

CAKE AT BREAK

Our first 'Cake at Break' of the school year takes place on

Friday 10th October.

Please send your child in with £1.



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



**FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER
AUTUMN TERM**

NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents

I was delighted to be able to appoint all the Year 6 as monitors, as well as the Year 6 House Captains, School Council and Eco-Warrior Leaders and Form Representatives in recent assemblies. Year 6 children who wanted to be considered for the posts of House Captains, School Council Leaders or Eco-Warrior leaders submitted application letters which were read by the staff who then voted for the people they considered best suited to the roles - always a tough decision. The Year 6 children were also given a vote for those they considered would make the best House Captains. Congratulations to Hermione H - House Captain for St Andrew's, Tamar C - St David's, Iris M - St George's and Isabella B - St Patrick's. I am sure they will do a great job of leading their Houses and marshalling the troops for the many House events ahead as well as giving the much-needed support for younger children. A second House Captain for each House will be appointed at the end of term; there will be therefore another opportunity for Year 6 to apply for the role at this point.

The School Councils meet with Mr Jennings (Prep), and Mrs Jones (Pre-Prep) every two weeks. It is run democratically and discusses matters affecting the pupils such as school uniform, school lunches and charity fundraising; anyone can approach their class rep and put forward a suggestion for discussion at the meeting. The School Council leaders for this year are Milo R and Chloe R. Each class elects representatives for the School Council, and these are as follows: Reception: Posey L and Theodore W, Year 1: Lucas D'A and Lola M, Year 2: Saskia S and Kit M, Year 3: Huxley R and Daniel D, Year 4: Grace M and Eleanor W, Year 5: Sebbie R and Chloe W.

DIARY DATES

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 7 October

Prep Strings Day at Dean Close School

16:00 Prep Book Look - Prep

Parents invited

18:00 4P Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8 October

U11 Boys' IAPS Football

14:00 U9 Rugby Festival at Dean Close

Thursday 9 October

Year 1 Superhero Day

16:15 Prep Move More Cross

Country - team sheet to follow

18:00 4J Parents' Evening

Friday 10 October

Cake at Break

U11 Girls' IAPS Hockey

13:00 Year 5 & 6 Girls Move

More Football tournament

19:20 PTA Quiz - doors open

19:20, game starts 19:35



House Captains



Year 6 School
Council leaders



PARKING REMINDER

We kindly ask parents not to park on Terne Road, as this is a private road.

Thank you for helping us to be considerate neighbours.



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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL CONTINUED

Another important Berky committee is 'Berky Gets Greener' This eco committee is led by Mrs Hannett in the Prep School and Miss Kang-Martinez in the Pre-Prep, and over the last few years, the committee has influenced some significant improvements in school such as the switch to motion-sensor lights, improved green credentials in the kitchen and the recycling of crisp packets, batteries, coffee pods and medical blister packets. The conscientious group is often seen with their high-vis jackets and litter pickers, collecting rubbish around school, and last year, the team were involved in Cheltenham Borough Council's 'Care for Our Air' campaign. The children were keen to monitor the air quality around school and borrowed 'Monty' the air quality control monitor to record local levels. All this hard work has resulted in us gaining our Eco-Schools Green Flag (with distinction).

All Berky children are encouraged to lead a greener lifestyle, and everyone from Reception to Year 6 can take part in the Berky Eco Pledge, to earn themselves a smart Eco-Warrior badge to wear on their blazers. A copy of the Berky Eco Pledge is displayed in every classroom (there is a simplified version for Pre-Prep children), and it can be found on our website too: <https://www.berkhamsteadschool.co.uk/school/school-life/berky-gets-greener.php> The Year 6 Eco leaders this year are Starlar H and Atharv I, and the class reps are as follows: Reception: Wilf M and Eddie D, Year 1: Clemmie P and Florrie-Esme G, Year 2: Toby S and Rafe J, Year 3: Tahlia Z and Alba H, Year 4: Georgie C and Kitty L, Year 5: Max T and Ollie S. Many congratulations to all these pupils!

This morning, we were delighted to welcome author B. Ware back to the Prep School, this time to share her second children's book, WARNING: May Contain Dragons! She began the day with an inspiring assembly, reading from the opening chapters, before leading a series of lively workshops with Years 3 to 6. To round off a fantastic day, B. Ware gave out stickers and bookmarks, and signed copies of her book. If you would still like to purchase a copy, you can do so via linktr.ee/bwareauthor.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Michelle Bareham

Michelle Bareham
Head of School

GENTLE REMINDER

For allergy and safety reasons, we kindly ask that children are not given snacks to eat on the school premises, either at the end of the school day or before attending a school club or event.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all pupils safe.



Year 6
Eco Leaders





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NEWS FROM PRE-PREP

Wow! Kapow! Year 1 have thoroughly thrown themselves into their Superhero theme this week! The children have enjoyed learning about speech in their English lessons and used speech bubbles to bring their superheroes to life.

Our mathematical heroes have been introduced to part-whole models to investigate how numbers are made up, and as always enjoy using equipment to help their understanding.

In computing lessons, Year 1 have been learning about taking photographs so get ready to say "Cheese!"

The children have also been very busy designing their own capes ready to make on their Superhero Day next week. We cannot wait!

After the success of our UK Wow Day last week, the Year 2s have written and illustrated some fantastic fact files all about London. They then enjoyed making a quiz for a friend which was great fun! They were excited to find a postcard, flag and a lion in their classrooms on Wednesday morning and will be finding out more in our new class story, Katie in London.

LS Lowry is our special artist this term. The children have blown us away with their imaginative ideas for what they might see, feel and hear if they were to walk in one of the scenes that he painted. Year 2 enjoyed mixing colours and painting scenes in the style of Lowry; we can't wait for you to see them!



In maths, we have been estimating where numbers would appear on a number line and have been comparing amounts and numbers, saying which are greater and less. Ask your child which number the crocodile will always eat first!

Many thanks for sending your child's wellies in for our special treat! The Year 2s enjoyed a fun afternoon in Forest School making mud pies, digging and exploring. The session ended with a tasty hot chocolate to say well done for filling the class star jars. We're ready to do it all over again!

Thanks as always to you for all your support. SL





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PTA NEWS



THE MARC TITLEY CUP

BERKHAMPSTEAD PTA

QUIZ NIGHT

BOOK NOW!

Friday
10th Oct

Prep Hall
Doors open at: 7:20pm
Game starts at: 7:35pm

£15^{pp}
includes welcome
drink, cheese & nibbles
+ sweet treats!

Tables of 6

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SPORTS REPORTS

HOCKEY

U11 v Cheltenham College Prep School

We had three teams ready to go, there was a bit of confusion over the set up so we ended up doing rotations on the pitch. But we got on and got started. The B team pushed hard from the off, Jemima making some feisty drives through to the attacking D. The C team worked well as a team with good positioning covering all areas of the pitch. It was great to see some goals and most of the girls running back to protect the goal. The A team worked hard from the off, pushing up well but they struggled to finish it at times. There was some great work in the midfield with all the girls working hard to get back. Well done for the team work girls: with illnesses and lots of changes you coped well. There were some great goals, however, there's lots to still work on going forward. One loss and two wins. CK

U10A & B v The Richard Pate School

The U10A and B teams showed some excellent hockey skills during their game against The Richard Pate School resulting in 4 wins from all 4 matches played! Some fantastic goals from Annie W, Annabelle S, Josie A and two goals in quick succession from Maddie E. Florence P stopped a goal millimetres from the

goal line with a powerful kick away. The teams were positive to each other, both on and off the pitch and supported those players who felt less confident. It was really wonderful to see some of the girls trying out new positions and combinations on the pitch. Moving forward, we will be working on using the wing to push play further forward. Overall, a fantastic display of hockey. Well done! SO

U8 v King's Gloucester and Ashley Manor

On Friday afternoon, the U8s visited Gloucester for their inaugural match, and what an introduction to competitive sport it was! The girls split into two teams (named Berky

Strawberries and Berky Bananas), who both played three small-sided matches against teams from King's and Ashley Manor. Both the Strawberries and the Bananas quickly settled into the games, showing strength and perseverance while attacking the opponents' goals, and defending their own. There was much success - goals and wins aplenty. However, the most impressive aspect of the afternoon was the way the girls approached their situation; they showed positivity, encouragement and smiles with their teammates, and superb respect and fair play with their opponents; a few of our girls even joined the opposition team when they went a player down due to injury! A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all; I was so proud of all our U8 superstars. Thanks also go to the brilliant turnout of parent supporters. Surely the start of a fabulous season! Go team! KJ





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RUGBY

U11A v Beaudesert

The U11 Team had a tough encounter against a strong Beaudesert side on Wednesday. We were not at our best in the first half, making some uncharacteristic errors and found ourselves 3 tries to 1 down at half time. However, our chat at the break resulted in a much more focussed and determined second half performance. Passes went to hand, rucking was more dynamic and defence was more robust. We scored four second half tries to take the match by 5 tries to three. Our try scorers were Arthur (3), Teddy and George H. There was also a fantastic try saving tackle by Seth in the dying moments of the game. Well done to all the team and many thanks to the parents who made the trip to Minchinhampton. P McC

U11B v Dean Close & The Richard Pate School

Wednesday afternoon brought about a rather pleasant afternoon at Dean Close for the Under 11Bs - after a tasty lunch and some coaching from the Dean Close Senior School instructors, it was time for a friendly triangular tournament against our hosts and our fellow visitors, The Richard Pate School. Our first match was against Dean Close; some good rugby was on show from both teams but, despite a super try following a mazy run from Jonas, Berky were on the end of a 3-1 loss. Match two, versus RRS, was a closely fought affair; a brace from Jonas following some strong running and the try of the day - a driving run and finish from Ellis following some good work from Eddie S - wasn't enough and Berky ended up losing 4-3. Our penultimate game was our rematch against our hosts; some injuries and bad luck threw us and, while Rowan scored a consolation try, DC ended winning 5-1. Finally, the rematch against RPS and time for Berky to shine; some great tackling and kicking, brave driving and engaging from all, especially Mark and Milo, and a brace of tries for Rowan after some twisting, turning running, resulted in Berky winning 2-0. Great efforts from everyone and some really good sportsmanship on show too. Well done gents! KJ

U11A Dean Close Festival

The Year 6 boys enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of rugby at Dean Close on Wednesday. Our opening match was a real nip and tuck affair against the hosts. There was great attacking intent shown by both sides, with a final result of 5 tries apiece. Our second match against The Richard Pate School, saw a dominant performance by the Berky boys. We managed to get width on the ball at times and were rewarded with a 6 ties to 1 victory. Our final match was a much tighter affair against Ashley Manor. Two good sides battled hard but in the end our boys once again found the tools to open their defence and claimed a well-earned victory by 1 try to nil. Well done to all the boys who were on great form as were our supporters on the sideline.

P McC

U9 v King's Gloucester

We took one team over to King's for a highly competitive match. King's started well and scored two break away tries. However, the Berky spirit shone through, and perseverance won as the boys continued to rattle in the tackles and compete for every metre. The boys' strong running and developing offload game meant that we came out victorious in the end. I was also impressed with their sportsmanship which ensured that their opposition members were okay when anything happened. Brilliant start boys!

IP

U9 v Cheltenham College

On a lovely autumnal afternoon, we travelled the short distance to play Cheltenham College. From the very first whistle, all the boys were demonstrating the determination and resilience to compete in a rugby match. The improvement in tackling - particularly shown by Franklin, Douglas and Finley - was outstanding and we are beginning to look for the pass rather than dying with the ball. Our next challenge is to spread out and look for space. The sportsmanship towards the opposition and the support they offered their own team was superb to watch and great to see. Well done boys and I look forward to watching your next match.

IP

U8 v Ashley Manor (Tag rugby)

On Friday we took two Year 3 teams to play their first tag rugby matches against Ashley Manor. Each team played twice, once against each Ashley Manor team.

Bisons:

For a first match of the season I was very pleased with the effort that all of the boys put into their games. Each boy wanted to do the best they could and wanted to score plenty of tries. We ran very well with the ball and got plenty of tags whilst in defence. The first game was slightly easier as we were running down hill, but even in the second - and going uphill - we showed that we had plenty of energy. I am very pleased with the boys and look forward to seeing how well we progress throughout the season. Thank you to all parents who were able to make it to the match.

Buffaloes:

Just WOW! I was blown away by the boys. They were all focused - a little too much excitement at times - but they were ready to run! We were collecting tags left, right and centre from the start. The boys showed a good understanding of the basics of the game and they worked well as a team. They did some lovely passing, resulting in plenty of tries. There were some fantastic runs by a few of the boys, but all boys were fully involved and wanted to play: it was fantastic to watch! The boys show such promise and I already look forward to seeing them again later in the season. Passing a little more quickly is something we could think about going forward. Thank you for such a lovely afternoon, boys. I was proud of you.

TM and CK





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