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BERKY TAKES TO THE STAGE



Thoughts from THE HEAD

Ah, the summer term - always by far and away my favourite! The sun shines (generally) although this year it's not so much shone as scorched; there's a sense of relaxation about the term and it features so very many special events, trips and visits.

Fixtures become a joy to watch as the children bat, catch and bowl with increasing skill, deckchairs come out and smiling parents sit and applaud - we are lucky to have such supportive and positive parents. There are the landmarks of sports days and concerts for all ages to enjoy, there's the PTA Fete, the Summer Ball and the Headmaster's picnic. It is a time to celebrate what has been achieved by pupils - our Art Exhibition which showcases every child's work was once again a delight. Exam and scholarship results are confirmed and places offered - splendid achievements again this year - and at the end of term there are reports and prizes.

There are special events laid on for Year 6 in their last Berky term. The Leavers' Recital, celebrating the musicality of our eldest pupils, is always a wonderful event, the Leavers' Disco generally features less complex music but is huge fun nonetheless and the Year 6 Production 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' - all joyful events. It is always bittersweet as some pupils will have experienced calendar events for the last time at Berky... but what memories they will have!

None of this can happen without the teaching and support staff and their sterling efforts - they are a remarkable group of people who think nothing of going the extra mile for the children. Our PTA too contribute so much - my thanks to them all.

I hope that this bumper edition will give you a flavour of this summer term; such a lot has been packed in. So sit back, pour yourself a chilled drink and see what we have been up to!



Richard Cross

Richard Cross
Headmaster

PLATINUM AWARD

The Platinum Award is aimed at recognising the achievements of our older pupils outside of the classroom and outside of school. A 'junior' Duke of Edinburgh Award, it rewards those that challenge themselves through volunteering and charity work, developing new skills, becoming more active and having adventures outdoors. Mr Cross commented: "I have been surprised and amazed by what our children have achieved in these areas and it is a thrill to read their log-books, a record of the exciting adventures they have had. It is the skills the children learn through challenging themselves that set them up for a bright future".

Congratulations to the following leavers who have been awarded theirs this year: Kyla C, George de B-T, Hannah de W, Sarah D, Alice H, Rosannah M, Charlie M, William P, James S, Emily W.



Spotlight on PENNY MITCHELL

I first taught at Berky in 1997 as a peripatetic clarinet and piano teacher and then became Head of Music in 2005. It is the happiest and most positive school I have taught in with a great team of staff who are all passionate about their subjects and enjoy teaching together!



When were you first interested in music?

I remember singing and dancing at home as a very young child and then I was fortunate enough to go to a school where music was good, I started learning the piano aged 7 and the clarinet aged 9. My school had wonderful choirs and later, as a teenager, I benefitted from the county Youth Orchestras and a free scholarship to the Royal College of Music. I chose to study for a music degree at the Royal Academy of Music with the clarinet as my first instrument.

Where else have you taught?

I started teaching the clarinet as a student in London and enjoyed it so much that I decided to train as a music specialist classroom teacher for Senior schools. My first job was at Guildford High School. When we moved to Gloucestershire I taught in Cirencester and then became a peripatetic clarinet and piano teacher when my children were young and taught in many schools in this area (including Berky!)

When did you first come to Berky?

We came to look at Berky for our children in 1996 and immediately loved the sense of a big family community and the interesting and fun teaching. Our children started in Y5, Reception and Kindergarten and they have lots of happy memories.

What do you like most about Berky children?

Their enquiring minds! They are interested in so many different things and always keen to learn; they have high expectations of what they can do and the confidence to try anything!

Which is your favourite house event?

The Pancake Races! St. David's were the winners for quite a few years and it was SO exciting! I love the quirky fun of a race which involves everyone - running with a frying pan and tossing a gorgeously coloured pancake, taken so seriously!

What do you do when you are not teaching?

I have a large family and grew up on a farm, and love being out of doors. I enjoy family time on holiday, meals and walks, travelling and skiing. We go to concerts and the theatre and I also enjoy playing my clarinet in an orchestra regularly (got to keep the practice up!) and singing in choirs locally.

What might you have done if you weren't a teacher?

I love maps and floor plans! So perhaps a job with the Ordnance Survey or interior architecture.



FRUITS OF THEIR LABOUR

Green-fingered gardeners in Year 2 have been generously rewarded for all their hard work with bumper crops of strawberries, broad beans and potatoes grown in the vegetable section of the wildlife garden. The strawberry crop was so plentiful this year that there was at least one strawberry for every child from Kindergarten up to Year 2! Herbs from the Wildlife Garden have also been used by the kitchen, with mint, chives and basil flavouring drinks and canapés at various events and school lunches, and Kindergarten children have been treated to a taste of their very own Berky produce too, with mint tea and rosemary potatoes flavoured with herbs grown in their own little garden.

News

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

PTA NEWS

What a wonderful term it has been! All the events have been extremely well attended, and the true Berky spirit has shone through as always!

This term has seen the spectacular Midsummer Ball at The Queens Hotel. The sun came out just in time for champagne on the lawn, followed by a fabulous dinner, auction and dancing! It was an amazing evening and a stunning amount of money was raised at the raffle and auction. Thank you to all that attended.

The last event of the year was the Summer Fayre. A huge number of people came and enjoyed a glass of Pimms whilst watching the finalists of Berky's Got Talent. There were brilliant stalls and games, and the fayre ended with the famous Berky Tug of War! Our Year 6 did a great job on their own stalls raising a fantastic amount of money. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this annual event.

DRUM ROLL PLEASE...

Thanks to everyone's amazing support this year - we are delighted to say that we have achieved our target of £10,000 towards the Wellbeing Pod - a true testament to all the parents, children and teachers dedication to Berky! Thank you to everyone for making it such a great year and we will look forward to seeing the Wellbeing Pod very soon.

As always, we are looking for new volunteers. If you feel you can support the PTA by joining the committee, being a class rep or helping out at an event please do get in touch. Joey & the PTA Committee.



CHARITY NEWS

The entire School community was invited to dress in red, white and blue to celebrate the Royal Wedding in May. Everyone donated at least a £1, and the money raised went to two of Harry and Meghan's chosen charities - the Children's HIV Association and Scotty's Little Soldiers - a charity that supports children whose parents have died while serving in the Armed Forces. £154.36 was raised. Meanwhile, kind-hearted Y5 pupil Francesca R was touched by the plight of cancer sufferers, and organised a very successful cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support. She and her chums raised an impressive £90. Knitting club members lovingly crafted squares for a patchwork blanket, and donated their beautiful creation to the Cheltenham Animal Shelter. The main charity supported by Berkhamstead this year has been Winston's Wish.

TAKE NOTICE!

The School Council asked their classmates how the School could be more environmentally friendly, and one idea was to install a bird and insect house, and plant insect-attracting herbs and flowers. Early in the Summer Term - when there was a welcome break in the miserable weather - Year 6 School Council leaders donned their gardening gloves and set about planting lavender, herbs, and large daisies. Located in the 'Take Notice' area of the playground, the planted yellow pots are a cheerful and eco addition to the playground. The School Council meets fortnightly, and is led by Head of Pastoral Care, Mrs Bareham.



DRAWING INSPIRATION

This term saw the introduction of a lovely new club for lucky Year 1 pupils. Miss Latham's sketch club took place each week in the wildlife garden for small groups during their lunch breaks. The children were encouraged to observe their surroundings closely, and to make careful drawings in their sketch books. iPads were used by the children to photograph their subjects. Miss Latham has been delighted with the enthusiasm of her young artists and commented, "It is very satisfying to see the children enjoying my club so much. I am so proud of their lovely pictures." She is hoping to continue the club next term.

Rooms TO explore



Our lovely Day Nursery has installed a sensory room and a library where children can retreat into imaginative and peaceful environments.

Designed to develop and encourage the senses, our brand new multi-sensory room is a fascinating space for our young children, filled with lights, colours and soft play objects. The room has been designed to help children gain confidence in doing things that interest them at their own pace, and with just a few other children at a time. It is a calming space, and one that the children clearly already love. The giant bubble tube is a winner! It is a illuminated, water-filled pillar with bubbles and fish flowing through it, and it absolutely fascinates our children. Keen builders enjoy our glowing construction blocks, and our light box shape sorter appeals with its glowing light. Moon and star mirrored mobiles hang from the ceiling, catching the light as they turn, and the rainbow wall mirrors also catch the attention of our little people.

There are plenty of things to touch and feel. Beanbags, sea shells and colourful counting chips are great for young, inquisitive minds, and our multicoloured sparkle shapes are delightfully squidgy.

Our dear little library was inspired by the School's own Pre-Prep library, and offers books to suit all ages of the children here.

An inviting space, it has been kitted out with a tiny table and four little chairs, as well as colourful, comfy beanbags. The aim is to spark a love of reading and books at the youngest age possible. Children can be read to, listen to story CDs or look at books themselves. Day Nursery Manager Emily Collett is delighted with the finished rooms and commented: "We are really excited to be able to offer

our children different rooms to explore. The new sensory room and library will add so much to our learning environment, offering children a greater variety of opportunities. Both rooms offer a calm space away from the main hustle and bustle of the other rooms so that children of all ages can benefit from special time with their key person."





THERE'S BEEN PLENTY TO INSPIRE KINDERGARTEN THIS TERM

Kindergarten children have been thoroughly inspired by this term's topics, 'The Farm' and 'Kindergarten Explorers.' Through child-initiated activities, the children have taken ownership of their learning, and then enjoyed adult-focused activities to master nonsense rhymes as we learn about alliteration and rhyme. The introduction of finger gym activities has enabled the children to become more confident with their fine motor skills, using tweezers to pick up objects, creating models with playdough and using a water spray bottle to make patterns that evaporate in the sun.

As the children learnt about where and how different foods grow, we researched pictures by the Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo who created imaginative portraits using fruits, vegetables and flowers. The children recreated his work with superb results. To illustrate shape and pattern, they made fruit kebabs creating some amazing repeating patterns. We also looked at repetition and how stories are structured. The Little Red Hen visited us and inspired the children to make their own bread. We had many star bakers and, not surprisingly, the kebabs and bread were eaten in record time!

Miss Stevens has developed the outdoor classroom to allow learning opportunities to mirror those inside. There has also been lots of fun activities with jelly, cornflour, spaghetti and popcorn to encourage sensory awareness. We have been learning about capacity, weight and pouring and filling in the sand and water trays. Our mindfulness garden is becoming established, with plants, flowers and herbs. Kindergarten have enjoyed making rosemary potatoes and tasting mint tea from the herbs they have grown this term. MM



FROM MINIBEASTS TO ALL THINGS MEDIEVAL, RECEPTION'S SUMMER TERM WAS PACKED!

Reception launched their new topic, 'It's a Bug's Life' by having real caterpillars delivered! The children watched them grow big, change into chrysalides, and then emerge as butterflies and flutter away. Another highlight was a visit from Zoolab. The children were incredibly brave and handled the animals with a lot of care. We saw snakes, tarantulas, snails and even cockroaches! Throughout this topic, the children learnt plenty about different minibeasts - including all about their habitats and the art of camouflage. They particularly loved their minibeast hunt and building little minibeast homes.

Our final topic of the year was 'Once Upon A Castle,' brought to life with an exciting trip to Warwick Castle! We had a busy day with plenty to look at, including a mighty trebuchet - the largest working catapult in the world - to watching the skill and power of the

bowman as he explained all about technique and equipment used. Throughout the term the children learned about the history of castles and how they were designed to defend against attackers. They discovered how to become knights, exploring the different designs and styles of shields, as well as the exciting art of jousting!

The Early Years was overflowing with kings, queens, princesses and princes as Party Day got underway. The children enjoyed traditional party games in the morning from 'Pin the Crown on the Princess' to Lotto. There was also a disco in the gym! A picnic party lunch was thoroughly enjoyed before relaxing with a DVD in the afternoon. A great way to end a busy term! H R-W





“A FANTASTIC SHOW! CONFIDENT CHILDREN - DEFINITELY HOLLYWOOD STARS IN THE MAKING!”

MRS JOHN PRE-PREP TEACHING ASSISTANT



EARLY YEARS PRESENTS

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS & THE BIG BAD WOLF

Our Early Years children performed “The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf” with wonderfully clear voices in both speaking and singing, complete with fabulous costumes and masks. However, the play was not only about the classic tale of the three little pigs, as we soon found out upon meeting a variety of characters incorporated from other fairytales along the way. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the sound effects created by the children when the wolf came on stage, and Mrs Agg laughed out loud at the final song!

All the children performed their parts wonderfully and with confidence. The songs and rhythms were all executed with skill and enthusiasm. Everybody performed brilliantly, and it was refreshing to hear an alternative ending where the pigs and the wolf became the best of friends. A great well done to everyone involved! B McC



“NOT AT ‘B’ PERFORMANCE - IT WAS AN ‘A’ PERFORMANCE THAT LEFT THE AUDIENCE BUZZING!”

MR TITLEY, PREP TEACHER



PRE-PREP PRESENTS

THE BEE MUSICAL

What an extravaganza of acting, singing, dancing and colourful costumes the Pre-Prep production of ‘The Bee Musical’ proved to be! Year 2, with the support of Year 1, were buzzing with excitement as they performed enthusiastically to appreciative audiences, directed by Mrs Sallis, Mrs Owen, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Wantling. Their teachers had worked night and day (and half term) to set the scene using the children’s own art and craft work, transforming the hall into an idyllic countryside setting in which plants and creatures thrived in perfectly balanced interdependence. The children rose to the occasion, entertaining and informing their audiences through their songs and words; SAVE BEES was their overwhelming

message... or else there will be disastrous consequences. However, behind the humour and fun of the story, there was another more subtle message. In the end, despite the undoubtedly admirable qualities of industry and cooperation shown by the worker bees, it was the non-conformist, solitary bees - the shunned ‘C’ team - who thought outside the box and were effective in finding a solution to the bees’ problem. If you are a parent of an unusual child, do not despair! Most of us become stuck on life’s treadmill, failing to think long-term or of the common good; it is often those ‘C’ team people who have the vision and perspicacity to see the wider picture. GA



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 "A QUIVER FULL OF STUNNING PERFORMANCES! BULLSEYE!"
 MR COLE, PREP TEACHER



Off we go...

LEARNING BROUGHT TO LIFE FOR OUR INQUISITIVE PUPILS



SUPER SCIENCE

Year 4 spent a great morning at the Cheltenham Science Festival. On arrival, they visited the Hartpury Science Hub. They experimented with a thermal camera, experienced what it is like to ride a horse, they tested their reaction speed and played the drums! The Crucible tent involved a presentation about uncovering the invisible. The scientists discussed many things in our world that we are unable to see, such as x-rays, radio waves, heat and gases around us. They did several experiments: making smoke rings, knocking plastic cups off heads using air and looking through a microscope to see microscopic spiders crawling over cheese! They then completed a trail around the gardens based on a variety of animals, from the Mantis Shrimp to the Peregrine Falcon.

Finally, we went into the Discover Zone. Many companies and universities helped our pupils to complete their own investigations from making circuits, playing with Virtual Reality and looking at micro-organisms to cracking codes (GCHQ). A brilliant morning for Year 4! TM



CORINIUM CAPERS!

The Y3 trip to Cirencester's Corinium Museum proved most informative and enjoyable. A fun educational workshop allowed the children to dress up in Roman costumes, investigate which food the Romans did (and didn't) enjoy, play Roman games and create colourful mosaics. Later, the children explored the museum and discovered all manner of interesting Roman artefacts and fabulous facts. A picnic lunch in the beautiful Abbey Grounds finished off a pleasant trip. MC



TUDOR TIMES

As part of their studies on the Tudors, Year 4 pupils enjoyed a day at Sulgrave Manor. Our day started with a tour of the manor, and we then learnt about Tudor food and medicine. We were particularly fascinated to learn how they wrapped babies in tight swaddling and then hung them on the wall in order to prevent rat attacks! Not only were we taught about the executions and celebrations that took place at the manor, but we learnt the origins of some of our most used expressions, finding out that many stem from the Tudors. Our favourite example was how 'God be with you' has become 'goodbye'. The drama workshop was great fun! We performed a play about Henry VIII and his wives, and all the children played different parts and got into their roles. Tired from all the acting, our energy was restored with an introduction to Tudor games. These included 'quoit throwing' and 'Nine Men's Morris' (which was very similar to noughts and crosses). It was a brilliant day, and everyone learnt something new, had fun and gained a great insight into our history topic. BMcC



LAKESIDE LEARNING

To support their study on how to help plants grow, the Year 3 pupils went on a trip to Lower Moor Farm. Whilst there, the pupils were led in a mixture of activities that helped them to remember the main parts of a plant, what plants need to grow and how we couldn't survive without them. These were some of our activities:

We made a tree out of people. Some pupils were the heart wood and others formed groups around them. We made the main and smaller roots at the base, some were the stem, others the branches and leaves. Finally some were the bark to protect the rest of the tree. Each part had a different action and sound to make. We took part in a treasure hunt, and had to search for different things in the wood. We had to search for a variety of natural objects that had different descriptions such as rough, bumpy, sticky and slimy.

We made art work out of natural objects. Together we created a large butterfly on the ground and independently we created colourful collages. A lovely time was had by all. TM



PREP PRESENTS

ROBIN & THE SHERWOOD HOODIES

Cue the music, light the lights, it was time to raise the curtain on the men in tights. This year's leavers' play was the fantastic Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. A twist on the tale we all know and love, Robin and his merry men were a troop of travelling entertainers which led to a story of mistaken identity, kidnaps, rescues and of course lots of singing and dancing.

With only two short weeks to bring it all together, the children clearly demonstrated their talents, team work and of course, in true Berky style, perseverance to ensure the show's resounding success. The children gave it their everything both in rehearsals and performances. They were a joy to work with and their enjoyment and comradery shone through showing that together they really are strong and true. They fully immersed

themselves in their characters which helped bring the show to life, including the 'merry men' - some strapping Year 6 boys - volunteering to wear a colourful range of tights.

Singing loud, singing clear, the songs were truly wonderful and with harmonies throughout, they yet again showed how many strings to their bows they have. At this point it is only right to say a huge thank you to Mr Cross, who agreed to make a guest appearance. We could not have asked for a greater or a more wise King Richard.

A great way to finish the year; they should all be incredibly proud of themselves. As the last song so aptly said, in Sherwood it is where dreams come true. Year 6, you were a dream to work with. Thank you and well done. BE



LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

On a glorious summer's morning worthy of any European city, a group of Year 5 linguists set off to Malvern St James to experience an array of world languages. We began with looking at how English has developed from other influences throughout history to create the 'mongrel' language that we know and use today. In their groups, the children then had the opportunity to sample Ancient Greek, Russian, Arabic, German, Chinese, Italian, Modern Greek and Spanish through a variety of activities such as ordering Spanish food, counting to ten in Chinese and deciphering the Ancient Greek alphabet to recognise the names of the Greek Gods. The highlight for many of the children was learning to write their names in either Arabic or Russian. We were made to feel very welcome at Malvern St James, and after our very hot journey home, our cultural experience continued with a Mexican lunch back at Berky! BMcC



SPECIAL DELIVERY LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER STYLE!

What better way for Year 1 to spend the Summer term than learning about holidays and the seaside! The topic has had a strong focus on both Geography and History, with the children finding out about what seaside holidays were like one hundred years ago. Geographical features of the seaside fascinated the children. (See page 14).

The children have very much enjoyed reading and writing seaside stories inspired

by 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.' Creating our own non-fiction books about seashores has been great fun! Year 1 have truly immersed themselves in the story, and one memorable day, we emulated the pulley system used by Mrs Grinling to deliver Mr Grinling's lunch on the side of the Pre-Prep building. Thankfully no seagulls were around to steal the picnic! Thanks to Mr Taylor for helping us recreate the lovely story.

Great fun was had on DT Day when every child built and painted their very own lighthouse!

A seaside topic would not have been complete without a trip to the beach...so off we went to Weston where a wonderful day was had playing on the beach, visiting Grand Pier for a talk on Weston now and in the past, and of course taking in all the exciting sights and sounds. Another highlight of the topic was our Beach Day which brought all the fun of the seaside back to the Berky Pre-Prep lawn! We played beach games, enjoyed a picnic and ended the day with some yummy iced lollies! LL-K



READY, STEADY, GROW!

This term the theme of 'Ready, Steady, Grow!' found Year 2 in the Wildlife Garden. The cold start to the Summer Term delayed the growth of some of the crops, and another lesson was learnt when - unfortunately - the carrot crop failed. The bean seedlings grown hydroponically in the classroom caused great excitement, on the other hand, as they shot out of their bags. It was time to plant them out in the children's own gardens, and lots of pictures followed as the beans grew and grew.

Learning about the relationship between bees and plants became a focus with the arrival of a beekeeper. The beekeeper and the Pre-Prep production called 'Bees' gave a strong message to the children, (see page 9). An enthusiastic afternoon orienteering in Pittville Park followed. The term ended with a trip to Nagshead, a new venture for Year 2 and a wonderful place to pond dip. The children all performed at the Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts, they ran, jumped and threw in the Sports Day and swam like fish in their Swimming Gala. The children visited the Prep, reuniting with old friends and becoming very excited about next year. SO



CHESS NEWS



It's been another very busy - and very successful - year for Berky's young chess players. The school team topped the District League for the third year in a row although lost the District Knock-Out Cup final against Richard Pate by the narrowest (3.5-2.5) of margins.

Many congratulations to our splendid captain, Jack P and his loyal team mates, James S, George de B-T, Edith H, Olly W and Rhys L. The annual Primary Schools' Congress proved a happy hunting ground for Berky pupils. George de B-T retained the championship he won last year while Jack P and Edith H (top Y5) came second. Other individual prizes were claimed by James S, Oli S and Rupert G (top Y4). Unsurprisingly, Berkhamstead collected the Wheeler Cup for being the most successful school at the congress. George, Jack, James, Edith and Rupert all represented Cheltenham Schools against Gloucester Schools with great success.

Domestically, the chess clubs have been thriving. In Y3, Uma C won Division 1 while Aurielle McM and Hugo W shared the Division 2 title. Isabella E and Lilah C topped Divisions 3 and 4 respectively. The Y456 Division 1 title was shared between four players, Rhys L, Griff L, James S and Jack P. Adam R, Rupert G and Alex D were champions in Divisions 2, 3 and 4. Well played, all! St. Patrick's - such a strong team! - retained the House Chess trophy. Jack P, a wonderful captain and ambassador for Berkhamstead chess, received the Howard Cup for Chess at Speech Day. MC

GIRLS' CRICKET

Every Thursday lunchtime the Year 5 and 6 girls have had the opportunity to improve and build upon their cricket skills, mainly working on their batting, bowling and fielding skills.

It has been great fun, with most of the two years coming each week. Mr McCreanor, who runs the club, commented, "The girls have shown lots of talent, and there is evidently great promise for them in the future." B McC

News FROM PREP

MUSIC NOTES

Our term began with various solo and ensemble classes at the Cheltenham Festival. Several pupils returned to school carrying medals and cups. Chamber Ensemble were successful again with the cup being returned to us for the coming year!

Our Summer Recital showcased some terrific players from Y2-5 with delightful solo and ensemble items performed to a very appreciative audience.

What a fabulous evening of music and entertainment given by Y6 as their final Recital! From the quietest note performed to the wonderful hosting and presenting by members of Y6, every pupil gave their best and they supported each other in a very special way. For the first time this annual event was held in the Parabola Arts Centre (CLC) where the theatre space felt exciting yet intimate. With a tech team on hand, the lights and sound system really enhanced the concert and all the pupils were 'in the spotlight'. Nerves were amazingly well-controlled to allow beautiful musical contributions of an exceptional standard. There was a great variety of different instruments and ensembles with every genre from a baroque recorder solo and classical items to '90s electronic dance style via film themes, rock and jazz. The evening began with a Reception, hosted by pupils, and the concert was also stage managed by terrific teams of stage crew. Fabulous, Y6! PM



MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

Prep Test Piano: Jonny W, Rupert G, Eleanor T, Darcey C

Grade 1: Luke F (Cornet), Beatrice N (Cello*), Charlotte B (Cornet**), Bea D (Cornet**),

Grade 2: Catherine W (Clarinet**), Eliot A (DBass**), Eleanor T (DBass**), Emily W (Singing)

Grade 3: George R (Violin), Rosannah M (Viola*)

Grade 4: Jack P (Cello), Griff L (Trombone*), Emily W (Piano), Olly W (Drums)

Grade 5: Grace W (Violin), Olly W (Cello)

Grade 7: Rhys L (Piano*)

Grade 8: Leslie M (Viola*)

*Denotes - Pass with Merit **Denotes - Pass with Distinction

STEM DAY

This exciting, off-timetable morning for the Prep children highlighted the sheer joy of problem solving in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Drawing upon the expertise of both staff and parents, a broad array of activities was provided including Musical Bananas, Grid Defender, Microbit programming and Code Cracking. Groups of children built and tested newspaper bridges and towers, dropped carefully wrapped eggs off fire escapes, experienced a scary VR roller coaster ride, experimented with hi-tech Dyson fans and learned about creating and storing electricity. Armed with their screwdrivers, they dismantled microwaves and televisions, computers and a whole host of smaller electrical items; the playground was awash with small electrical components. A highlight, though, had to be watching two endearing little robots performing a complex set of tai chi moves in response to a word of command, causing one child to remark, "I'm not going to have children, I'm going to have these!" Many thanks to Mrs Holland, the volunteers from GCHQ, and everyone else who gave their time to ensure the success of this memorable and worthwhile day. GA





Geography is a field day at Berky!

“GEOGRAPHY IS A LIVING, BREATHING SUBJECT, CONSTANTLY ADAPTING ITSELF TO CHANGE. IT IS DYNAMIC AND RELEVANT. FOR ME GEOGRAPHY IS A GREAT ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE.”

MICHAEL PALIN

At Berkhamstead, the Geography department aims to stimulate a sense of enquiry and develop pupils' knowledge and interest in their surroundings and in the wider world. Children study a range of stimulating and exciting topics - the aim is to develop in our pupils a sense of wonder at the stunning physical landscape in which we live. Their enthusiasm is enhanced by trips to a variety of interesting sites such as 'The Living Rainforest' in Year 5 - and in Year 6, pupils take part in a brilliant field trip to the Severn estuary.

The Early Years and Pre-Prep adopt a 'cross-curricular' approach to teaching Geography, and it is part of the broader subject of 'Understanding the World.' Topics vary each year, but might include 'By the Seaside' - for instance - in Year 1, looking at similarities and differences between the seaside and Cheltenham, brought to life by a trip to Weston Super Mare!

When the children enter the Prep School in Year 3, the subject is taught by specialist Geography teacher Miss Walter. They start by learning about Weather, Maps and all about Mexico and by the time they reach Year 6, they have covered a wealth of interesting topics which include Earthquakes and Volcanoes, Seas and Oceans, Mountains and Environmental Issues. Case studies include India in Year 4, and Western Europe in Year 5. Year 6 is all about capital cities and world time zones, and the United Kingdom's mountain ranges and rivers; the highlight being the Geography and ICT field trip. By the time children leave us in Year 6, they will be equipped with a solid foundation in many aspects of Human and Physical Geography; they have a sense of responsibility for the earth and its resources, and realise the impact that humans have on the environment. Above all, we hope to have instilled in them a love of the subject.

KINDERGARTEN

A popular Kindergarten topic was 'Cold Lands,' and the young children thought about different kinds of animals that live in Polar Regions, such as penguins, polar bears and arctic foxes. They had great fun sticking snowflakes onto a world map to indicate where the animals live.

“We put snowflakes on the top and bottom of the map. Penguins live near water.”

RECEPTION

At the beginning of the school year, Reception's topic was 'Houses and Homes.' During a walk around the local area, the children were asked to look at the different types of houses, road features, signs and shops. They took photographs, and on their return to school, the children created maps of their walk. Later in the term, they learnt about houses around the world.

“I liked it when I went on the walk looking at houses.”

YEAR 1

The Year 1 children have been learning about the features of a seaside town, and compared Weston-super-Mare with our local area here in Cheltenham.

“I loved playing on the beach and getting an ice cream with Mr Cross.”

YEAR 2

Year 2 looked carefully at a map of Batsford Arboretum using coordinates to identify where to find the Chinese Lion, the Giant

Redwood trees, the bridges and the Japanese rest house. The next day the experts then led the way following their maps to find the treasures. Their map reading skills were tested again later in the term as they navigated their route around Pittville Park.

“I really enjoy map reading. Geography is brilliant!”

YEAR 3

During the Year 3 topic of Maps, the children make their own Treasure Island. They learn that maps need a title, a scale, a key to the list of symbols and a compass point. They can also give their maps a name. The children used symbols such as forests, pirate ships, rivers, quicksand, swamps, mountains, skull and crossbones and, of course, the treasure chest. The maps produced were all very different - some were 'tea bagged', some burnt around the edges, some appeared in a scroll form, others were colourful whilst some were mysteriously and eerily faded. The children did a great job and were very proud of what they produced.

“I loved doing my map - it really made me concentrate. Miss Walter is interesting and fun.”

YEAR 4

The children studied India for all of the Spring term and the last lesson took place in the cookery room. Here the children made their own chapattis - and ate them with dhal - in order to sample the staple diet for much of the Indian population.



“It was so interesting learning about India; when I am older, I would definitely like to go there.”

YEAR 5

Year 5 pupils experience hot and humid rainforest conditions - without even leaving the UK! On their fact-finding trip to the Living Rainforest in Berkshire, they see for themselves plants, animals, birds, butterflies and lizards in a tropical environment. They learn about the 'Amazing Adaptations' of the rainforest plants and animals, including such inhabitants as the bird-eating spider and insect-eating pitcher plants that lie in wait for their prey.

“I really enjoyed seeing the Sloth. Sloths' hair grows upside down! The scavenger hunt was brilliant too!”

YEAR 6

Our intrepid Year 6 donned wellies and clutched iPads and sketch books, for a Geography and ICT trip to the Severn estuary. Having learnt all about rivers in the classroom, our children's studies were brought to life as they saw for themselves features such as meanders, flood plains and river erosion. Pictures were taken and sketches made of the rivers Severn and Wye, before the children travelled to Cannop Ponds. Wading in the water to take measurements was great fun for the children.

“We were measuring the speed, depth and width of the river, and I tripped over a log and fell in! I was saturated and had to borrow Miss Walter's hoodie!”



India R, Y5, silk painting inspired by Klimt



Lydia M, Reception, Monet pastel



William C, Y3, Sunflower inspired by Van Gogh



Milly W, Y4, Moving figures in pencil



Luis M R, Reception, Butterfly print



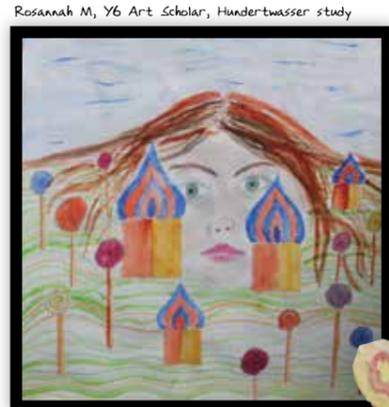
IT'S A BUG'S LIFE!

Visiting London artist Tim Davies was invited to school to create a collaborative work of art with Year 6. One of his specialities is creating vibrant perspex screens filled with children's art as a permanent outdoors display - so a Berky version was perfect for brightening up the Prep playground.

Adopting a nature-theme - inspired by Damien Hirst's well-known insect studies - Year 6 had a brilliant day learning the technique for creating a plethora of insects and their lush vegetation. The design returned with Tim to London for mounting and framing, and came back to school to be displayed in the playground, ready for the Summer Exhibition.

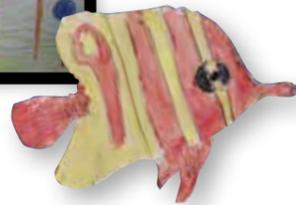


Matilda E, Y3, Mixed media collage inspired by Monet



Rosannah M, Y6 Art Scholar, Hundertwasser study

Rhys L, Y6 Ceramic fish



Georgia A, Y2, Floral study



Joseph W, Y1, Alien painting



Darcy W, Y6, Venetian mask



Florrie H, Y6, Venetian mask



Isi F, Y6 Art Scholar



Summer Exhibition

THE CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE WORK OF EVERY BERKY PUPIL FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 CELEBRATED IN OUR ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

Now in its fourth year, our Summer Art Exhibition took place immediately after half term. Always a crowd-puller; the exhibition showcased the work of each child from Reception to Year 6, from splendid houses lovingly painted by our Reception children, planet-themed paper sculptures by Year 1 and stunning Year 2 flower paintings, to vibrant Year 5 silk paintings inspired by the work of Klimt,

and striking masks created by Year 6; the art on show was both diverse and appealing. Ceramics included Year 5 cakes and coil pots by Year 3. Many visitors were impressed by the Year 6 Scholarship portfolios which were also on display. The standard of work this year was once again exceptional, and Michelle Bareham, Head of Art commented, "I was thrilled by the work submitted this year. We have many talented

artists in the Prep School, and I am excited by the creativity of the younger year groups too." The Summer 2018 exhibition was a huge success, and we look forward to seeing more of the fantastic efforts of our students next year.



On your marks...

PRE-PREP SPORTS DAY 2018

Sports Day kicked off with a morning of field events on the MUGA. Children enjoyed rotating every 10 minutes around activities including Javelin, Quoit Throwing, Bean Bag Aiming, Speed Bouncing and Long Jump. There was great teamwork amongst all groups and everybody had great fun. Enthusiastic audience members enjoyed the afternoon's track events in sweltering conditions! The children performed superbly and rose to the challenge of the obstacle race, egg and spoon, sack, sprint and the fiercely contested relays. It was a spirited end to the year. SM

KINDERGARTEN SPORTS DAY

Another beautiful sunny morning saw Kindergarten athletes flex their muscles in front of a large cohort of enthusiastic parents. It was great to see so much focus and energy from those competing as they ran over and through obstacles, sprinted to pick up teddy bears, balanced quoits carefully on their heads and even worked out how to master the relay. The children were thrilled to receive stickers and certificates from Mr Cross and a well-earned iced lolly for all their hard work. Congratulations to Kindergarten for a delightful morning of sport. SM

EARLY YEARS & PRE-PREP SPORTS DAYS



A PLEASURE TO WITNESS SPORTSMANSHIP FROM SUCH A TENDER AGE. WELL DONE!

RICHARD CROSS



BERKY WIN CHELTENHAM SCHOOLS KNOCKOUT TROPHY

Towards the end of term, our UI I's took part in the Cheltenham Schools' Knockout Trophy - which has been competed for since 1924. Our opening match against St Edward's showcased the accuracy of our bowling and our dynamism in the field. Steady batting saw us gain a total of 240, winning by 69 runs.



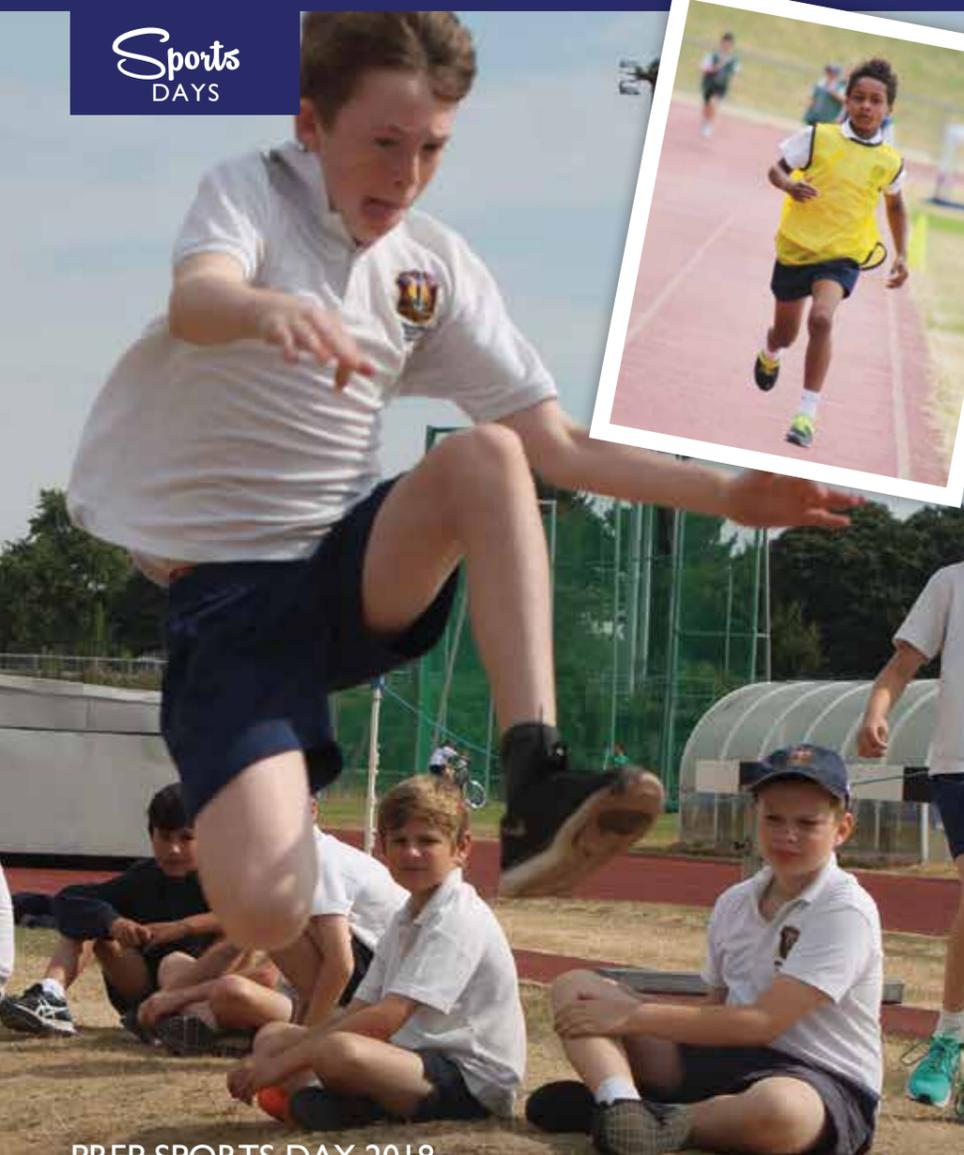
In the semi-final we met Bishops Cleeve. They batted first and with quick running between the wickets put us under some pressure. However, the boys remained composed and soon wickets began to fall. Our batting in this game was outstanding. All of the boys scored runs and we were excellent in backing up from the non striker's end. Our final total was 275, resulting in a winning margin of 68 runs.

In the final we were against old rivals, the Richard Pate School, and we knew that it would be a tough match. Steady batting and good shot selection was the order of the day for our innings and the boys were up to the task. Each batsman played their part. We batted sensibly, ran well between the wickets and dispatched the bad balls. It was a tense finish and we needed 10 off the last two overs. Adam and Luke remained calm, however, and guided us to a stunning victory by 2 runs.

This was a fantastic achievement by the boys, winning the trophy for the second year in a row. Each player contributed superbly and the boys were encouraging and supportive all the way through. I was very proud of them. P McC

PREP SWIMMING

As usual, all the children swam their hardest in this year's gala, and there was great cheering from the side of the pool. Well done especially to all the children who find swimming challenging and through sheer guts and determination made it safely from one end of the pool to the other. At the other end of the scale we have the children who swim regularly out of school and they resembled torpedoes as they completed their lengths. One record was broken in the Year 4 girls' freestyle by Grace W. Well done! The final race was a really exciting relay with St George's catching up on the last leg, having been a long way behind for most of the race. The swimming cup was presented to St Patrick's who beat St Andrew's by only 7 points. Well done to all our swimmers. LW



PREP SPORTS DAY 2018

Considering the sweltering weather we had over the last few weeks of the Summer term, Sports Day took place under welcome cloudy skies - but it was still warm enough! And considering how tired the children were, they did amazingly well with a large number of records broken; 8 in the field events and 4 in the track events. A new star has been found in Patrick D who broke an incredible 4 records; this is some record in itself! Florrie H performed superbly, and she broke 3 records. Her victory in the 800 metres was a very long-standing record from 2000. Well done to both. Record breakers were: Anna A and Patrick in the long jump, Rosemary B, Patrick and Florrie in the standing broad jump, Varnika B, Zoe C and Florrie in the shot put and Lincoln H in the quoit throw. Out on the track, records went to: Patrick in the 400 metres, Florrie in the 800 metres and George de B-T in the 100 metres. The final record came with the Year 3/4 St David's relay team of Alex D, Lincoln, Patrick and Otto B. Everyone performed with enormous effort and determination cheered on by both the children and parents. Well done to all the Prep children. The winning house this year was St George's. LW

ATHLETICS COLOURS AWARDED TO:

George L for winning the District 800m, Zoe C for equalling the Year 6 girls' shot put record, George de B-T for breaking the Year 6 boys' 100m. Congratulations too to Florrie H who already holds an athletics colour - and broke many records on sports day too.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year 6's Florrie and George L both won the 800 metres, so becoming District Champions! Florrie won by more than the length of the finishing straight, and George's was a more tactical affair with him tucking in behind a boy who started as if he were running the 100 metres! He then timed his sprint to perfection and overtook the boy near the winning line. Patrick, Becky, Max, Finn and Mollie qualified for the individual sprint finals as did the Year 3 and 4 girls and boys and the Year 6 boys for the relay finals. Patrick became District Champion in the Year 3 boys event and Becky won a bronze in the Year 4 girls' event. All our relay finalists won a medal: Silver for the Year 3, 4 and 6 boys' teams and bronze for the Year 3 and 4 girls. Overall, we were placed 3rd, the perfect place to be to stay in the small schools' division. Well done to all our runners.

LOUISE WALTER

After ten hugely successful years as Head of P.E. and Girls' Games, our wonderful Miss Walter has decided to hand over the baton to a new teacher, Miss Keegan. Under Miss Walter's expert and enthusiastic guidance, so many children of all levels of ability have developed a lasting love of sport as well as a high level of skill; she always managed to achieve a perfect combination of dynamism, motivation, kindness, sensitivity and fun. While we will very much miss the familiar sight of her teaching her classes on the Prep playground, clambering aboard a minibus with her teams and pedalling round the Prince of Wales Stadium supervising the field events on the morning of Sports Day, we are fortunate in that she will still be continuing in her role as Head of Geography; her lively and entertaining presence would otherwise be too sorely missed by us all. Thank you, Miss Walter, for all you have done! GA



Off we go...

LEARNING BROUGHT TO LIFE FOR OUR INQUISITIVE PUPILS



VINEY HILL

Team work was evident among the Year 6 from the moment we arrived at Viney Hill, with a Berky human chain passing the luggage up the drive - impressive! After lunch, the children were ready to begin their activities. Mr Cross joined us for the afternoon and was very excited to try the new archery area (he obviously tried hard judging by the bruise on his arm!). Our leaders



were excellent and the children enjoyed their activities. That evening we had an impromptu 2-hour night walk through the woods - we learnt about the amazing healing qualities of moss, and the highlight was finding an antler! Wednesday brought a full day of activities and, thankfully, cooler weather. The leaders were very impressed with the children - their manners and enthusiasm were excellent. The new activities of biking and canoeing were thoroughly enjoyed but it was also good to have some of the old favourites for a little reassurance. That evening we enjoyed a barbecue and sat round the campfire toasting marshmallows and reflecting on the day. This was such a special time - all the Year 6 huddled together around a campfire sharing their 'best bits.' The following day everyone felt a 'happy exhaustion' - it had been a fantastic residential and we all left feeling very proud of each other. JH

COTSWOLD FARM PARK

The Kindergarten children celebrated the end of the Summer term with a visit to Cotswold Farm Park where we all had an amazing time. The children listened to a talk about collecting eggs, how incubators work and how to recognise different eggs by their size. Everyone was then given an opportunity to hold a chick or rabbit then listened carefully about how to care for them. We followed this by a tractor and trailer ride around the farm looking at all the different breeds of animals; we loved this and the children described it as 'bumpy fun!' MM

BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM

On a beautifully sunny day, our trip to the Black Country was a great success. Both classes followed a history trail studying the lives of two Victorian children. Our travels involved a lesson in a Victorian classroom, a trip down a mine and visits to a back-to-back house and a pawnbroker's. The children experienced playing Victorian street games and finished the day having great fun on a 1920s fairground. It was a fantastic trip which really enhanced the children's learning of the Victorians. P McC



POND DIPPING

Year 2 set off for the Forest of Dean to enjoy a morning's pond dipping at the RSPB Nagshead Pond. Armed with nets, trays, identification charts, spoons and bowls, the children headed for the pond. The pond is in a beautiful setting with large platforms ideal for the excited children. After just one dip it became apparent that the pond had an abundance of wildlife! As the children identified the minibeasts, squeals of delight were heard as beetles whirled around, snails, phantom midge larvae, dragonflies, nymphs and even a caddis fly larva, carefully disguised as a leaf, appeared in the trays. The children then studied these more closely under a microscope. Unfortunately I missed the bee hunting for nectar with its pollen baskets overflowing, but the children didn't. After a quick break, Year 2 had a minibeast hunt in the woods. Whilst many of the small creatures were hidden out of the sunlight, other evidence was found of both tiny and larger creatures living there. Mr Wheeler had a wander on his own and found the largest creatures of the day - a group of young wild boar. He quietly left them to it. SO



BON APPÉTIT!

On a beautiful summer's day, which felt as if we were actually in France, Year 4 visited 'L'Artisan', an authentic restaurant in town owned by a family originally from Provence. The trip was organised to enable the children to practise their conversational French - mainly ordering food, which they did with confidence. We were greeted by mademoiselle, who introduced herself and told the children about life in France. By this time the children were hungry and ready for their crêpes, but first they had to ask for their cutlery and plates. Mademoiselle then took their orders, the options being crêpes à la crème au chocolat, crêpes à la confiture de framboise et crêpes au sucre. They also had the opportunity to order a drink alongside their food. There was a wonderful atmosphere in the restaurant, and the children had the pleasant surprise of being able to order twice more, so they had plenty of practice and 3 crêpes each! Everybody had a really lovely morning, and brilliant French was spoken by all! B McC





U8 | CRICKET

The boys had a good term's worth of cricket. They all improved their bowling, batting and fielding skills throughout the term. Each skill is quite difficult to pick up. Bowling in particular proved tricky to learn but the boys worked well.

In our matches, we played well against Hatherop Castle and came away with a loss and a draw. We improved a lot before the Richard Pate game and came away with two excellent wins. Our bowling was more accurate, therefore giving away less free hits to Richard Pate and our own hitting of the ball was very good (many fours and a six were scored by the boys).

It has been a term full of good learning about the game and how to play it. Next year will see even greater improvements. Well done!

U8 Team: Harry A, Robert A, Freddie B, Albie B, Albie B-C, Michael C, Will C, Patrick D, Will J, Harry M, Oliver M, Henry R, Luke R, William S, Henry T, Hugo W, Leon R W.



U9A | CRICKET

As the stats show, we lost just two games to RPS and Beadesert but the boys should be delighted to achieve six wins with all the boys getting wickets. Top wicket taker for the 8 games was Jonny with 12. All the boys scored runs and their batting improved measurably as the season progressed. Jack and Griff opened the bowling which isn't always easy; they were steady and often accurate and often kept the opposing teams opening batsmen to less than 20 runs. Seb and Harry proved as a pair to be the top bowlers with 8 apiece and brought a good balance to the middle order batting, with Harry scoring some great boundaries. Lincoln and Jonny proved a very strong effective combination although sometimes a little too lively with the bat and ball; they did show some sensible play, particularly in our excellent win over Dean Close and they both made some excellent catches throughout the season. Alex and Will arguably amassed the greatest number of runs and both bowled superbly. Alex's leg

spinning mesmerised not only me but several other visiting coaching staff. He captained the side with a maturity well beyond his years and he and all the boys should be very pleased with their performances this term. Well done.

U9A Team: William B, Alex D, Jack E, Lincoln H, Seb L, Griff L, Harry W, Johnny W.

U9B | CRICKET

The U9B team have enjoyed a fine season, winning 6 out of their 8 games. The matches against St Edward's and Rendcomb stand out. It has been exciting to see the development in the accuracy of their bowling and how they have run positively between the wickets when batting. Batting has been the main strength of the team, with all of the boys confident in putting bat to ball.

Olly and Alex have been the regular openers, often getting us off to a good start. The middle order of Rupert, Archie, Jonathan and Otto moved our total along nicely and developed some good attacking strokes. Our final pair has often been Alessio and Max, who have always looked to hit out and put pressure on the bowlers. The combinations have worked well. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable season. Well done to all of the boys.

U9B Team: Jonathan B, Otto B, Max C, Rupert G, Archie L-B, Oliver S, Alex S, Alessio T.



U11A | CRICKET

It seems hard to believe in such a glorious summer that we lost our first two games to the weather. However, once the sun came out, the boys never looked back. Wins against Kitebrook, Bowbrook and Hatherop kickstarted the season and saw the boys improve their skills. We faced tougher opposition in the second half of the term in the shape of St Edward's and the Richard Pate School. Both resulted in comprehensive victories for the Berky boys.

It was then on to the Knockout Trophy which we won for the second time (please see p 19 for a full report).

Our final match against King's, Gloucester resulted in our only loss in a very exciting match in which the two teams scored a combined 328 runs.

This has been a superb season in which we have seen some exciting cricket. The boys have developed into a strong unit of players who have been encouraging and supportive towards each other. All of them have made great improvement since the beginning of the term. There have been some outstanding performances during the season. Adam has both captained brilliantly and demonstrated that he is an outstanding batsman. James S and Luke consistently batted well and Olly, Rhys and Charlton were always a threat with the ball. George de B-T and Benji M developed well behind the stumps and it was great to see the all-round improvement of Rumhann, George R, Andrew and Charlie.

The boys have been great fun to coach. Well done to all of them for such a successful season!

Colours awarded to: George d B-T, Rumhann C, Luke F, Rhys L, Charlie M, Benji M, Andrew P, George R, Adam R, James S, Olly W, Charlton v S.
Outstanding awards: Adam R, James S, Luke F, Rhys L, Charlton v S.

U11B | CRICKET

It's been a successful season for the U11B cricket teams. The weather forced us to cancel a couple of games at the start of the season but it perked up quickly and we finished in glorious sunshine.

There have been some excellent matches this season. One highlight was the St Edward's match where the boys played some super cricket. The boys took every run that they could, their bowling was accurate and the fielding was disciplined. This resulted in two well-deserved wins, by a huge 64 runs and 85 runs! They also had good wins against RPS, when superb fielding from all the team restricted the score for the opposition. The final match of the season against King's was also a great match and in the last three overs the result could have gone either way. The tension was high, King's needed just 13 runs to win but the boys stepped up and bowled and fielded, taking 2 wickets and resulting in a win by just 6 runs!

The boys have worked hard in training and taken on board the advice that they have been given. They have bonded as a team and given each other lots of encouragement and praise.

U11B Team: Oscar A, Eliot A, Jensen A, Rumhann C, Finian C, Oscar H, James E, Luke F, Benji J, George L, Noah W, Benji Mc, Archie M, Jack P, William P, George R, Charlie M, Andrew P, Edward S.

CRICKET STATS

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN
U8	4	2	1	1
U9A	8	6	2	0
U9B	8	6	2	0
U11A	9	8	1	0
U11B	12	10	2	0



U8 | ROUNDERS

All the under 8s have made a terrific start with their rounders. Many of them come to after school club which really helps – practice makes perfect! Their fielding skills have developed nicely over the term and their running between the posts and their hitting have been most impressive. I am not sure I have seen under 8s where so many of them can hit the ball so reliably - well done! In their first match against Hatherop Castle they won by 13 rounders to 11 and in the St Edward's match all the girls played together which made it very difficult to score with so many players in the deep, but score they did. The result was a victory by 9 rounders to 3. In their final match against RPS, the blues won by 6½ to 2 and the reds by 5 rounders to 2. We played 3 matches this term and won 3 so there is much hope for the future. Well done!

U8 Team: Anna A, Lottie A, Jennella A, Rosemary B, Lilah C, Uma C, Isabella E, Matilda E, Hannah H, Holly H, Aurielle M, Beatrice M-D, Beatrice N, Elodie O, Lucy P.



U9 | ROUNDERS

I have been thoroughly impressed by the attitude and the sporting behaviour of the U9s at rounders this term and this is backed up by the statistics. The U9As won all 3 of their 3 matches. The mixed sides matches were both wins and the U9Bs won 2, lost 2 and drew 1 match. All the girls improved dramatically over the season and by the end, we were becoming much stronger hitters and fielders. If we had seen some of the rounders-scoring that was in evidence in the final few games at the beginning of the season as well, it would have been an even more impressive story. We definitely ended on a high and had a super last rounders season!

U9A Team: Isla A, Joy C, Rebecca F, Phoebe M, Viera M, Jasmine M, Isabel K, Grace W, Arabella W.

U9B Team: Daisy B, Poppy B, Charlotte B, Darcey C, Hazel C, Cressida F, Kimora P, Eleanor T, Eleri W, Amelia W.



U10 | ROUNDERS

The 'A' team won two matches and lost two. The losses against St Edward's and Richard Pate were narrow and the girls should be proud of their wins against Cheltenham College and The Croft. The 'B' team played five matches and came out with three wins to two losses, an excellent season! The girls' fielding skills tightened up through the season and they began to play with a tactical mindset. As the season progressed so did their ability to score rounders, some even having the confidence to place the ball to maximise their chances of gaining a full rounder. Well done, girls, you have all developed your skills this year.

U10A Team: Varnika B, Simran D, Beatrice D, Sophie G, Georgie J, Daisy O, India R, Hattie S, Millie W.

U10B Team: Emily G, Edith H, Lizzie H, Eloise M, Francesca R, Lorien S, Emma S, Anna T.

ROUNDERS STATS

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN
U8A	3	3	0	0
U9A	2	2	0	0
U9B	4	2	1	1
U9A&B	2	2	0	0
U10A	4	2	2	0
U10B	5	3	2	0
U11A	6	5	1	0
U11B	4	2	2	0



U11 | ROUNDERS

This has been an incredible season for both U11 teams. There is huge strength in depth and an amazing standard has been reached this term. The fielding skills and the ability to hit the ball has been second to none; the A team scored a staggering 95½ rounders! The Bs started the season with a narrow loss against RPS and then the College but recorded wins against The Croft and St Edward's which was the final match of the season. The St Edward's girls were excellent, but the brilliant Berky 'B's won this match with superb fielding, a sustained batting barrage and good and decisive running between the posts. A super way to end the season. I am lost for words for the A team. Precision fielding, excellent running and decision-making, plus everyone in this team was capable of scoring lots of rounders and score they did! Their only loss was a 14-16½ defeat by the Croft and I am still to this day unsure of how it happened. Wins were recorded against RPS, Rendcomb College, King's, Gloucester; the College and the final match of the season a 22-8 victory against St Edward's. Well done to all the U11 girls – what a season!

Outstanding badges go to: Zoe C, Sarah D, Alexa E, Eleanor E, Isi F, Florrie H, Alice H, Ella V, Emily W. This is the most I have ever given out!

A Team (all awarded colours): Zoe C, Sarah D, Alexa E, Eleanor E, Isi F, Florrie H, Alice H, Rosannah M, Jemima R, Ella V, Mollie W, Emily W.

U11B Team: Zoe C, Kyla C, Hannah de W, Rosannah M, Leslie M, Chiara O'C, Georgia P, Jemima R, Catherine W, Mollie W, Darcy W.





BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS

PRIZE WINNERS 2018

ENGLISH CUP Catherine W
MATHEMATICS CUP Sarah D
SCIENCE CUP William P
SPECIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE CURRICULUM Leslie M and Rhys L
COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY CUP Archie M
FRENCH CUP Alice H
SPANISH CUP Kyla C
HISTORY CUP Eleanor E
GEOGRAPHY CUP James S
R.S. CUP Jemima R
ART GOBLET Isi F
CWB CUP Georgia P
PRIZE FOR ALL-ROUND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT Eliot A
INSTRUMENTAL PRIZE FOR STRINGS Olly W
INSTRUMENTAL PRIZE FOR WIND Sarah D

INSTRUMENTAL PRIZE FOR BRASS
James C-G
INSTRUMENTAL PRIZE FOR PIANO
Chiara O'C
INSTRUMENTAL PRIZE FOR PERCUSSION Benji M
WENDY BURROWS CHORAL CUP
Jemima R
CUPS FOR OUTSTANDING MUSICIANSHIP Leslie M and Rhys L
CROKER DRAMA CUP James C-G
INITIATIVE AND ENTERPRISE AWARD Charlton v S
BARTLETT ENDEAVOUR PRIZE
Mollie W
PROGRESS PRIZE Benjamin J
HOWARD CUP FOR CHESS Jack P
WILLIAMS SPORTS CUP (GIRLS)
Florrie H
SCOT-SIMMONDS SPORTS CUP (BOYS) Adam R

PODMORE ATHLETICS CUP
George L
MOSS CUP FOR SPORTSMANSHIP - (BOYS) Rumhann C
PATRICIA SMITH CUP FOR SPORTSMANSHIP - (GIRLS) Ella V
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARDS
Zoe C and James E
ADVENTURE SHIELD Darcy W
PLATINUM AWARD TROPHY
Rosannah M
ALL-ROUNDER CUP George de B-T
CHARITY AWARD Charlie M
HOUSE CAPTAIN AWARD Florrie H
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRIZE Alice H
COURTESY CUP Hannah de W
BERKY AMBASSADOR CUP Emily W
BERKY PRIZE Alexa E

FORM PRIZES
3C Rosemary B
3M Henry R
4E Griff L
4T Rupert G
5W Noah W
5B Oscar A
ENDEAVOUR PRIZES
3C Aurielle M
3M Lottie A
4E Phoebe M
4T Darcey C
5W Sophie G
5B Eloise M
CITIZENSHIP
3C Lilah C
3M Oliver M
4E Archie L-B
4T Arabella W
5W Lorien S
5B Francesca R

SCHOLARSHIPS 2018

Eliot A
Academic Scholarship, Dean Close School
James C-G
Performing Arts Scholarship,
Dean Close School
Academic and Performing Arts
Scholarship, King's School, Gloucester
Sarah D
Academic and Music Scholarship,
King's School, Gloucester

Alexa E
Drama Exhibition,
Dean Close School
Isabella F
Art and Sports Scholarship,
St Edward's School
Alice H
Sports Scholarship, King's School,
Gloucester: Music Scholarship,
Dean Close School

Rosannah M
Art Scholarship, Malvern St James
Leslie M
Academic and Music Scholarship,
King's School, Gloucester
Adam R
Sports Scholarship,
King's School, Gloucester
Sports Scholarship, St Edward's School

James S
Gillespy Scholarship,
King's School, Gloucester
Charlton v S
Sports Scholarship, Rendcomb College
Mollie W
Gillespy Scholarship,
King's School, Gloucester
Olly W
Music Scholarship,
King's School, Gloucester

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS 2018

Eliot A: Pate's Grammar
Rumhann C: Dean Close School
James C-G: Dean Close School
Zoe C: Stroud High
Kyla C: Malvern St James
George de B-T: Sir Thomas Rich's
Hannah de W: Malvern St James
Sarah D: High School for Girls
Alexa E: Dean Close School

James E: Sir Thomas Rich's
Eleanor E: Balcarras
Isabella F: St Edward's School
Alice H: Ribston Hall High School
Florrie H: High School for Girls
Benjamin J: Marling School
George L: Pate's Grammar
Rhys L: Pate's Grammar
Rosannah M: Malvern St James

Charlie M: King's School, Gloucester
Benjamin M: Sir Thomas Rich's
Leslie M: Sir Thomas Rich's
Archie M: Pate's Grammar
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