



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



**FRIDAY 7TH JUNE
SUMMER TERM**

NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and were able to make the most of the few days away from school. We warmly welcome Rowan J who has joined 4T, and hope he settles quickly into life at Berky.

This is a great time of year with so many trips taking place. On Tuesday, a group of our Prep School wind, brass and percussion players joined King's School, Gloucester for an 'Orchestra in an Afternoon.' Having taken part in sectional rehearsals - and then altogether with Mr Trim - our musicians put on a super performance for their parents. Mrs Mitchell was clearly impressed with the children's focus and commitment to following directions and learning their parts so quickly; well done to you all. Our Reception children have also been out and about. A trip to All Things Wild in Evesham on Thursday proved a most exciting day for our young palaeontologists, who travelled back in time to explore prehistoric lands and take part in a dinosaur explorer workshop; the trip was planned as a conclusion to their topic of 'Alive or Extinct.' On Thursday, it was 4P's turn to visit Cheltenham's Incom Gaming. Following in the footsteps of their 4T counterparts - who visited the centre before half term - the children enjoyed playing a number of cooperative board games, while simultaneously sharpening their strategic skills.

It was lovely to see the Year 2 parents at our 'Transition to Year 3' talk on Tuesday. The children's transition to Year 3 marks a significant step in their educational journey, and we are committed to making this as smooth and enjoyable as possible for our pupils. With this in mind, we have planned plenty of activities and initiatives to help with this. These include our buddy system, whereby our older pupils - who are currently in Year 5 - are partnered with a Year 2 child. It is their job to support them over the next few weeks, and when they start Prep in September. Chess Club - which is run by Mr Cole - will kick off imminently - and involves the Year 2 children being taught the game by our more experienced Prep pupils while all Year 2 French and PE lessons are now being taught on the Prep side. Moving up morning- for our current Reception to Year 5 - takes place on Monday 1st July.

Next week - as well as more trips (Year 3 are off to Lower Moor Farm and Year 4 are travelling to Slimbridge), the week will be hugely exciting for our oldest children in Year 6 who are all set to tread the boards. The pupils have two days of dress rehearsals for their Leavers' Production, 'What a Knight!' and two performances at the end of the week on Thursday and Friday. Judging by the rehearsals that I have seen, the show promises to be superb - this year's cohort are a tremendously talented lot.

I am very much looking forward to the PTA Summer Celebration at the Frogmill tomorrow evening, and I hope to see plenty of you there!

Have a good weekend.

Michelle Bareham

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Head of School



DIARY DATES

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 8th June

7:00pm PTA Summer Celebration, The Frogmill

Monday 10th June

Year 4 Trip to Slimbridge

Year 6 Play Dress Rehearsal - AM

Tuesday 11th June

Dean Close Strings Day for Prep String Players

Year 3 Trip to Lower Moor Farm

Wednesday 12th June

Year 6 Play Dress Rehearsal - AM

2:15pm U10/U11 Girls' Cricket v Cheltenham College (home)

2:15pm U11/U10 Boys' Cricket (2 teams) v Beaudesert (away)

2:15pm U11/10 Cricket (2 teams) v Beaudesert (home)

Thursday 13th June

6:00pm Year 6 Play - Parents invited, tickets required

Friday 14th June

Kindergarten Trip to Cotswold Farm Park

2:15pm U9 Girls' Cricket v Ashley Manor (home)

2:15pm U9A & B Boys' Cricket v Ashley Manor (home)

6:00pm Year 6 Play - Parents invited, tickets required



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NEWS FROM PRE-PREP

A huge welcome back to everyone, it has been wonderful to see so many happy and settled faces back in school. Pre-Prep have been making the most of the sunshine; Year 1 have enjoyed a lesson on nouns in the playground where they had to identify a common or proper noun and think of adjectives to describe it. They also had a fabulous session combining Science and Forest School and searching for signs of summer. Art has been a top-secret event and caused much excitement; all will be revealed in a few weeks.

Meanwhile Year 2 have kept incredibly busy; Maths has seen them developing their skills using statistics including tally charts, tables, block diagrams and pictograms. In science they have been studying the life cycle of a butterfly and it's been super to hear the children using lots of scientific words such as chrysalis, metamorphosis, larvae and hatchling.

In CWB everyone has been carefully considering making the right choices. They have thought about having a responsibility not only to themselves but also their families to make good choices. Hopefully you will notice them eagerly brushing their teeth, getting enough sleep, eating the right foods and being super helpful. Also across Pre-Prep, coding is the theme, with Year 2 using Kubos and Year 1 Spheros.

There is lots to look forward to over the coming weeks as the children practise for Sports Day and start to think about their transition sessions. Also, please don't forget their outfits for Rainforest Dress Up Day on 21st June. Wishing everyone a very happy second half of term. C M-L





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NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

FOR SALE

Smart golfing umbrellas featuring our Berky crest and school colours, with a moulded plastic, wood-effect handle and spike, £25. Umbrellas can be purchased on the Magic Booking E-Shop:
berkhampstead.magicbooking.co.uk

WILDLIFE QUIZ

Just before half term, the Berkhampstead Wildlife Quiz Team contested the Cheltenham schools' final against St Mark's and Gretton. The Berky quartet showed a wide range of knowledge and compiled a most creditable final score but were just pipped to first place by a very strong St Mark's team. Our four young quizzers can feel very proud of their achievements - this is the furthest our school has gone in this wonderful competition and they came within just a few points of qualifying for the county final. Well done to Freddie L, Ben R, Tom R and Ben W. MC





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SPORTS REPORTS

CRICKET

U10/11 v Cricklade

A team of Y5 and Y6 girls and boys combined to play this match. We were immediately put into bat and built up a healthy score with some clever batting, finding gaps in the field and hitting boundaries, even managing a 6, from Jack! A few pairs added to the score with some sneaky runs, and this certainly helped us to build a healthy final score of 328, with only 1 wicket. Our opening 2 bowlers were strong with 4 wickets between them and an amazing catch from Miles. We continued to restrict their runs and limit those boundary balls. We could have gathered up a few more catches, but that is just being picky! Cricklade ended on 256, having lost 8 wickets. A great afternoon of cricket and the sun even came out! JH

U11/10 v Cricklade

On Wednesday the U11/U10 Hardball team played a pairs match against Cricklade at the Victoria Ground. The boys fielded first and bowled very well with great accuracy. They took 8 wickets in total from Cricklade leaving them with a final score of 239-8. When they were batting they made the correct decisions, running to get single runs when they could. The boys played some fantastic shots with Ben S hitting a 6, narrowly missing Mr Parker and one of the minibuses! It was a great afternoon and they finished on 280-2 giving them a fine victory.

Well done boys, you played very well. DB

U11A v Cricklade Manor

The U11A team had tough encounter against a high quality Cricklade side on Wednesday. Our opponents batted first and had us under pressure from the off. Their opening batsman scored 50 in the first 7 overs and was very hard to contain. However, the team stuck at it, bowled accurately and slowed the scoring rate. Wickets came from Sid, Jack and Wilf, with our opponents finishing on 126 for 3.

This was a tough total to chase in only 16 overs. However our opening pair of Wilf (17) and Zack (14) did a sterling job and put on 50 for the opening partnership, and at half way, we were in with a shout. However, some very good straight fast bowling was our undoing, as our innings petered out, resulting in a Cricklade victory.

It was certainly the strongest side we have encountered this season and I know we will learn much from it. Well done to all of the team for a fine effort. P McC

