



FINAL WEEK CELEBRATIONS!

Becket Keys Church of England School started a busy final week with two days of very special events taking place. On Monday, both year groups enjoyed an 'Enrichment Day'.

Year 7 spent a day with Anglian Water looking at town planning and water conservation. The day also included an opportunity for computer programming with students experimenting with a piece of software called Scratch. Students can use the software anywhere by visiting:

www.scratch.mit.edu. On the day, students practised programming skills to make an animation or game to advise a younger child about ways to reduce water wastage and/or the importance of drinking water.

Year 8 engaged in a 'Learn to Earn' day with Youth Enterprise. During the day, students worked through various activities which related to the world of work and the realities of earnings and outgoings. Students were led towards thinking through important life choices and the potential impact on future opportunities and options. The day was kindly sponsored and supported by BNY Mellon and culminated in a well-attended and useful evening Careers Fair.



Bethany & James receiving the mathematics award

SPEECHES & AWARDS!

On Tuesday, we welcomed Bishop Norman Banks (Bishop of Richborough) to present the prizes at our Governors' Speech and Awards Evening.

Families joined students, staff and governors at this prestigious evening. Bishop Norman began the evening by consecrating our new altar table with holy water and oil. He then gave his speech about Captain Charlie Plumb and his famous 'pack your parachute' story. The public speaking team followed this with their speech about Iqbal Masih, the Pakistani martyr.

Awards were given for each subject and for progress and attainment across all of the curriculum. The most important awards were given for character and a new award was given for the first time in memory of Dave Warriner.

Mr Scott-Evans said: "It has been a fantastic final week and a wonderful celebration of all the good things that we have enjoyed this year. I am reminded at times like this of how far we have come in such a short time. It is a privilege to lead this incredible school."

OTHER NEWS

Head Teacher's Challenge

Students were challenged by Mr Scott-Evans in the final collective worship of the year to press on with completing as much of the Head Teacher's Challenge as possible by the end of the summer holiday.

Mr Scott-Evans said: "My Challenge is one which should enhance character. It is full of things which can make you a better and stronger person. The most successful students here tend to be those who will rise to this challenge. I look forward to seeing how much you will have completed by the end of the summer holiday. You will learn a lot about yourself through this process! It's also good fun!"

Year 7s should give some money to charity as part of their challenge. It would be good if as many as possible would choose to do this by giving to our on-going school charity: 'Lend with Care' (LwC). Student-raised funds have been put into a LwC account. People in developing countries who need financial support to start a small business, so that they can become self-sufficient, can apply to have a loan from us via the LwC website. They pay the loan back to us over a number of months. As the money is paid back, the school then chooses someone else to invest in.

We would like to increase the amount of money that we can loan out from this account and therefore we are asking students to consider doing ONE thing over the holiday that they could earn money from. They can donate this to charity once back at school. Examples of what they might do include: wash and clean a car for a donation; make and sell cakes to

neighbours and friends; do some gardening; donate part of their pocket money. All donations should be brought in on the first week back in envelopes marked: 'Lend with Care'.

More details of the Head Teacher's Challenge are found on the front page left panel of the school website:

www.becketkeys.org

Clubs next year

Students should start thinking about which sports clubs they are going to commit to next year. Students can continue with the sports clubs attended this year, or take up something new. They might also want to look into joining sports clubs in the local community. Members of the PE team can make recommendations about local providers we are working with.

Fitness Levels

It is important to maintain good levels of physical fitness and the summer holidays can provide excellent opportunities for this.

Students: please make an effort over the 6 week holiday to boost your fitness levels further! Remember, early next academic year you will compete in house cross-country again and you will be aiming to beat last year's time.

Becket Keys Gifted and Talented Programme for Physical Education

Over the summer, Mr Fenn will be creating a new enhanced challenge programme that stretches our top sportsmen and women and prepares them for even higher levels of performance. If students wish to be considered for this, they will need to meet certain criteria, for example, levels of skill across a variety of sports, or physical and athletic ability.

SPORTS DAY

We were extremely lucky to be able to host our Sports Day on a beautiful sunny day this week. The site and PE team came in early to set up all of the equipment and facilities and students arrived at school excited and prepared for their events. Mr Fenn and Miss Honey took a selection of students across to Brentwood School during period one, where they competed at the long jump and triple jump. In Year 8, Jesse Agunsoye and Shona Olulode won the triple jump; Astrid Mullan and Brandon Wood won the long jump. In Year 7, Rachael Davison and James Jackson won the triple jump, while Jess Weedon and Ben Cooper won the long jump for their houses.



After break, the main event started on the field. Students sat in their houses ready to support their team. In the middle of the track, field events began, with athletes attempting their best throws at javelin and shotput. Meanwhile, the heats of the sprint races took place on the track. This proved to be a very competitive session with an excellent atmosphere created with support from students, staff and parents. The longer distance races followed.

They were a somewhat challenging task in the heat, but all participants gave maximum effort and tried their best to gain vital house points! Grace Burrell and Luke Savage both set new records for the Year 7 1500m race – congratulations!



Both Year 7 and Year 8 form groups selected students for the Tug of War – a highly competitive and fun event that really got the crowd cheering. In Year 7, 'Ennis and Whitehead' proved victorious while in Year 8, 'Ainsley and Cockcroft' dominated to take maximum points!

After an exciting morning of events, the staff stepped up to complete the cross country course in the sweltering heat at the start of lunchtime. Students had been donating money all week for staff to run and they had raised enough money for Mr Wray, Mr Conway, Miss Webb, Miss Whykes, Mrs Cavalier, Mr Fenn, Mrs Alhner, Miss Rounding, Mrs Rowan and Mr Scott-Evans to compete. Mr Wray took an early lead, with Mr Fenn, and Miss Webb trying to keep up! However, Mr Conway started to creep forwards and increase his pace, and had overtaken everyone except Mr Wray by the half-way point. However, Mr Conway kept getting faster and overtook Mr Wray to take the lead and finish in first place! Close behind in second place came Mr Wray, in third came Mr Fenn, fourth was Miss Webb, with Miss Rounding finishing fifth. Well done to all staff who took part and for the students who raised £140 for the event.

After a busy lunch of cross country and high jump, everyone headed back to the field. Students competed in the discus and 'welly' throw in the middle of the track, while the sprint finals, relays and 'three legged races' occurred on the track.



Some particularly fantastic performances came from the following winners: Daniel Ogunleye (Year 7 – 100m and high jump); Tom Walker (Year 8 – discus and 100m), Tom Burkert and Jack White (Year 7 Javelin); Karise Gunner (Year 8 Javelin); Grace Duffy (Year 8 – discus); Uchechi Nze (Year 8 shotput and 200m); Moshope Omole (Year 7 100m); Rachael Davison (Year 7 triple jump); Owen Day (Year 7 discus); Jack Buckland (Year 7 200m).

Some notable performances in terms of **progress** came from Alex Evans (Year 8) who came second in the 200m final, Gracie Higgins who came second in the triple jump (Year 7), Hannah Bennett (Year 8) who won the 800m, Serena Spicer (Year 7) who came second in the girls' 100m and Cameron Heywood (Year 7) who came second in the boys' 200m final.



At the end of the day, all the results were collated and the final scores are below. It was fantastic that **every student who was able to compete did so**; this was vital as every finishing position was worth house points. All the individual results will be published and issued to parents on Monday via email with a special supplement photo page.

HERE IS THE FINAL RESULTS TABLE:

Y7	EW	HS	FS	PP	WW	AC
House Total	160	117	134	163	158	135

Y8	EW	HS	FS	PP	WW	AC
House Total	143	125	155	114	141	181

Overall	EW	HS	FS	PP	WW	AC
House Total	303	242	289	277	299	316
	2nd	6th	4th	5th	3rd	1st

Mr Scott-Evans said: "Sports Day is a hugely important event in our school and I was incredibly proud of the students as they competed strongly in every event. Our passion for competitive sport shone on this day, with PE teachers showcasing their expertise in establishing such a strong culture in so short a time. The quality of the athletics, combined with the atmosphere of maximum participation, was a joy to behold!"

UNIFORM MATTERS

KILTS

Please make sure that your daughters' skirts comply with the school uniform requirement; they should be worn no more than 3cm above the knee.

A letter was sent home about this recently.

SHOES

Please choose new shoes which comply with our uniform policy.

- Smart formal, black leather
- Preferably lace-up. Must have black laces.
- No kitten heels
- No platform heels
- No boots
- No 'trainer style'
- No sandals
- No ballet shoes

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.

FINAL WORDS FROM THE HEAD

Thank you all so much for all your support over this last year. This new school project continues to both fascinate and excite me; the progress we have made makes me incredibly proud to be leading this school and serving you here.

I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming you, our new students and staff back in September for another 'Outstanding' year!

Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing this school to where it is today. You deserve a rest this summer!



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VACANCIES

WORKING AT BECKET KEYS

We are always happy to receive CVs. Please send to vacancies@becketkeys.org

Our partners 'Accent Catering' and 'Churchill' often recruit new kitchen and cleaning staff. Please contact us if you would be interested in this sort of role.

vacancies@becketkeys.org

Dates for your Diary

You can download next year's term dates from our website.

<http://www.becketkeys.org/termdates2.php>

We return to school on Thursday 4th September at 8:30am for all students.