



A HAT-TRICK OF SPORTING SUCCESS

Mr Scott–Evans writes:

It has been a wonderful week of Sport at Becket Keys Church of England School as boys and girls have competed at District Level and come away with important victories.

Whether we win or lose it is the effort of the students that matters and the spirit in which games are played that we all take most pride in. Our experience is that when we focus on these things the actual success on the field of play is kept in perspective, but often comes along as well!

This week was no exception. Our PE teachers have been incredibly pleased and impressed and have reported to me consistently that good play and respectful sporting behaviour have been demonstrated.

Early in the week our girls won the district basketball competition in Year 7. A convincing win in the final over St Martins proved beyond doubt the quality of our game play.

Later in the week, we were in the swimming pool and our boys won first place in Year 7 and Year 8 against all the other local schools (who all have pools!) including Brentwood School who have won the competition for the last six years in a row.

More details from the PE team can be found on the sports pages. But I would like to add my congratulations to everyone for some great additions to the trophy cabinet this week!



TAKE THE 'LID OFF'

In collective worship this week, we have been talking about 'false ceilings' and how we can feel that we are limited when we are not.

We have talked about having 'Faith in Learning' and how through our Faith and our Learning we can do much greater things than we may at first expect.

Our sporting successes have illustrated this perfectly!

Another illustration we have enjoyed is this one minute video about training fleas!

It tells us about how after just three days of being limited in a jar, fleas will give up trying to jump to their full capacity.

[You Tube – Training Fleas](#)

Not only that, their offspring will also fail to jump to the height which they are capable.

I gained inspiration for this talk from another teacher's blog:

[Chris Hildrew Blog](#)

This happens all the time in teaching. We are constantly 'borrowing' from each other and sharing ideas. More details about how we have been doing exactly this with our Russell Education Trust colleagues on Page 2.

It has been a great week!

Andy Scott–Evans
Head Teacher

OTHER NEWS

MATHEMATICS DAY: 21st NOVEMBER 2014

An excellent day of training for teachers across the Russell Education Trust schools was held at Church House in London today. Eight teachers from Becket Keys attended the day which was led by our lead mathematics advisor, Teresa Robinson.

Teachers looked at: developing problem solving skills, consistent methods of calculation, strategies to develop mathematical reasoning, developing resilience and the new higher level content which is being expected at GCSE.



Meanwhile our students were working away on MangaHigh to try to get our school into the number 1 position. At the time of writing we were in the top three schools in the UK. You can check our current position by clicking here: MangaHigh.com

THEATRE TRIPS

Requests for the last few seats of either 'Treasure Island' or 'The Beautiful Forevers', both Saturday matinees at The National Theatre in London, need to be received by Monday. Emails were sent out about these performances two weeks ago and we are keen for students to benefit from these excellent National Theatre productions.

An email will be going out to all Year 9 students regarding a trip to Southend Cliffs Pavilion to see the national touring production of 'The Woman In Black' on Saturday 10th January.

There are 50 seats available and these will be allocated by a draw should there be more applicants than spaces. Please return interest forms to the office by Wednesday 26th. This is only open to Year 9 in the first instance as they are studying the text this year.

CHARITY NEWS

Friday's non uniform day raised in excess of £430! Could anyone who forgot to pay last week please bring their donation in on Monday?

PARENT WORKSHOP

We are holding a parent workshop on 8th December and Mr Hughes is interested in hearing your views regarding what you would like to see discussed. At the moment, the plan is to have workshops on Student Character Development, Internet Safety and Teaching about Teen Relationships.

If you would like to comment on these topics click here: staffenquiry@becketkeys.org
You will be able to book a place using the usual parent evening booking system.

FOBK RAMBLE

FoBK lets get together...

RAMBLE

Sunday 30th November.

2-30 pm start. 1hr walk followed by tea and cake.

All the family is welcome, meet outside sports hall.

Enquiries: Amanda Mullan 07740932782.

SEVERE WEATHER

During the winter months severe weather conditions may make it impossible for students and staff to come to school. These conditions are rare and are unlikely to occur every year and our aim is always to keep the school open, however, our priority must be the safety of our students and staff.

When such weather conditions occur we would like parents to be aware of the following routine:

- The school will post details of a school closure on our website, on our Twitter Feed and contact local radio stations to alert them to the fact that the school will be closed.
- In such circumstances the decision to remain open or closed will also be emailed to parents using our database of priority contact details. (Please make sure that these are kept up to date)
- Parents may be told their children should not to attend at all or that the school will close early.
- Drivers should not attempt to make the journey to school, if their road conditions are dangerous.
- Please avoid telephoning the school directly so that lines can be kept free for important outgoing calls.

The following radio stations will be informed:

BBC Essex website www.bbc.co.uk/essex

Heart SX website www.heart.co.uk/essex

- If bad weather continues, every effort will be made to keep the school running to a normal working routine
- Parents may collect children early from school, but should inform the school, if they are planning to do this.
- Students may be allowed to use their mobile telephones to contact their parents to keep them informed. School telephones will also be made available for all students on request.
- Notices will be placed around the school and every effort will be made to contact parents about special arrangements such as the cancelling of after school clubs etc.
- In the most extreme conditions, parents can be assured that their children will remain in warm, safe and dry conditions until the situation improves.

SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 7 GIRLS' BASKETBALL

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls who are the District Champions of Brentwood! On Monday we hosted a tournament with St Martin's, Shenfield, Brentwood County High and Trinity School. We entered two teams, one to compete in the A league and another to compete in the B league. The aim of the tournament was mass participation, and to get as many girls from the local area as possible playing basketball. Each team played everyone in their league and the teams with the highest number of points went through to the final. Unfortunately, the B team did not make the final in their league and Brentwood County High School were the winners of the final. However, the A team came second in their

league and played St Martin's A team in the final. Becket Keys were very disciplined and stuck to their man to man marking and half court tactics. St Martin's were unable to make shots without pressure and Becket Keys were able to make a couple of fast breaks, catching St Martin's out. The final score was 6-0 to Becket Keys – well done to the girls and Mr London for their commitment to training!

Mr London and the Year 7 team continued their unbeaten run against Great Baddow on Thursday evening. It has been a great week for the Year 7 girls, having been crowned district champions on Monday and confirming this feat in what proved to be a convincing win when they won 30-15 against Great Baddow. It was a great team effort with Molly Whymark proving valuable in defence as she dominated the rebounds which resulted in numerous Becket Keys attacks. Maria-Eden Smith-Gonzalez and Isabella Connelly increased our lead with some great lay ups. Our lead was never in doubt, the score could have been much more detrimental to Great Baddow having put up at least 30 shots but failing to convert on most occasions. Mr London recognises this as an area of improvement and hopes to continue the girls' success. Well done.



MORE SPORTS

7B and 8B Netball V Ursuline.

A friendly 'B' team fixture took place on Tuesday against Brentwood Ursuline which gave the opportunity for students who have not played in many matches to experience a fixture. Unfortunately, the Ursuline teams were much stronger than ours and dominated both games. The Year 7B team lost 14-0, while the Year 8B team lost 10-2.



U14 Hockey V Great Baddow

The U14s played a cup match against Great Baddow at Chelmer Park last Friday. This was the girls' second match against the opposition, the last result being 0-0. This was another close and competitive game, where both teams had opportunity to break away and attack. Elisabeth Hayes made three excellent saves in goal and Elloise Wilson and Uchechi Nze helped to keep Great Baddow out of the scoring circle. Our best chance of the game was a penalty corner, however, a lack of practice meant that we did not capitalise on this opportunity. The final score was another 0-0 draw!

Swimming

Year 7 Boys' Swimming team – Brentwood District Champions

Year 8 Boys' Swimming team – Brentwood District Champions

Year 9 Boys' Swimming team – 3rd in Brentwood District

The Year 7, 8 and 9 boys' swimming teams performed outstandingly well in the Brentwood District swimming championships on Wednesday, with the Year 7 and 8 teams winning overall and the Year 9 team finishing in 3rd place. The Year 7 team finished 2nd in the medley relay and 1st in the freestyle relay, the Year 8 team won both relays comfortably and the Year 9 team finished third in both relays. Individual district champions included Louis Stephens in the Year 7 100 metres individual medley, Daniel Brown in the Year 7 50m backstroke, Oliver Legon in the Year 8 50m butterfly and 100m individual medley and Oscar Warriner in the Year 9 50m freestyle. The boys generated a fantastic team spirit on the day between all year groups, which inspired each and every one of them to swim fantastically well.

Congratulations to:

Y7: Louis Stephens, Ryan Blignault, Daniel Brown, Reece Pardoe, Johnny Wyndham

Y8: Oliver Legon, Owen Day, Luke Savage, Ben Cooper

Y9: Oliver Harvey, Malakai Brann, Oscar Warriner, Alex Savage

Year 9 Boys' Football v Ormiston Rivers

This was the 4th game of the season for the Y9 football team who have struggled for form of late. Out to prove a point, we started the game with a high intensity and within the first few minutes Miles Brewerton took advantage of a collision between the goalkeeper and Billy Mead to sweep the ball into an open goal from 30 yards out. On the front foot, we kept possession well and managed to create goal scoring opportunities every couple of minutes. Billy Mead capitalised

on some great team play to score a fantastic goal into the roof of the net with his left foot to make it 2-0. From this, the goals kept coming. At half time it was 5-0, with George Elliot scoring from close range and Billy Mead firing in another 2. In the second half we continued to press on. We did not change our style of play and because of this we kept scoring goals. The final score was 9-0. A fantastic result, but more importantly a fantastic performance. Well done to Joseph Hume for making his debut in goal and to Miles for working his way back into the team as a result of training well on Mondays.

Year 7 Boys' Basketball v KEGS

After a narrow defeat to Great Baddow in their last game the Year 7 Basketball team were hungry for a win. From the off, we looked dangerous, went ahead quickly and maintained our lead for the majority of the first quarter. Two late baskets from KEGS equalled the scores at the end of first quarter. In the second quarter, we pulled ahead again and managed to build a strong lead. This was due to us being more alert and physical in the rebound in offence and defence. In the third quarter, our defence was a little too aggressive and we hit our team fouls limit and conceded free throws as a result. KEGS started to narrow the gap going into the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter, the quality of basketball from both teams improved. Every time we scored a basket, KEGS responded with a basket and vice versa. A good performance from the team particularly from Louis, Harrison and James in the rebound area and William and Patrick driving towards the basket.

Final score 29-24 to Becket Keys.

NOTICES

BIKE HELMETS

It is wonderful to see students cycling to school even on these colder days and when the days are shorter.

Thanks to all the students who have checked their bike's lights and brakes after the recent road accident to make sure they are safe.

Obviously, we continue to encourage cycling with suitable helmets to keep safe on these busy Brentwood roads.

VACANCIES

NO VACANCIES

There are no specific vacancies at present, however, if you wish to contact us with your CV please send it to:

vacancies@becketkeys.org

Dates for your Diary

21st Nov	Staff Training Day (no students)
22nd Nov	FoBK Autumn Ball
15th Dec	7pm Brass Band Christmas Carol Concert
11th Dec	Christmas Lunch
18th Dec	FoBK Student Christmas Disco

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