



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE
SUMMER TERM**

NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents

This week, it was Reception's turn to take to the stage, and they duly delighted their audiences with their end of year assembly entitled 'Once Upon a Time'. It was a really lovely show, and we were all so entertained with the children's singing and retelling of some of their favourite traditional fairy tales. Thank you to the Reception children for showcasing just some of what they have learnt this year. Then, on Thursday, our older pupils trod the boards for this year's 'Berky's Got Talent'. After a few weeks of auditions, in front of School Council judges, Years 2 to 6 - plus plenty of staff - enjoyed the twelve final acts - which ranged from singing and comedy, to gymnastics, karate and Rubik's cube solving. Well done to Luis MR (Y6), Annabelle S and Lucy W (Y3), Rocco B and Rose B (Y3 & 5), Eden B (Y4), Felix T (Y3), Ellis M (Y4), Florence P and Tilly M (Y3), Freddie L, Ben R and Tom R (Y6), Jemima H-S (Y4), Remi T (Y5) and Estella L and Jack F (Y6) for making the finals, and for entertaining us all yesterday afternoon. Well done to everyone who auditioned.

Reception and Pre-Prep's Sports Days - which happened this morning - have been a huge success. All the children competed in a range of events including the egg and spoon race, the sack race, obstacle and relay race. The enthusiastic crowd cheered the children on, and the enjoyment on the children's faces was a joy to behold. Well done to all the children for competing in such good spirit. There are more sporting events to look forward to next week: Kindergarten Sports Day takes place on Tuesday morning, and Prep's Sports Day is on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Reception and the Pre-Prep children will participate in field events on Monday morning (although, unfortunately, parents aren't invited to this event). The Prep Sports Day is a day long event at the Prince of Wales Stadium - with field events in the morning and track events in the afternoon. We look forward to welcoming parents in the afternoon.

Despite being so close to the end of term, trips still remain weekly highlights. On Tuesday, our Year 4 historians visited Mary Arden's Farm near Stratford, as part of their studies on the Tudors. The children took part in a variety of engaging activities including making wattle and daub, investigating the medicinal uses of herbs, dancing and making lavender bags. It was a fantastic day, made even more authentic with the children dressed in Tudor costume. Next week, Year 1's trip to Bristol Aquarium and Year 5s day out at the Black Country Living Museum round off this year's busy Summer Term timetable of trips and visits.

Don't forget it is the PTA Summer Festival tomorrow at 1pm - I, for one, am thoroughly looking forward to it, and hope to see many of you there.

Michelle Bareham

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Head of School



DIARY DATES

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 29th June

1:00pm - 4:00pm PTA

Summer Festival

Monday 1st July

9:00am Reception to Year 2

Field Events - No spectators

11:00am Moving up morning for current Reception to current Year 2

2:00pm Stay and Play

for children due to be in Kindergarten or Reception in September 2024

Tuesday 2nd July

9:15am - 9:45am Kindergarten

Sports Day - Parents Invited

4:00pm Prep House Chess

Wednesday 3rd July

Prep Sports Day - Parents

invited from 1:00pm

Thursday 4th July

Year 1 Trip to Bristol Aquarium

12:30pm Current Year 3 to

current Year 5 - Reading Time

'Meet your Form Teacher'

Friday 5th July

Year 5 History trip to the Black Country Living Museum

2:15pm U9A & B Boys' Cricket v

The Richard Pate School (home)



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NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN

Wow! What a hot week to accompany our holiday themed term. This week we have been thinking about the weather and how our holidays can be hot, cold, or rainy. The children enjoyed playing in our rock pool tuff tray, playing with shells, seaweed, and various sea creatures. We have loved observing the children re-enact their holidays and have listened to some fabulous descriptive language during play.

We have also been learning how to stay safe in the sun, and after reading the story 'Lucy and Tom at the Seaside' by Shirley Hughes, the children discussed their own ideas of sun safety.

Hugo: 'You must have sunscreen on'

Cleo: 'You should drink water'

Robyn: 'I wear a hat'

Zoe: 'Children wear shorts and t-shirts to stay cool'

The children's ideas led our learning to decorating sun head bands and the children proudly wore them all day. The children made SunSmart bookmarks by either tracing, coping, or independently writing their names; and they practiced their cutting skills by choosing items of clothing to cut out and then glue on to a paper model.



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EARLY YEARS VALUES TREE

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Leaves: Paxton A, Posey L, Willow M, Isabelle M
Edna bear: Lola M, Robyn D



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NEWS FROM RECEPTION

Once upon a time at Berkhampstead School, the Reception children put on a magical fairy tale showcase for their parents! What a spectacle it was as the children demonstrated their musical skills and clear and confident speaking. Mrs Sallis had specially written some songs for us and the children loved the call and response giant song as well as banging their drums to the Red Riding Hood song.

This week we have also been busy practising for Sports Day (today) and even in the heat have shown that we understand the expectations of teamwork and supporting our friends.

In writing this week we have been re-telling the story of the Gingerbread Man, including reading alternative versions of the book and the Gingerbread Man 2, where the fox becomes a star baker!

Next week brings the excitement of our move up morning to Year 1 – we just know the children are so ready for this new challenge. Good luck, Reception!
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EARLY YEARS
VALUES TREE

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Leaves: Elsa K, Fraser M,
Florence D and Flora R
Edna bear:
Rory P





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NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THE BERKY EXPERIENCE CLUB

Years 3 -6

This summer - as well as our existing Holiday Club for younger children - we are offering a series of exciting activity days for our Prep School pupils. At a glance:

Jazz & Rock Factory (16 & 17 July)

Computing Club (17 & 18 July)

Art Club (24 & 25 July)

Baking Club (29 July)

Cricket Club (5 August) NEWLY ADDED

Baking Club (13 August)

Football & Hockey (19 Aug) NEWLY ADDED

Rugby Club (20 Aug) NEWLY ADDED

Musical Theatre Club (21 & 22 Aug)

Ready, Steady, Folk! (28 & 29 Aug)

SPACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY!

For further details, or to book any of these clubs, (including Holiday Club for younger children), please visit Berkhampstead.magicbooking.co.uk or email Miss Wootton with any enquiries: holidayclub@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk



PRE-PREP & RECEPTION LEGO COMPETITION

The Pre-Prep School Council was excited to announce the winners of their recent Lego and Duplo competition in assembly yesterday morning. The young judges - along with Mrs Bareham and Mr Jones - were impressed with the creativity of all the entrants, so choosing one winner each from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 was a challenging process. Congratulations to India L, (R), Ayla A (Y1) and Finley S (Y2), and well done to everyone who entered.



RAINFOREST DAY

If you forgot send in your child's £1 on Rainforest Day, there is still time to donate. Please drop your contribution into the school office; all funds will be donated to Rainforest Concern. (<https://www.rainforestconcern.org>)





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Summer Festival

SATURDAY 29th JUNE 1PM-4PM

Welly Wanging

Book Stall

Adopt a Teddy

Berky Bake Off

Year 6 Leavers Stalls

Face Painting

Bouncy Castle

Children's Entertainers

Berky Samba Band

Hamper Raffle

Food, Drinks, Snacks

Pre-Loved Dressing Up

Guitar Band

Pimms Tent & Bar

Mrs Agg's Plant Stall



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SPORTS REPORTS

CRICKET

Berky U8/9 v Beaudesert

It seemed like it would be a long afternoon when Beaudesert's first pair entered the fray and began propelling fours and sixes to every corner of the historic Victoria Ground. However, it turned out to be a most compelling and most exciting slice of sporting cake. It has to be said that Berkhampstead bowled very well and fielded with real energy. Our visitors, though, proved a tremendously skilled and ruthless batting collective, scoring quickly and efficiently throughout their innings. Their final score of 354 (each team starts on 200) after 16 overs was pretty formidable but, lo!, the Berky batters made such a decent fist of chasing it down. The opening pair of Dion and Max were an eye-catching partnership and stroked several crafty, crafted boundaries; Miles and Leo batted steadily and kept the scoreboard ticking over. Then, fireworks. Arthur and Rowan threatened low-flying aircraft with too many lusty blows to count. The scoreboard raced along. The final pair, Charlie and Hughie, required 61 runs to win from four overs and, my word, they gave it an almighty crack. Boundaries galore kept Berky in the match until the very last over; risks had to be taken and, alas, a wicket with four balls remaining put paid to our brave endeavours. Berky ended on a splendid 333, 21 runs adrift of our visitors.

Great sport, mind. Played, lads. MC

U10/11 v Beaudesert (Girls)

The U11/U10 played their last game of the season in a match against Beaudesert at the Victoria Ground. Berky won the toss and put Beaudesert into bat. And they wasted little time in setting about our bowling attack sending balls to all four corners of the oval. They made it very difficult for our bowlers to pin any of their batsmen down despite an early wicket from Lara. Despite taking three more wickets we were unable to dent Beaudesert's batting attack and in just 15 overs they scored a huge total of 102 for 3!

Beaudesert's bowling attack was as ruthless and as calculating as their batting and from the outset and we struggled to get going with only the pairings of Hannah and Amelia, and Megan and Annabelle who made an excellent combined total of 44, making any impact on their score. We lost 6 wickets for a total of 62 runs and ended up losing by 40 runs to a very strong Beaudesert side. Despite the extremely hot conditions the girls maintained their enthusiasm throughout. Well done girls!
LOST by 40 runs SM

U11A v The Richard Pate School

On Wednesday the U11A team had their final hardball match of the season against RPS. We batted first and although not at our best with the bat, we steadily accumulated runs after some early wickets. Wilf batted nicely for 12 and there were also good knocks from Tom, Jack and Ben S. We finished on a total of 282 having lost 5 wickets.

Our bowling started with an astonishing hat trick from Ben R with the first 3 balls of the innings. Zack then took 3 more in the second over. Our fielding was slick and aggressive and we always had the opposition under pressure. More wickets came through Tom, Wilf, Alastair, Sid (2) and Ollie. A mention must also be made for Lucas who was excellent behind the stumps. This left RPS on a total of 239 and a convincing win for Berky by 43 runs.

Well done boys on what has been a very successful season. Many thanks to all of our supporters. P McC

Cheltenham Schools

Knockout Trophy

Yesterday the U11 team took part in this annual cricket tournament which has been taking place since 1924.

Our first match was against The Richard Pate School which we won comfortably by 74 runs. We then had a very tough encounter against Charlton Kings, who had some excellent batters and we conceded quite a few boundaries. However we have some excellent batters of our own and we chased down the total to achieve an excellent victory by 14 runs.

This took us to the final against Bishop's Cleeve. Our batting was superb, as we posted a total of 315, losing only 2 wickets. We backed this up with a superb bowling and fielding performance to win by 71 runs.

The team were wonderful throughout the afternoon, playing some stunning cricket and supporting and encouraging each other throughout the three and a half hours.

Well done everyone for winning on the 100th anniversary of the tournament.

