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# July Newsletter

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## **Spanish Competition Spells Success**

Friday 5th July was a date that two year 7 students from Becket Keys Church of England School had been anticipating for months and will remember for a long time.

Earlier this year, Daisy Benson and Cara Tait took part in the regional finals of a foreign language spelling bee, translating and spelling in Spanish as many words as they could in one minute. Both rose to the challenge tremendously with Daisy gaining third place and Cara securing second. As a result of their success, they were entered into the national final.

After many hours of practice, they made the trip to Cambridge where they joined thirty six other competitors from all over the country. Both were very nervous as they had already witnessed the high standard of everybody involved at the regional stage. This did

not deter them, however, and they rose to the challenge yet again.

Daisy held her nerve and performed well, as did Cara who made it through to the final stage with three other competitors. After a nail-biting tie-breaker, Cara was presented with a medal for coming fourth in the country!

Mrs Norman, the Spanish teacher at Becket Keys said: "One of the best things about the event is the enthusiasm and incentive it gives young people to learn languages. It was a fantastic day; both Daisy and Cara have benefitted greatly from taking part and are enjoying a well-earned break from practising spelling vocabulary....until year 9 that is."

'Routes Into Languages' are currently organising a similar event for year nine students and, after their fantastic achievement this year,



**Friday 12th July 2013**

Cara and Daisy are both very keen to take part.

Cara Tait said: "I was really nervous. It was so tense. I am proud of what we managed to achieve and it was a good experience, but I was glad when it was over! All the practice has been really hard work, but I know a lot more Spanish words now. I've learned loads. And it was good going to Cambridge and being up against all those other schools."

**My congratulations to  
both girls for this amazing  
achievement.**

**Mr Scott-Evans  
Head Teacher**

## **GOVERNORS' SPEECH AND AWARDS EVENING**

### **Final chance to get tickets for this prestigious evening.**

Please return your reply slips to Reception to book tickets for Tuesday 16th July.

Light refreshments served from 6.30pm for 7.00pm start in the Main Hall.

## Patronal Festival Barbecue



**Thanks for coming** to our first ever Patronal Festival Barbecue last Saturday.

We enjoyed a wonderful time in the sunshine!

Thanks for all your positive feedback about the food, competitions and entertainment.

The results of the treasure hunt are on the next page!



## Lost Property

### Items in lost property

White Reebok trainers size 5  
 Black coat size 12/13 Rebel  
 Gold padlock  
 Memory stick - blue  
 Silver stud earring  
 Sky blue jacket—Topman M  
 Pink watch (found in Sawyers Hall Lane)  
 Black wallet with skull and crossbone design

Mr Fenn has a number of purple hoodies in the PE office. Please check there if you have lost one.

Items that have been in lost property for more than a month will be given away to good causes.



## Last day of term

The last day of term is Friday 19th July.

School will finish at 3:20pm.

However, there will be no homework club or any other clubs on this day.



### CLUBS

Clubs hit for six on the last day of term!

## Treasure Hunt

The answers to the treasure hunt from the Patronal Festival Barbecue are here:

1. Philosophy: The love of wisdom
2. Tallest Mountain: Mt Everest
3. Castle Gate: Portcullis
4. Number of Squares: 40
5. Tennis Players: Isner/Mahut
6. Periodic Table Code: Mounties rush off on a mission, find those hostages
7. A rose by any other name would smell as sweet 'Romeo and Juliet'
8. Norman Robert Foster
9.
  - A) Isometric
  - B) 2 point perspective
  - C) 1 point perspective

10. Coping Saw
11. None: they are all the same.
12. Number of Triangles: 27

The winning house for the treasure hunt was:

### Peacock and Pendleton

The winning house for the activities (Bat the Rat, Wellington Boot Toss, Hoopla, Giant Darts, Peg the Bucket) was:

### Ennis and Whitehead



A full review of the festival can be found on page 5.

## Head Teacher's Challenge

### Congratulations to:

**Alfie Arundell-Coote**

**Jamie Ball**

**Catherine Barker**

**Daisy Benson**

**Billy Brown**

**Bethany Hancox**

**Kayleigh O'Brien**

**Luke Payne**

All of these students have already handed in their Stage 2 Head Teacher's Challenge.

We have extended the period of time available for the challenge to the end of the summer holiday.

Students are encouraged to make the most of the opportunity to try the to complete as much of the Stage 2 as possible.

Further exciting opportunities will open up for those students who complete a good number of the second and third stages of the challenge.

You can download the challenge from the front page of the school website.



**HTC**

## Photo Books

Two limited edition photobooks have been released this week and will be on sale from Reception until the end of term.

Parents and carers will be able to view the books at the various events over the next few weeks.

The books cost just £5, with one featuring photographs from the first year. The other one features photos from the inaugural school trip.

If you would like to purchase a book please bring cash or cheque to Reception or see our

administration team at one of the events.

No profit is being made from these books; they are sold at cost to families of Becket Keys.

## Model Railway Exhibition

Families from Becket Keys CE School are invited to attend a model railway exhibition on Saturday 13th July 2013 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. St. Thomas' Road, Brentwood, Essex CMI4 4DB

Open: 10.30am - 4.30pm

Working layouts from the following Model Railway Clubs: Basildon, Chelmsford, Epping, Ilford, Mid-Essex and Romford

Traders: Flair-rail and Round-in-Circles

Refreshments & other stalls also available

**ADMISSION:**  
 Adults £4.00  
 Concessions £3.50  
 Children £1.50  
 Family £10.00



## Pecha-Kucha— Public Speaking—Inter School Final

The Brentwood Secondary Schools held year 7 Pecha-Kucha public speaking competition at Becket Keys Church of England School on Monday 1st July 2013.

Pecha-Kucha is a presentation style that was invented in 2003 by a group of architects who believed that presenters were taking too long to talk about over-complicated slides!

A Pecha-Kucha presentation consists of 20 images each of which automatically progresses to the next slide after 20 seconds. It is a real skill to be able to match your verbal presentation to the collection of images proceeding behind you.

Paul Rolison is a local businessman (Chief Executive Officer Yellowspring Busi-

ness IT Solutions) challenged our students to give a Pecha-Kucha presentation on the theme, "My First Year", and six other schools (five in Brentwood and one in Wickford) also selected a year 7 team of between three and five students to take part.

*"it is a real skill to be able to match your verbal presentation to the collection of images"*

## The Pecha-Kucha Results

1<sup>st</sup> Brentwood Ursuline Convent School

2<sup>nd</sup> Becket Keys Church of England School

3<sup>rd</sup> Shenfield High School

The winning school team received a digital protector (provided by the sponsor of the event Paul Rolison)

Medals and certificates were provided for all participants by Brentwood Learning Partnership



PECHA KUCHA

Second place

Our team for Pecha Kucha

## Patronal Festival—round up

Becket Keys Church of England School has been celebrating its first ever Patronal Festival with a week of charity events and a Eucharist.

### CELEBRATION

Students, parents, governors and staff joined Father Colin and Father Ian at St Thomas' Church for a service celebrating our two Saints: St Peter and St Thomas of Canterbury.

The week concluded with a Patronal Festival Barbecue. The event had the feeling of a family summer picnic and was blessed with sunshine.

### SOCIAL

The 150 new students and their parents/carers who will

be joining the Becket Keys community next year had the opportunity to meet existing students and parents/carers in a social setting.

### LAUGHTER

The air was filled with the sound of laughter, as well as the beautiful voices of the school choir and performances by talented musicians.

### FINAL MONEY

This event moved the school closer to their target of raising £1700 for their charities (Great Ormond Street Hospital and Essex Air Ambulance) by

the end of the academic year. There were various charity events, including a silent auction.

### MONEY RAISED

To date, this event has raised over £700. This is the start of another tradition for Becket Keys Church of England School.

As the school approaches the end of its first year, it has much to celebrate.



## Summer Reads—Recommendations from Mrs Ahlner

Looking for a good read this summer? Check out some of these new books selected by Mrs Ahlner and her friend Chiara (from [BooksTeen-AndMagazines.com](http://BooksTeen-AndMagazines.com))

Let us know what you think!

**Bodyguard: Hostage by Chris Bradford** teenage bodyguards to protect teenage targets. Full of adventure and a great read. 11+

**The Bell Between Worlds by Ian Johnstone** - a fantasy adventure with interesting characters and a fascinating premise that our world is mirrored in another

world where things are the same and yet also very different. 11+

**The Boy with Two Heads by Andy Mulligan** - what would happen if all the feeling you suppressed came out in the form of a second independent head? 11+

**The Disgrace of Kitty Grey by Mary Hooper** - England at the time of Mad King George, Newgate Prison, convicts being sent to Australia and Jane Austen. An enjoyable adventure with interesting historical facts. 11+

**After Tomorrow by Gillian Cross**

- England in a dystopian future with food shortages and high unemployment. Matthew's family ends up living in a refugee camp in France. A book to make you think. 12+

