



If children are happy, they will achieve!

Friday 24th May



On 10th May the school held its annual Mindfulness Day to enable the children to experience a range of different strategies to practise a sense of calm and relaxation. Who doesn't feel 'chilled' in PJ's and slippers? The children (and staff) were encouraged to come into school wearing attire which was comfortable and loose-fitting. Throughout the day children experienced the benefits of regulating their breathing by blowing bubbles; art therapy and mindfulness colouring to bring attention to thought while engaging the senses. The Year 3 children enjoyed a sensory walk through the school wood courtesy of a beautiful and bright sunny afternoon. Stress can be reduced by just physically moving. Going for a walk cannot only benefit our physical health but emotional health too. Professional input was provided by Annabel Hayward of Berkeley-based Chilled out Children offering yoga to our pupils. Our Y6 class (and staff) certainly felt 'chilled' after their session with Annabel. Please see the flyer attached with details of an Activity day during half term at 'Chilled Out Children'.

Children in primary school are expected to have above 95% attendance. Our target for the whole school is set by the government and the local authority and we are expected to reach at least 95% this academic year. We acknowledge that each family's circumstances are different and we aim to work with parents to provide the best education for every child. Pupils' welfare is of paramount importance to us and we believe that regular attendance throughout the year is essential for their success and fulfilment.

Please see the table below showing the whole school attendance for April:

School Attendance	Target Attendance	Actual Attendance
April 2019	95%	94.8%



This week the year 6 children have been taking part in numerous enrichment activities. Bikeability Training, Lego Mindstorm and a hands on Science afternoon with staff and students from KLB.

Bikeability Cycle Training is the national cycle training programme supported by the Department for Transport. The course builds the skills and confidence of children who can already ride. Bikeability doesn't only make children better cyclists - potentially for the rest of their lives - but can help with general confidence and independent thinking.

During the Lego Mindstorm session the children were taught basic programming skills and used these skills to design and write codes to make a lego robot move and react to different stimuli.

The Science session involved launching rockets and making predictions. The KLB students taught Year 6 about the role of variables in investigations.



Our Year 1 & 2 children spent an afternoon last week on the school field learning about materials and their suitability for building their own unique dens. We are so fortunate to have such incredible grounds here for our children to enjoy and explore. So much so, that our year 6 pupils had a 'camping day' in tents on the field. They were surprised with a delivery of warm, bacon baps too from Berkeley Bakery as a treat for working so studiously through their SATS.



Our EYFS children have been enjoying the lovely weather and have been doing lots of outdoor learning. They have taken part in a range of 'hands on' experiences in a natural outdoor environment which has taught them about caring for, respecting and understanding the natural environment. The sessions will have a strong emphasis on raising self-esteem, building confidence and promoting independence.



And the winner is RED!! Well done to the children in Jenner who will spent Thursday morning with the Mini Marines! The children thoroughly enjoyed making their way through assault courses, working together to solve orienteering tasks and playing fun team building games. This has really inspired all the children to work hard and try and be the winning team this term!



With the recent spell of warm weather, please make sure that children come prepared for hot weather. This includes water bottles, sun hats, sunglasses and sun cream labelled with your child's name. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before school, which can then be topped up during the day.



The sun is coming and that means our swimming pool is gearing up for this years' swimming season! As always, we really value any support from parents to help during lessons to be an 'extra pair of eyes' around the pool and to help fix numerous goggle straps! If you can spare any afternoons to come and help us and catch a few rays in our suntrap, please let the school office know your availability.

The BEST committee are currently in the process of organising a gate rota for the pool swimming sessions. The pool will be open on the following times;

- Tuesdays & Fridays – 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Sunday – 2pm – 4pm
- Sunday Ladies Only – 4pm – 5pm

They are looking for volunteers to help go on the gate for one or more of the sessions? Children of those who help will get to swim for free that session. If you can help please contact the BEST committee via the FaceBook 'BEST - Berkeley Educational Swimming Trust' page or via email Becky at b.sgregg@ymail.com



I am delighted to announce the successful appointment of Miss Rimmer, who will be joining us in September 2019 as our new Reception teacher. Miss Rimmer has a wealth of experience, and will bring much creativity to our team.

Following the successful recruitment this week, I can now announce the teaching arrangements for September 2019. Teaching Partner allocations will take place next term.

Reception	Miss Rimmer
Year 1	Miss Fitzgerald
Year 2	Mrs Baker – Mon-Weds Mrs Franklin Thurs,Fri
Year 3	Mr Hart
Year 4	Ms Tough
Year 5	Mrs Vizard
Year 6	Mr Chaffey



Please see below a list of diary dates and upcoming events, all of which can be found on our website for reference:

To help further with our communication, items **highlighted in blue are for parental involvement/action**. Other items are for information only.

Monday 3 rd June	INSET DAY: Staff water safety training
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Tuesday 4 th June	INSET DAY: Training from Dan O'Hare on how to help children & parents to cope with anxiety
Friday 7 th June	Pyjamarama day! All children to wear Pj's. Donations to the Booktrust.
Tuesday 11 th June	School Photos: Team and Class, plus Y6 individual
Thursday 13 th June	Sports Day 9:15am-10:45am KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 1:45pm-3:00pm Reception & KS1 (Y1 & 2) All children to wear PE kit to school that day (spare change of clothes optional)
Monday 17 th June	District Field Events – Rednock – 4pm
Wednesday 19 th June	District Sports – Dursley Primary School – 6pm
Friday 21 st June – Tuesday 25 th June	Year 6 Camp – Osmington Bay
Monday 24 th June – Wednesday 26 th June	Year 4 Camp – The Wilderness Centre
Friday 28 th June	9:15am – Y6 Camp Celebration Assembly – Families of Y6 children invited to share photos and events from camp. Circus! 
Monday 1 st July	9:15am – Y4 Camp Celebration Assembly – Families of Y4 children invited to share photos and events from camp. Transition afternoon – children will be spending the afternoon in their new classrooms.
Thursday 4 th July	10am – 11:45am – KS1 Swimming Gala (Y1 & 2)
Friday 5 th July	10am – 11:45am – KS2 Swimming Gala (Y3, 4, 5 & 6)
Friday 12 th July	Treat Day for winning house
Monday 15 th July	Reports go out
Thursday 18 th July	Y6 Performance for parents/families 6:30pm
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term Y6 Leavers assembly 10:30-11:30am (Y6 parents/families)

Have a wonderful half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Robbins', with a decorative flourish at the end.

Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary

HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAY



**FRIDAY
31ST**

**A GREAT DAY FULL OF
FUN ACTIVITIES**

Painting, games, crafts, yoga, story time,
dough disco and things to take home.

"MAKE-A-PIZZA" FOR LUNCH!

£25 PER CHILD - EXTRA SIBLINGS £15

10AM-2:30PM



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