



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

At last! Cricket fixtures have started, and boys and girls have been playing matches this week. I was thrilled to have been selected to take the U11B Team this week and we had a great Wednesday afternoon playing King's Gloucester. It was bright and sunny (once the rain had blown over) and the Cheltenham Cricket Ground was filled with boy' and girls' matches.

This was the first time the Year 6 boys had played a cricket fixture since Year 4 and yet they played very well. The pick of the bowlers were Harry M, Connor S and Mateo S but everyone bowled with determination, even if accuracy could be improved. I was particularly pleased to see Robert and Charlie bowl with increasing confidence. When it came to the batting, Luke and Mateo scored 23 between them and Albie and Connor scored 21. The other pairs made valuable contributions too and the team posted a score of 53 runs. The fielding was excellent with Arthur showing great skill in his first match. The final score for King's was 34 giving Berky victory by 19 runs. Well done, boys!

For the match reports from the other fixtures please see the sports page.

In other news, congratulations go to Amy Henderson in Kindergarten, who is expecting her first child. The staff and I are delighted. Amy has been at Berky for over 5 years now, starting in the Baby Room in the Day Nursery, so we know she will be a fabulous mum.

Next week we have Form Photographs. Normally at this time we have a whole school photograph but sadly COVID has put paid to that. Instead, we are having Form Photographs so maybe this is the weekend for a haircut! Fingers crossed that the weather is good - and at least a little warmer. Also, next week you will receive details of the Parents' Meetings planned and instructions for how to sign up.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 7TH MAY
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 10th May

Year 1 going on a local walk
2.15pm - U10 Girls' Cricket
v Hatherop (H)

Tue 11th May

Individual form photographs

Wed 12th May

2.15pm U10 Girls' Cricket
v Kings, Glos (A)

2.30pm U9A/U9B Boys
Cricket v Beaudesert (H)

2.30pm - U11A/U11B Boys
Cricket v St Edward's (H)

Fri 14th May

9.00am - Year 6 Online
Relationship Workshop

2.30pm - U8/U9 Girls' Cricket
v Rendcomb (H)

BERKY BROLLIES

These splendid Berky umbrellas are available from the School Office for £25.



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News from Pre-Prep

This week, Year 2 have been having great fun learning about direction and position in Maths. The children have written sets of directions for their friends to interpret and follow. All directions were followed correctly so luckily no one got lost! Year 2 have continued with their observations of their sunflowers and have rushed into the classroom each morning to check how much they have grown.

Year 1 have had great fun exploring their topic further. The children have looked at a range of seeds and parts of plants and then planted their own sunflowers. In ICT, the children put their photography skills to work and took photos of minibeasts. The children then used rollers and ink to print minibeasts onto tiles. KT





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News from around the school

YEAR GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS TUESDAY 11 MAY

Kindergarten

There will be no PE on Tuesday for Kindergarten. Those children who are not in Kindergarten on a Tuesday are invited to come in for the photograph. Please drop off between 8.10am and 8.30am and collect at 9.30am from the bottom gate. Children who do Supastrikers please bring in PE kit.

Reception

Reception children please wear uniform into school and bring in PE kit if your child does Supastrikers.

Year 1 and Year 2

Please wear school uniform into school and bring in PE kit.

Years 3 to 6

Please wear uniform into school.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to several musicians who took Performance based music exams last term. Without a face-to-face centre, the pieces and exercises were recorded and submitted for assessment. This was a great challenge because the recordings had to be announced and performed in one take, with accompaniment. We are really pleased that the following all passed with good marks:

Grade 1 - Tatty H (Cello), Anna A (Violin*), Holly H (Violin*)
Grade 2 - Tom CG (Drums), Joseph W (Cello*)
Grade 3 - Rosemary B (Piano*)
Grade 4 - Will S (Cello*)

Summer Holiday Music Courses

The ever popular Cotswold Music Tutors (led by Mr Jon Trim) are offering music courses for string, wind and brass players this year in a variety of ensembles for different levels. Berky musicians have often taken part and really enjoyed the courses with a performance at the end. Please see more details on www.cotswoldmusicutors.co.uk

ECO WARRIORS' TOP TIP

Recycle empty medicine blister packets at Cheltenham's Superdrug pharmacy. For other participating pharmacies, please click here: www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/medicine-packet-uk





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Prep matches

Please keep an eye on fixtures each week; some details might change due to the ever-changing circumstances at the moment.

Cricket reports..

BOYS

U11A v King's, Gloucester WON by 41 runs

It was an absolute delight to see the boys playing a fixture on Wednesday over in Gloucester. There was much excitement on the bus and the enthusiasm continued on the field.

We were put into bat by the opposition and acquitted ourselves very well. There were contributions from most of the boys with Will C top scoring on 16. He was well-supported with good knocks from Harry A and Patrick. We finished with a solid total of 284.

On the whole we bowled well, with the boys finding some rhythm, having not played a match for so long. We took 8 wickets in total, restricting King's to a final total of 243. The pick of the bowlers was Henry R, who took 3 for 4. He was well supported with several of the boys picking up wickets at regular intervals.

Although there is much to work on, it was a great start and I was delighted with the boys' effort throughout. P McC

U10 v King's, Gloucester WON - Berkhamstead 306-2 King's, Gloucester 283-5

On Wednesday afternoon the U10 boys played their first school match for over a year, and their first cricket match at school for over two years! The match was a home match against King's, Gloucester and Berky won the toss so chose to field first. The boys fielded well, they took 5 wickets from King's and made it difficult for King's to score runs. King's finished with 283 runs. Berky went into bat and found this a challenge because there were a lot of wides and no balls from King's. The boys still managed to score some runs and there were also a few 4s. King's took two wickets and the boys finished on 309 runs.

The first match of the season and it was a win, well done, boys! DB

GIRLS

U11 v Hatherop Castle 2 WINS - Group 1 by 54 runs, Group 2 by 34 runs

The rain was lightly falling, and the sky was grey! Off we went to play our first cricket match in just under two years. As we arrived at the Victoria Ground the clouds parted and the ground was full of light. Hatherop Castle arrived shortly after us and we set up two smaller matches to allow the girls more contact with the ball. I was really impressed by all the girls and how much they have remembered/practised over the last year. Hatherop worked well fielding but our batting was strong; all girls managed a few hits. Well done to Serena who got a massive 40 runs. Our fielding was a little rusty at times, but we warmed up and managed a few catches and a wicket. It was so nice to see the girls enjoying themselves again. It was a great first match back and I look forward to more success during the rest of the year. Well done, girls! CK

