



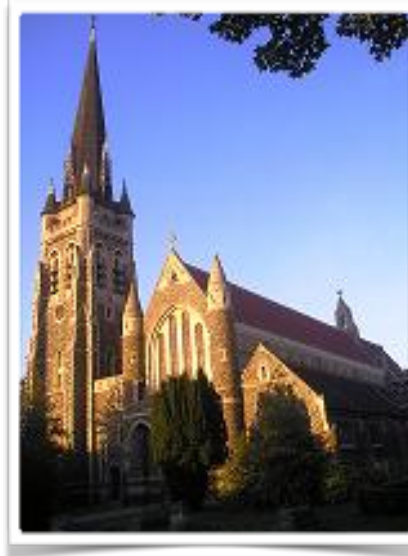
PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Becket Keys Church of England School started celebrations of its two saints today with a Eucharist at St Thomas' Church. The whole school gathered for the special service led by our parish priest, Father Colin Hewitt. Father Paul Hamilton, from Ingrave, also joined us today to give the sermon.

Year 7 students were chosen as servers and also presented the readings and prayers. Our choir sang a number of pieces and helped us to create a wonderful worshipful atmosphere.

Tomorrow, the patronal festival will continue with our family picnic in the school grounds. All existing families from Year 7 and 8 are invited and our new intake are welcome to join us as well.

There will be various presentations from musical groups and our drama club. In addition, there will be various free games and sporting activities for families to enjoy. Teachers and school staff are



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Patronal Festival Picnic

attending with the Friends of Becket Keys hosting the event.

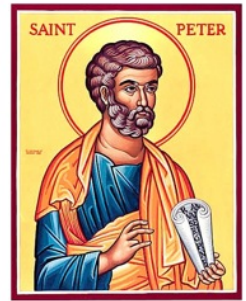
There will be a cake stall and we would like as many cakes brought along for sale on the stall as possible. Please remember: the cakes do not have to be homemade and there should be no nuts in them. For those who specialise in chocolate brownies – we will be having a competition to see whose brownies are the most popular.

Domino's pizza will be here selling pizza for £1 per slice, there will also be a Barista and an ice cream van. Students who wish to can purchase wristbands for the inflatables including a bungee run. Wristbands will cost £3 for unlimited use. Any profits will go to the school charities.

We would like to thank Mrs Williams and her small team of other parents who have worked extremely hard to organise the picnic.

OTHER NEWS

PATRONAL FESTIVAL



MUFTI DAY - 7th July

The Patronal Festival continues all next week starting with a Mufti Day on Monday. Students and staff will be allowed to come to work in Mufti for a £1 donation. Students must choose clothes for an active day in school, i.e. sensible flat shoes, no onesies, no make-up, no hair dye.

CHARITIES WEEK - 7th July to 11th July

A week of charity fundraising promises to bring great fun and innovative ideas to Becket Keys Patronal Festival next week with different activities, games and competitions every day.



SPORTS DAY - 11th July

Letters from Mr Fenn were sent home regarding Sports Day. This is the finale of the Patronal Festival! Celebrating our great passion for sport! Parents and other family members are welcome to come along and witness the fantastic fun of Sports Day. It is not just about those who excel in sport, but about representing your house in competition. We are all looking forward to it!

GOVERNORS' SPEECH & AWARDS EVENING - 15th

July - 7pm

At the end of the year, the school governors invite students and their families to a speech and awards evening. This year's speech will be given by Norman Banks, The Bishop of Richborough. Bishop Norman will then present the awards alongside governors and staff at this prestigious event. Invitations will be coming out next week.



PECHA KUCHA WINNERS

On Monday, Year 7s Sophie Haywood, Divine Okwuosa, Alice Keely, Ben Cooper & Will Sainsbury gained first prize in the Pecha Kucha competition at Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School. Pecha Kucha is a complex style of public speaking that involves careful time keeping and coordination to keep the audience interested.

Four other local schools participated, all speaking on the subject of 'A Hero from our History'. We heard fascinating talks on the likes of Martin Luther King and Emily Pankhurst, but there could only be one winner. The Becket Keys team were commended on their excellent timing, engaging PowerPoint and original subject choice. They captivated the audience with the story of Iqbal Masih, a young Pakistani boy who selflessly fought to stop child labour in his country.

Thanks to Sophie, Divine, Alice, Ben & Will, we can now enjoy the first place prize of a brand new projector. A well-deserved congratulations to the team!

SPORTS NEWS

Y8 CRICKET v ST MARTIN'S

After getting knocked out of the cricket cup to Boswells, who have made it through to the MESSA final, we are now touring some of the local schools to see how we get on in friendlies.

We batted first. Unfortunately, Will Stroud was stumped by the wicket keeper on his first ball for stepping out of his crease, Frank was also given out for the same reason. All of a sudden we were on the back foot. Finley came in and swung viciously but to no avail and it was unlucky that when he played a defensive shot the ball hit the stumps. Tom Walker and Tom Burkert put on a fantastic partnership, with both batters having to retire on 30 runs. Oscar, Joe and Alex all collected runs too. Our total was 113, which is a Becket Keys record. Hopefully, one that can be broken again soon. Bowling wise, we were a little less consistent compared to our figures against Boswells. However, tidy bowling from Tom Walker and Josh Maxfield kept their run rate to level with ours. It was a shame that 2 expensive bowling overs cost us the game. We ended up losing the match with 11 balls to play. It was a close game, and the team look forward to their next opponents Shenfield on Monday.



DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 24th June Year 7 and 8 students travelled to the Brentwood School to take part in the Brentwood district sports. The weather was perfect, sunny with some cloud to provide shade. For some students it was their first experience of district sports and they represented the school with their best performances.

Notable girls' performances came from Farran Deal who reached the finals of the 75m hurdles after only learning the event very recently. Uchechi Nze and Tobe Uche-Igbokwe both reached the finals of the 200m and narrowly came 4th place in their respective races. Grace Burrell had a great race in the 1500m and came 2nd only being beaten by 1 second! Divine Okwuosa came 4th place in the high jump after working hard during training for the past couple of months.

In the boys' competitions Jesse Agunsoye's training at his athletics club paid off and he came 3rd in the 200m and 2nd in the triple jump, earning him 2 medals. Tom walker was one of 2 students to gain a gold medal from Becket Keys with a fantastic throw of 26.48 m in the discus. Jack Buckland was the other gold medallist with a win the long jump. Daniel Ogunleye had an excellent performance in track and field coming 2nd in both the 800m and the high jump. A closely contested Year 8 boys' 800m race saw Brandon Wood and Alex Savage come within 0.04 seconds of each other to finish 3rd and 2nd respectively. Finally the Year 8 boys' 4 x 100m runners came 3rd overall. This achievement helped the Year 8 boys to an overall placement of 4th.



Well done to everyone who competed, the PE department are incredibly proud of all of the effort you have put into training for this important event!

SPORTS DAY

Sports day is next Friday (weather permitting). Athletics club is open to all on Wednesday after school, if you wish to practise, while peak track/fitness club is on Tuesday mornings at 7.45 if you want another opportunity to train for a longer distance event.

STUDENT ARTICLE

THE WORLD IS WATCHING SYRIA

Written by Peter Angeli (Year 7)

Most people find the situation in Syria hard to understand but don't worry, it's nothing to be ashamed of! We have managed to find a way to explain this to you as our readers. We hope you get a better understanding of this crisis.

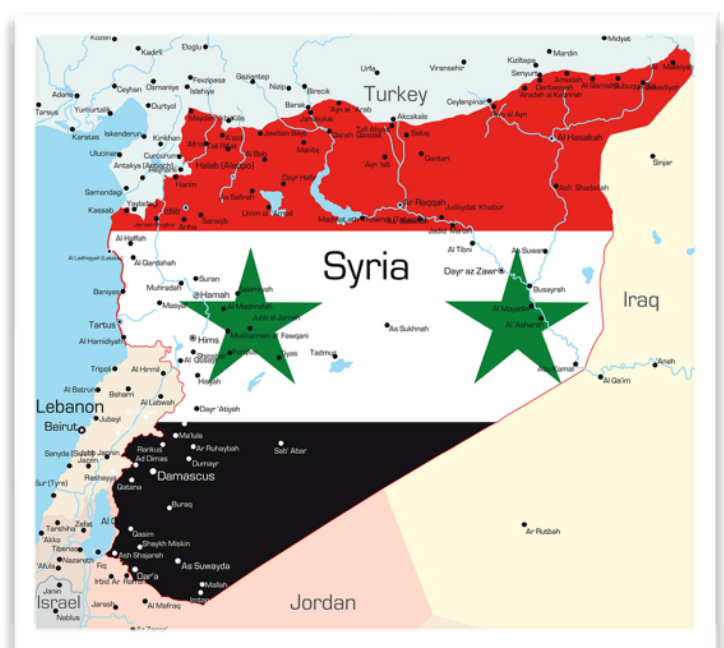
Countries around the world are trying to figure out what, if anything, to do about the situation in Syria. The Middle Eastern country has been waging a civil war since 2011. That's when Syrians began to protest against the country's 13-year-president, Bashar al-Assad. Instead of listening to the people's call for better living conditions, al-Assad and his supporters fought violently against the protesters. The two groups have been fighting ever since. On Aug. 21 many people were hurt or killed in an attack by al-Assad and his government forces; the deaths appear to have been due to "chemical weapons." There are reports that put the number of people killed by the chemicals at more than 1,400. Many countries, including the U.S. and Canada, are condemning (putting down) Syria's government because it used the deadly chemicals against thousands of its own people. The United Nations has also condemned Syria's use of chemical weapons. Chemical weapons are not considered acceptable by most countries in the world. The United States wants to do something more than just use words to punish al-Assad; they are still trying to

figure out what action they may take against Syria's government and al-Assad.

In the meantime, there are many questions surrounding the situation in Syria. For one thing, Assad denies using chemical weapons. Doctors who treated the people who had been attacked, however, say a chemical weapon was definitely used. Proving that it was al-Assad, however, "is not a slam-dunk," according to some members of the military quoted in the New York Times newspaper. The United Nations recently sent weapons inspectors into the country; they will write a report on what they found.

Other issues include what, specifically, should be done to punish al-Assad and prevent further attacks; and whether countries such as Canada should help the U.S. do something. Canada's Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, said Canada supports the U.S. but will not send troops to Syria. The situation in Syria is complicated and difficult, but the world is reluctant to turn a blind eye to what is happening there.

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UNIFORM MATTERS

KILTS

Please make sure that your daughter's skirts comply with the school uniform requirement that they should be worn 3cm above the knee.

A letter was sent home about this recently.

SHOES

There are 5 pairs of boys' shoes in lost property! If your son has lost his shoes do send him to reception to check whether they have been handed in.

Alternatively, contact the school office and we will make sure he comes to collect them:
01277 286600.

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Please donate any good quality school uniform items which could be re-sold (proceeds to school fund).



MAKE-UP

A reminder that girls may wear a small amount of concealer to hide a blemish, but no other make-up is allowed.

No nail varnish.
No eye make-up.
No lip stick.

We are aware that some schools are reporting that girls are having their eye lashes 'tinted'. We do not think that this is appropriate for Becket Keys and would appreciate your support in not allowing girls here to have that done.

We are also aware of a trend for girls' 'beauty parties' with some parents spending £30 on acrylic nails. This is not in line with the school uniform policy. Please consider carefully any 'treatments' and if in doubt check with us first please.

NOTICES

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports are in the process of being written. Students have enjoyed a marvellous year with many making incredible progress. We look forward to sharing with you a comment from each subject, a tutor comment and latest progress data. Report grades will be largely based on performance in the exam week and other assessments from Term 6.

VACANCIES

ASSISTANT SCIENCE TECHNICIAN WANTED

We are seeking a new science technician (PT or FT). The position is term time only.

You'd be supporting teachers in preparing for lessons and organising resources behind the scenes.

More details are available on our website:

www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php

Dates for your Diary

Fri 4th July Patronal Festival Eucharist
Sat 5th July Patronal Festival Picnic
Mon 7th July Charities Week
Fri 11th July Sports Day
Sun 13th July Becket Keys leading
 intercessions at St Thomas' Church
Mon 14th July Our Careers Fair
Tues 15th July Speech & Awards Evening
Weds 16th July Reserve Sports Day
Fri 18th July Last day of the year!
Mon 21st July Staff Training Day
Tues 22nd July Staff Training Day

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