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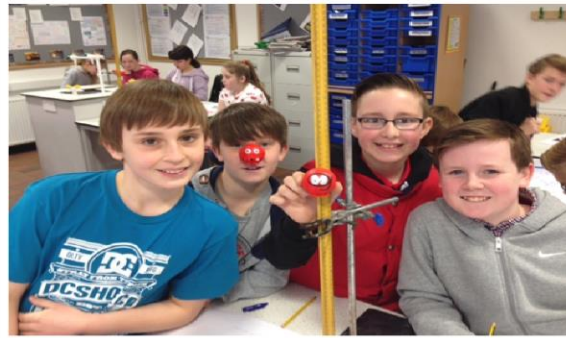
Today at Becket Keys Church of England School was a mufti day with superb enrichment activities running for every year group.

### Taize

All year groups had the chance to meet two students who are taking a year out and living in the well-known Taize Monastic Community in France. Raquel (from Portugal) and Wiebke (from Germany) both came today as part of a tour of England where they are visiting schools and colleges to tell younger students about the Monastery. Around forty students took the opportunity to meet the girls and listen to what their days are like there. We also heard about how it is possible for our students to one day visit the monastery for a 'school's week'. More details about this can be found here: [http://www.taize.fr/en\\_article12380.html](http://www.taize.fr/en_article12380.html)

### Year 7

Students in our first year enjoyed a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) Day. It is science week next week and Pi day tomorrow so it seemed perfect timing to hone their skills in these key areas.



### Year 9

The founding cohort pioneered a new enrichment day entitled 'Growth'. We linked with 'Inner Drive' ([www.innerdrive.co.uk](http://www.innerdrive.co.uk)) to come and lead sessions on 'Growth Mindset'. Brad Busch

from Inner Drive came with another coach to lead small group sessions with Year 9.

Having experience of working with schools from across the country, elite sports men and women and with business leaders, Inner

Drive have a huge range of ways to help young people to develop greater resilience and character. We were delighted with their work today and hope to get them in again soon to speak to staff and parents as well as students next time!

Year 9s also had a session with Mr Fenn where they were practising the skills required to 'grow' finances on the stock exchange. Ms Endicott ran a session where students had to plan to move their profits from the stock exchange and take them to a less developed country to invest in Oxfam resources for a community affected by drought, famine, flood or war.



Year 7s heard that the Earth was under attack and it was up to them to save the planet! In science they learned about how large impacts can affect the planet, in technology they designed rocket launchers to defend ourselves and in mathematics they learned skills of orienteering and code breaking to discover where the alien attack was coming from!

### Year 8

Students in Year 8 learned more about the Tudor period with colleagues from Chelmsford Museum. Students enjoyed hands on experience with curators from the museum looking at Tudor artefacts. They also learned about Tudor problem solving and medical complaints!

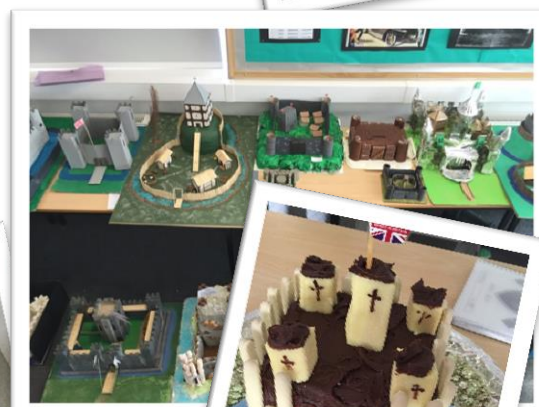
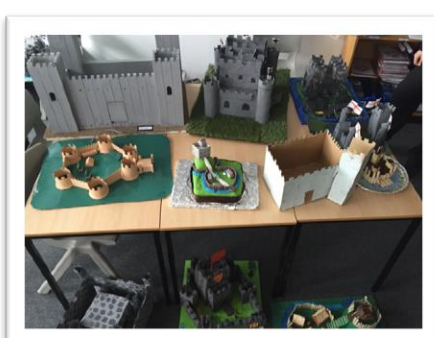
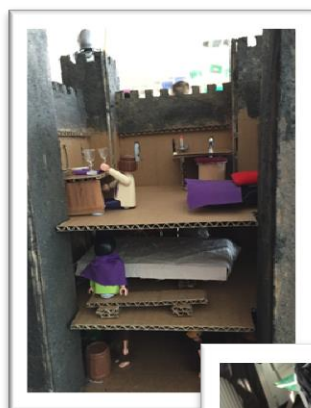
# OTHER NEWS

## MORE THAN JUST SPORTS!

Our weekly newsletter is always jammed with sports news as our students compete across Essex in various competitions (as usual we have latest sports news on the following pages). However, over the next few weeks we will be making sure that all the other subjects get a spotlight feature to make sure that their hard work is also recognised! Each subject leader will be writing an article for parents, so that a wider view of the school is created. We are starting today with History!

## YEAR 7 CASTLE PROJECT

It has been an incredible last two weeks in History with Year 7. They have produced the most amazing medieval castles. Castles have been constructed in a variety of different materials, from cake, to polystyrene, cardboard and wood. There was even one made from custard creams and Weetabix. We have had Motte and Bailey, stone keeps and concentric castles. Some students even constructed their castle to scale! Mrs Knowles would like to say thank you to parents and students for their hard work and dedication to the project, thank you to all the parents who came and helped judge the castles. The top 5 were voted for by the class and their visitors and this has led to 30 winning castles from across the year group. Next week Mrs Knowles and staff will try and get this down to a top ten. We will keep you updated next week. All students will receive a certificate for taking part in the project. Well done Year 7.





# SPORTS NEWS



## BRENTWOOD DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS

Many Year 7, 8 and 9 students were involved in competing in our District Cross Country event at Trinity School. The girls ran on Tuesday and performed superbly! The Year 7 team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of 10 teams with Isla Bradley storming ahead to win comfortably in a race of 70 students! Olivia Mullan was close behind in 4<sup>th</sup> place and Emmi Deal put in a strong performance coming 6<sup>th</sup>! Abi Carey, Rebecca Sharp and Bethany Mayo ran a close race together, coming in 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and Marie-Eden Smith-Gonzalez was 31<sup>st</sup> with Isabella close behind in 33<sup>rd</sup>. All our Year 7 girls finished in the top half of all competitors which is fantastic! A great team performance – well done!

The Year 8 and 9 girls competed together as a two teams and also showed fantastic determination in their performance. Out of 12 teams, team A finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and B

finished 9<sup>th</sup>! Some fantastic runs were performed by Grace Burrell who came 4<sup>th</sup>, Catherine Barker who came 5<sup>th</sup> and Daisy Benson who came 6<sup>th</sup>. A total of 85 students ran this race, so to have three girls in the top 6 is a great



achievement! It was a really fantastic afternoon and the girls were rightly proud of their performance!

## YEAR 7 BOYS

The Year 7 boys competed on Thursday and it was a beautiful day for the cross country. The course had been very well

prepared by Trinity School. The students set off very quickly, in particular Max Warren, who was leading for the first minute or so. As the race developed Harry Howard and Jacob MacDonnell ended up at

the front. Unfortunately, towards the end of the race Harry made a wrong turn which lost him time and his position. Anglo European ran a good team race and ended up winning. We ended up coming second in the team event ahead of St Martin's, Shenfield, Brentwood County High School and Trinity School. Out of 60 runners our students finished as follows: Jacob MacDonnell (3<sup>rd</sup>), Harry Howard (4<sup>th</sup>), Jonny Wyndham (8<sup>th</sup>), Todd Miller (9<sup>th</sup>), William McDermott (15<sup>th</sup>), Max Warren (28<sup>th</sup>), Bradley Powell (29<sup>th</sup>). Well done to all students who took part. The MESSA Cross Country Championships are on Tuesday next week and we look forward to that.

## YEAR 8 AND 9 BOYS

Having seen the Year 7 boys run well and with the boosted pressure of the Year 8 students being reigning champions, all runners were keen to run to retain their title. After the first minute our students were positioned beautifully in the front pack behind the isolated 2 at the front. As the students came in there were some great sprint finishes particularly from Ryan Gamble and George Chubb. This year our students not only retained their title, but have now established themselves as a strong force to be reckoned with in the county. Our A team finished 1<sup>st</sup> and our B team managed to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>! Out of 45 runners our students finished as follows: Luke Savage (2<sup>nd</sup>), Alex Savage (3<sup>rd</sup>), Harrison Powell (5<sup>th</sup>), Ryan Gamble (6<sup>th</sup>), George Chubb (7<sup>th</sup>), Daniel Ogunleye (9<sup>th</sup>), William Stroud (13<sup>th</sup>), Luke Seaward (17<sup>th</sup>), Jack Buckland (18<sup>th</sup>), Elliot Burke (20<sup>th</sup>), Billy Mead (32<sup>nd</sup>) and Josh Selwyn (35<sup>th</sup>).





## A DAY AT WEMBLEY (TOTTENHAM V CHELSEA)

Written by Madison Reid and Anna Jackson

On Sunday 1st March we travelled to Wembley on the minibus with Mr. Wray and Mr. London. When we arrived the man in charge of the ball boys and girls took us to our changing rooms, where we were provided with a tracksuit for the day and a match programme to keep. After we were changed, we were assigned our seats for the match. We each had a private conversation about what we were allowed to do and where we had to go. But whilst we were waiting for our talk, Jamie Redknapp and Thierry Henry started talking to some of us which was an amazing feeling. Afterwards we were taken to a private lunchroom and they kindly provided us with lunch and drinks. After lunch we had 1½ hours until kick off. Whilst we were waiting we had an exciting opportunity to meet the referee, Anthony Taylor, we took selfies and pictures and talked about school and also football! Soon enough, the time that we had all been waiting for all day had come. We picked up our white stools and walked out onto the pitch - the whole thing seemed surreal, there were seas of blue and white flags! During the first half many of us got to touch the ball; which was a moment to cherish. After the match had finished, we watched Chelsea celebrating their glorious win. Next, we changed back into our own clothes, got a snack bag and travelled back home. It was a day to remember for a lifetime! We would like to thank the teachers for taking us and the English Schools Football League for inviting us.



## Becket Keys supporting the 2015 Brentwood Half Marathon and Fun Run



As you are aware from a recent letter, Becket Keys will be the hub for the Brentwood Half Marathon and Fun run on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March and we are pleased to lend our support to the Rotary Club. It is a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community as well as raise the profile of our school. It is not too late to fill-in the online registration, identify yourself as part of the Becket Keys team and support our school charities. Alternatively, you could still help by marshalling, handing out balloons and welcoming the community to our school site. Please speak to Mrs Sharp, if you can offer assistance in any way.



## NOTICES

### Lost Property

There are currently 10 unnamed Becket Keys hoodies in lost property. If you son or daughter has lost theirs, please ask them to check at Reception.

There are also lots of pencil cases, glasses and watches!

### Design & Technology Payments

A reminder that DT payments are due by the end of next week. Please check your emails for further information.

### Girls' Kilts

A reminder that girls' kilts should be 'on the knee'. We have noticed a few girls have grown considerably over the last few months and they are now wearing kilts that are too short.

We will be checking this over the next two weeks and sending cards home to girls who need a new kilt!



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## VACANCIES

### WE ARE NOW RECRUITING!

Check our website for details:

[www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php](http://www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php)

### Dates for your Diary

22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ball boys and girls at Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final
24 <sup>th</sup> March -	
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Oliver!
30 <sup>th</sup> March -	Easter Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> April	

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