



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER
AUTUMN TERM

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

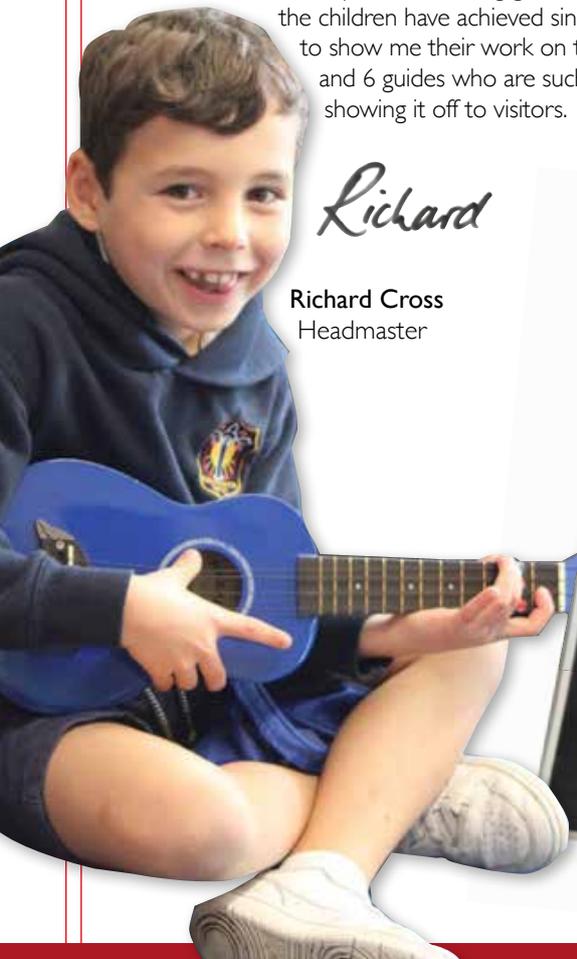
We have had a busy week with fixtures, and I believe that every pupil has been involved - they have included U8, U9, U10 and U11 rugby and hockey fixtures and the U11 girls' football team have also played in a tournament. There was certainly lots of skill and endeavour shown from the rugby I witnessed but please look at the sports pages for more details.

It is also great to have all the many music clubs up and running throughout the week. The variety is enormous, from the Pre-Prep Ukulele group to the Prep Choirs and the accomplished Chamber Ensemble. I was delighted to see some of our youngest children heading home with their brightly coloured ukuleles for some home practice!

The highlight of the Year 5 science curriculum this term is the trip to 'We the Curious' where the children experience a flight through the Solar System, courtesy of the Bristol Planetarium - and not Elon Musk! The science displays there are brilliant with lots of hands-on exhibits for the children to try out and I am sure Year 5 will have had a fantastic day out there today. Meanwhile, the Year 1 children had a fantastic Investigation Day yesterday, building cars out of Lego before investigating which types of surfaces enabled them to travel the furthest and whether the size or car or number of wheels made any difference.

We have also been lucky enough to have had a visitor from Berkhampstead's past. Mr Simon Bathurst-Brown was a pupil here between 1945 and 1950; he enjoyed a tour round the Prep building and was able to tell us much about how it used to be all those years ago. Mrs Agg and Mr Banks have recorded a most entertaining Zoom interview with him which the Prep children will get to watch later in the term.

Tomorrow is Open Morning, and we are fully booked for visitors. The school looks super with a variety of work on display, from artwork to written work, from construction to information posters showing great knowledge and skills. It is amazing how much the children have achieved since the start of term, and they have been eager to show me their work on the walls. I am extremely grateful to the Year 5 and 6 guides who are such a credit to the school and who take pride in showing it off to visitors. My thanks to the staff and the children.



Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster

Diary dates

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 12th Oct

6pm - 6H Parents' Evening

Wednesday 13th Oct

3.45pm - U8 Boys' Rugby

v Dean Close (A) tbc

3pm - U10 Hockey v Kitebrook (H)

2.15pm - U11 Hockey v King's
Glos (A)

2.30pm - U11/U10 Rugby

v Rendcomb (A)

2.30pm - U9 Tag Rugby Festival
at Dean Close

6.00pm - 6M Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th Oct

3.00pm - Reception Family
Afternoon

4.00pm - U8 Hockey v St Ed's (A)

4.15pm - District Cross Country

Friday 15th Oct

2.30pm - Harvest Festival at
All Saints' Church





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News from Pre-Prep

YEAR 1 TRIP MUSEUM IN THE PARK, STROUD

Last Thursday, Year 1 embarked on their first trip of the school year to the Museum in the Park in Stroud. Everyone was very excited to learn more about the toys and games of the past during our visit, and the museum did not disappoint!

During the morning, the children engaged in a carousel of activities; they explored the museum, learnt traditional playground games and found out about different toys from the past. The children were amazed to find out that, in the past, girls' toys prepared them for running a home whereas boys' toys included soldiers, forts and toy guns. They also found out how to create games by simply using sticks and stones.

After lunch, the children were able to play with traditional toys including a china tea set, wooden blocks and acrobat toys. After this, the children were tasked with making a thaumatrope, an optical toy popular in the 19th Century. After being shown some examples by the museum staff, they set to work to create their toy. The children came up with some wonderful ideas including flowers in a field and a shark in the sea. The trip ended with a traditional story told by one of the museum staff - an ideal end to a busy but very enjoyable day. JG



YEAR 2

Year 2, as part of their topic work, have been finding out about inventors and inventions. Therefore, in their art lessons they decided to invent their own robots. They used a variety of different materials and invented some brilliant pieces of work, the results of which can be seen on the walls in the dining hall.

As a joint Year 2 activity, they also created Rusty the Robot. The children brought in a variety of objects from home (cardboard boxes, plastic bottles etc.) which they then wrapped in foil. As a teamwork activity, they laid all the pieces out on a number of tables in the dining hall and decided together how to create their robot. It was like doing a jigsaw without any pictures!



A process of collaboration, compromise and evaluation resulted in the marvellous robot suspended from the ceiling in the dining hall. Lots of thanks to Mr and Mrs Taylor for ensuring that all of the robots are part of an interesting display. GS





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Lost...
F Sampson - Missing track suit bottoms

Reminder...
Please can all school uniform and sports kit be clearly labelled with your child's name

News from around the school



TOP TIP FROM ONE OF OUR YEAR 6 BERKY GETS GREENER LEADERS:

“Organise one of your kitchen cupboards to enable efficient recycling of plastic that can’t go into roadside collections.”

Our eco leader sends this type of plastic to a charity campaigning to reduce stillbirth called ‘Kicks Count,’ but you can also now take it to supermarkets such as Sainbury’s and Co-Op.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

For further insight into your child’s day at Berky, please follow us on Social Media. We would be really grateful if you could share stories too. Here are our Social Media handles:

- Instagram:** berkhamstead_school
- Facebook:** Berkhamstead
- Twitter:** BerkyCheltenham



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Crisp Packets
Sweet Wrappers
Plastic Film
Pet Food Pouches
Plastic Bags

NO Hard Plastic
NO Plastic Bottles
NO Plastic Trays
NO Compostables



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Sports reports

HOCKEY

U8 v Rendcomb

Won 2-1

A great game in which all of the Year 3 girls represented the school for the first time. It was an exciting match which was played in four quarters. In the first quarter, Berky dominated the play and the defence of Annabelle, Rose and Olivia was rarely troubled. Melba stormed forward in attack, ably supported by Charlotte and Polly. The wings, Isabella and Allegra, made good runs and it was Allegra that put the ball in the back of the net in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Rendcomb came right back into the game and were far more aggressive. They scored despite the valiant attempts of Hannah to tackle the player. For the rest of the quarter, Amelia, Hannah and Lara held firm. Matilda and Diana on the wings made good use of space and Evie, Flo and Yaz attacked through the middle. As a result of their determination, Allegra found space in the box and was able to shoot the winning goal.

The second set of quarters saw Rendcomb really give it their all, but Berky's brave defence held out with the midfield players coming back and helping out. We also had our chances, but the ball went wide.

Great play from all our girls and congratulations to them on their first game and first victory.

U8 v Dean Close (Team 1)

Lost 3-1

Yaz and Hannah battled through to score an early goal. Amelia and Rose started on the wings and made some good runs. Dean Close came back and scored despite Rosie's best efforts. In the second half, Amelia played well at the back and made some good clearances. Matilda made some valiant runs but, despite this, Dean Close scored two more goals. MT

Team: Hannah, Yaz, Rosie, Rose, Amelia, Matilda

U8 v Dean Close (Team 2)

Won 7-0

Berky were just a bit quicker to the ball and a little more feisty than the Dean Close girls. In the first half Isabella, Flo, Annabelle and Olivia all linked up nicely to give Charlotte support. Charlotte was able to score four goals. Lara at the back was solid and let no balls through. In the second half, Lara went in front and scored a goal, then Annabelle and Olivia added to the score sheet. All through the game, Isabella battled well in the middle and Flo cleared the ball well in the odd Dean Close break. MT

Team: Charlotte, Olivia, Annabelle, Isabella, Lara, Flo

U8 v Dean Close (Team 3)

Draw 2-2

What a great game! This is the first time I have seen the Under 8's play and what a treat! The 5-a-side team all played their part and were unlucky not to win, with 2 shots whistling past the post and one hitting the post. Our goal scorers were Melba and Diana, and Evie made some super long hits out from defence. Polly played strongly throughout the game and Allegra held her position on the wing superbly. Well done, everyone!

Team: Evie, Allegra, Melba, Diana and Polly

U9 v Rendcomb

Won 0-9

Last Friday saw us at Rendcomb College School for the second match of our week. Once again, even though we were playing a small side, we managed to take all of our girls in order to rotate and give everyone some more match experience. This time, we did not spot any royals, but we did spy an old friend on the opposition which was very exciting for all! Once the greetings and the cuddles were out of the way, we then settled into the match, captained by Ella H.

Each girl got to play in two of the four quarters and Berky were on fire! Everyone worked hard as a team, leading to goals scored by Ella H, Millie R, Estella L and Lydia, and the final score was 9-0 to Berky: most definitely a successful second outing!

U10 v Cheltenham College

Tournament

Won 1

Drew 4

Lost 1

The matches were only 8 minutes long and playing one way, so the girls had to make an impact immediately. We had 6 matches and I was so impressed with the way the girls rotated around positions. The girl who sat off was then responsible for the team talk and to say what had gone well and what we needed to work on - saving me a job! Lettie and Carly very kindly became goalies for three matches each. Every match saw the girls determined and working hard as a team. The ball was being passed wide; the girls chasing down every loose ball. I am not going to mention all the girls by name as they were one team, and they all played their part in an excellent afternoon of hockey. We had amazing parental support (I think the best there!), cheering and motivating from the sidelines - thank you! All that is left to say is thank you to the girls - we certainly punched above our weight! JH





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Sports reports

U9A v St Edward's Lost 10-9

A late afternoon match at St Edward's last Friday proved an exciting, end-to-end encounter. With both sides evenly matched and willing to play expansive rugby, the score never moved beyond a couple of tries advantage and at half time the score ended 5-3 in St Edward's favour. In the second half Berkly defended well, snuffing out several well worked moves by St Ed's and forcing handling errors. At the breakdown, we recycled the ball well but unfortunately our own handling errors cost us points as we spent a considerable amount of time camped out in the opposition's half. Despite a valiant effort and some excellent tries by a number of the boys, we couldn't quite seem to get ahead of St Ed's who ran out eventual winners by a single try. Well done to all the boys for a great effort. SM

U10 v St Edward's Lost 15-5

On Wednesday, the U10 boys travelled to St Edward's. The boys were looking to bounce back after the last match, and they were playing up the hill in the first half. St Edward's started the match well and they passed the ball out wide which gave them the opportunity to score lots of tries. Our ball handling initially was not as good as it has been, but this improved in the second half and the boys scored a few tries. Unfortunately, this was not enough to beat St Edward's but it was encouraging to see better passing and some great tackles were made. The match finished 15-5 to St Edward's.

Well done, boys: lots to learn from and we can take this into our next match. Many thanks to our loyal supporters. DB

U11 v St Edward's Lost 25-20

This was very much a game of two halves on Wednesday. Although our tackling was robust to say the least, our ball handling and lines of running were not up to our usual standard in the early stages and we found ourselves trailing by 20 points to 5 at half time.

However, the boys re-grouped after an honest half time chat and came out firing on all cylinders. Jacob F and Manas grew in confidence and defence was superb with excellent tackling from Felix, Otto, Reuben, Oscar and Max. They really had the opposition on the back foot. Excellent rucking and putting width on the ball created opportunities to score. Some fine runs by Jacob D-T, Sam and Ben saw us score second half tries with Sam scoring one and Ben three.

We continued to press forward until the last seconds of the game but couldn't quite get the equaliser. It was a superb second half effort and the teamwork and determination of the boys was outstanding. Our loyal supporters were treated to a very exciting game.

Well done to all of the boys! PMcC

