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk

We are hoping that lots of the children will be keen to increase their green-living credentials during the Summer holidays ready to be awarded with their badges at the start of next term. Good luck!

Miss Kang Martinez





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News from around the school

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Meet Rob Fisher, our Catering Manager, who started with us at the beginning of the Summer term. A man of many talents, he originally trained as an actor at LAMDA, before moving into the catering world - his original passion. He then worked as a chef in a number of restaurants in London including Chez Bruce, before moving to Cheltenham in 2013.

A family man, Rob and his wife (a primary school teacher) have two children aged three and four, and so he really likes the family dining system here at Berky. He is looking forward to offering a range of tasty and freshly-cooked, nutritious food to the children here, and has recently been asking the children for their feedback in order to understand their tastes and preferences. He is planning to adapt their menus accordingly.





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Berky's got Talent 2022





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PTA NEWS...

PTA Summer Ball

We made a record-breaking profit of £7,600 at this year's Summer Ball! Huge thanks to everyone who spent so generously on the night!

NEWS FROM THE PTA

We are thrilled to be hosting the Summer Fayre tomorrow, Saturday between 11am - 2pm, the first one since 2019! We are hoping for a lovely few hours of sunshine (although we will survive the rain if it makes a short appearance!) and some fun and games as a whole school community.

We are delighted to announce that the fab Berky Boys will be returning this year to perform for us one more time after not being able to have their Summer Fayre last year. The boys will be performing in the Pre-Prep playground after midday.

We have an array of stalls on the day, including the following

- Hoopla
- Face painting
- Wellie Wanging
- Tin Can Alley
- Cricket
- Football Goals
- Hook the Duck
- Coin races
- Balance the Lemon
- Hair braiding
- Beat the Buzzer
- Adopt a Teddy
- Mrs Agg's plants stand
- And more....

We will also have some lovely refreshments -

- Pimm's
- Ice-lollies
- Cake
- Hot and cold drinks
- Snacks

We will be running a wonderful raffle, throughout the event, with 7 amazing hampers to be won, including -

- Gardening & Nature Hamper
- Beach Hamper
- BBQ Hamper
- Holiday/Activity Hamper
- Family Night In Hamper
- Pimm's Hamper
- Wimbledon Hamper
- Sweets & Treats Hamper

Raffle tickets will be on sale on the day, £2 a strip or 3 strips for £5

We would be most grateful if you could arrive with change for the stalls rather than large notes just to help ensure we don't run out of change on the day!

Although we are trying to be as eco friendly as we can at the event, there is a large number of plastic cups left over in the PTA cupboard from previous years, which we will be using on the day. We will place recycling bags around the playground and would be grateful to you for recycling as much as you can on the day.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you tomorrow.

With best wishes,
PTA

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Berky Summer Fete

YOU ARE
INVITED TO THE
BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL
SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY
25TH JUNE
11AM - 2PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU!



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Cricket reports...

GIRLS'

U8/U9 Cricket Tournament at Hatherley and Reddings

I am a VERY proud teacher! On Wednesday, I took a group of 6 girls from Y3 and Y4 to a tournament for Under 8 and Under 9 girls and boys. We were the only all-girl team participating - and we did exceptionally well, getting through to the semi-finals!

Our first match was against St Mary's who batted first. Our fielding was superb from the off, keeping their run score low and taking 7 wickets. We needed 70 to win, but the girls were on fire with a final score of 147 and only 3 wickets lost. Our next match was against Greatfield. They had won their first match too and were a fiery bunch of boys which led to an exciting game. We were put in to bat first and scored a solid 64 runs (lots of 4s and 6s from Ella, Charlotte, Ara, Evie, Melba and Eva) and then when we were fielding we took 9 wickets, adding 45 to our total run score (Dynamos scoring system). Greatfield's runs totalled 62. So it was another win for us and as we had won our group this led to a place in the semi-final where we encountered a very strong mixed team of 4 boys and 2 girls from Richard Pate School. RPS won this match by only 20 runs. As I said earlier, I am incredibly proud of all 6 girls - they showed true Berky spirit and determination in the heat, their behaviour was exemplary and their cricket was superb!

U8/9 v Beaudesert

As the game continued, the children improved in their bowling and their batting. Mollie and Kitty led the batting followed by Estella and Georgiana, who kept a clean sheet. Izzy and Flo followed with both Izzy and Flo scoring lovely boundaries Charlotte and Diana closed the batting with two 6's and a 4. We bowled in the following innings. We failed to take a wicket but Georgiana, Charlotte came very close. Good fielding by Izzy and Flo prevented boundaries being scored. We lost the game but played well considering the heat and the children can be pleased with their achievements and improvements.

U10 v Beaudesert

On a glorious Wednesday afternoon, the Year 5 girls played against a strong Beaudesert team. With Berky batting first, they put in a gallant effort scoring regularly. However, they struggled to find the boundary with any consistency. Throughout the innings the girls did not lose a single wicket and ran sensibly to ensure they didn't. The girls then took to the field and bowled with great accuracy but, unfortunately, the opposition demonstrated some superb power hitting, a couple of their girls hitting

boundaries with ease. Having said this, the Berky girls continued to fight claiming three wickets with one beautifully clean bowled. Well done girls.

In the second U10 match, Berky fielded first, and although there was some excellent bowling, with one amazing bowl taking a wicket incredibly cleanly, we allowed Beaudesert to score quite highly. Our misfielding enabled the girls to score quite a few extra runs. However, spirits were not dampened, and we began our batting. The Beaudesert girls were very quick and powerful at bowling, surprising both umpires! Berky stuck to the task in hand and were keen to notch up the runs - unfortunately, their enthusiasm to gain those extra runs led to a few rash decisions and a few wickets! But all said and done, the girls are certainly improving and although we were up against a much stronger side, the girls worked hard as a team and enjoyed the afternoon - learning a lot about match play. Well done, ladies!

U10 v The Richard Pate School

RPS hosted two Berky U10 teams and once again, the Berky parent support was outstanding.

Team 2 won the toss and chose to field first - always the better choice as you then know the score you are chasing down. Our bowling has certainly improved over the season and all the girls were far more confident in their approach. We gave away very few wides and no balls, which was excellent. Our fielding was slightly sleepy to begin with but Esi made some super fielding decisions, limiting RPS's runs. When it was time to bat, the girls supported each other from the side-lines and the batting pairs communicated clearly with each other, gaining some sneaky runs, which resulted in the girls claiming a narrow victory. Well done, ladies!

Team 1 were in to bat first, and we faced some good bowling by RPS. We made some good contact at times producing a few 4s and a handful of 1s. We also got bowled and ran out a few times. The girls knew they had to keep their runs down, RPS started strong with a few 4s in the first two overs. Berky girls managed to bowl a few RPS girls out, got a catch and ran a few out! We were on a roll fielding, but it just wasn't enough to keep their score down. There was some great play by the Berky girls regarding teamwork and general fielding skills were much better, although some of us are still not alert whilst out in the field or moving for the catch, something we will continue to work on. We lost by 47 runs unfortunately, but was still a great game. Well done, girls!

U10/11 Primary Schools' Cricket Tournament

We headed out to Hatherley and Reddings for the Primary School Cricket Tournament with two teams. Group 2 were the strongest team by far in their pool, finishing all matches with convincing wins! Group 1 dominated two of their pool games and then came against the Richard Pate team: we had to work hard to beat their 116 score, and with our last pair into bat we had three balls left to get four runs for a draw for five for the win. We managed a four with two balls left. They managed to beat RPS.

This meant both teams went through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the rain that was promised decided to come down, and the games were stopped.

I was very proud of all girls, not only for their game play but their manners, team work and overall behaviour. I was a very proud Berky teacher. Well done to all 12 girls.

U11 v Beaudesert

Off we went to the hills of Beaudesert playing fields, knowing that they would be the strongest opposition of the season! We were on to a winning streak by finding the playing fields without a problem, although we did have to dodge a few cows to get there. But we made it! Beaudesert bowled some good strong balls, and we struggled to make regular contact with them, resulting in a lot of dot balls. When we went into fielding, our bowling was good, and the girls worked hard on their technique, and Beaudesert hit a few 4s! Out in the field we needed to be ready to move as the batter hit the ball. Each team almost had a few catches, but we just couldn't keep hold of it. Unfortunately, we lost all three games. Beaudesert were deserving of the wins as they were a strong side. Well done all girls, we have some things to work on.





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Please note
There will be no after-school cricket club on Thursday 30th June.

Cricket reports...

BOYS'

U10/11 v Hatherop

On Wednesday, the U11/10 cricket team played Hatherop. It was an unusual match because it was six-a-side with four overs per pair, split over two different innings. The boys also played on astro so the ball moved a lot quicker. They adapted well though, and played fantastic cricket. The fielding was great, they stopped the ball from entering the boundary numerous times and the bowling was accurate. When the boys were batting they also played well, picking out space and scoring lots of 4s. The match ended with the boys scoring 335/4 and Hatherop scoring 293/2. A great win, well done.

U11A v Beadesert

Last week, the boys played in a very exciting contest against Beadesert.

We won the toss and put them in to bat. They batted very well scoring 119 for 3. Our boys were excellent in the field, really throwing themselves about to save runs. Our wickets came from Manas, Seb and Max.

Ben and Max opened the batting and played beautifully with excellent placement of shots and aggressive running between the wickets. Max retired on 32 and Ben scored 25. We then lost a cluster of wickets but were steered home by Manas and Reuben with 4 overs to spare, resulting in a fine win by 6 wickets. Well done to all of the team.

U11A v Hatherop

On Wednesday, we travelled to play in testing conditions. We batted first and didn't manage to hit the heights of previous games. Some poor choices of shots resulted in us losing wickets cheaply. A fine knock of 26 by Manas helped to get us to a total of 82.

Although this was always going to be a tough total to defend, the boys fought very hard and came close to a victory. Energetic fielding and some tight bowling brought us to the last over with Hatherop needing 1 for the win. A top edge secured the victory with 5 balls to spare.

There were some positives from the game but our batting was not up to our usual standard and this cost us the game. I am sure the boys will learn from it when we play our last match of the season next week.

Well done, boys for a great effort in the field.

