



In Wonderland?!

Mr. Scott-Evans writes:

I have written a lot recently about how much I was looking forward to 'Alice in Wonderland' and I have not been disappointed this week. I'm sure Mr. Harries will want to write something in the next newsletter, but I can't let this one go by without congratulating the students and staff on their wonderful work. It was an incredible expression of creativity. I loved it! The way the play captured the imagination and magic of Lewis Carroll's masterpiece was a joy to behold.

The script, adapted brilliantly by Mr. Harries, is not a straightforward one. It is nonsense, of course! This, combined with the ambition of the set, the costumes and special effects make it well beyond anything we have tried in the past. And without the comfort of songs (last year we did 'Oliver' and the year before we did 'Joseph') where you can rely on a certain amount of familiarity and 'feel good' fun, we were asking a lot of the students to maintain a grip of the audience's attention all the way through.

It is a play with two, one hour acts, thousands of lines to learn and many intricate scene changes.



It seems such a shame that as soon as it has begun it is all over, but the memories of a great week will last a lifetime. I know the students will never forget this experience. Thanks again to all of you. I can't name you all here, but you know who you are! Amazing.

Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher

I take my hat off to all those involved in pulling together such an ambitious project.

Last night I was Backstage. It was simply superb! Music, lights and sound were all impeccably handled. Students rushing around, changing costumes and make-up promptly and capably. I was incredibly proud to see how the different year groups came together and students who would not normally work together were supporting, assisting and encouraging each other.



OTHER NEWS

YEAR 7 – CASTLES



So far, Year 7 have made some excellent historically accurate castles. The History Department has been very impressed with the range and quality of the models. Models have been made from foam, cake, paper mâché, wood and card.



A brilliant effort by all! Every year we are amazed by the time and attention that goes into the project, so thank you for all your support. Mr. Braniff and Mrs. Knowles will decide on the winner next week.



CHARITIES COMMITTEE NEWS

Our successful Becket Keys' public speaking team is preparing for the next round of the competition next Wednesday in the area finals.

If you would like to come and support the team, then we look forward to seeing you at the Essex County Council chambers in Chelmsford for a 7pm start.

Thank you to all the students and staff who helped out with refreshments for 'Alice in Wonderland' but especially Ella Gibson for the fabulous homemade cakes that she gave us to sell. We will report the monies raised in the newsletter next week.

SPORTS NEWS

ESSEX SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Essex Schools Cross Country event took place on Wednesday 24th February at Stubbers in Upminster. Frustratingly, there was a road closure and we arrived late meaning that the Year 7 boys and the Year 7 girls had missed their race. Fortunately, the boys were allowed to race with the Year 8s.

Our Year 8 girls raced well with the team consisting of Olivia Mullan, Emmi Deal, Ellie Martin, Rebecca Sharp, Abigail Carey and Molly Whymark. The girls ran a 3000m course across muddy and hilly terrain. Well done to all who raced, this is great fitness and preparation for the next 2 races coming up before Easter.

Our Year 8 boys raced next. The team comprised of Harry Howard, Jacob MacDonnell, William McDermott, Dan Morris, Louis Stephen, Jonny Wyndham and Max Warren. All the boys ran well on a 3500m course, longer than they are used to and were proud to have represented the school. All students ran to the best of their ability. Mr. Wyndham was cheering the boys on half way round the course and this motivated and inspired them. Huge congratulations should go to Harry Howard for finishing 9th out of 179 runners, less than 20 seconds behind the winner. Harry will now run for Essex in another cross country meet in a few weeks.

The Year 7 boys raced with the Year 8 boys, so their results didn't count, but they were thankful that the organiser allowed them to run. All students ran hard, even though their results didn't count, they knew that this would be great preparation for their next races coming up.

Fixtures:

The next cross country fixtures are as follows:

MESSSA Cross Country – Wednesday 16th March – Hylands Park – Year 7&8 Boys and Girls
BESSSA Cross Country – Tuesday 8th March – Trinity School – All girls
BESSSA Cross Country – Thursday 10th March – Trinity School – All boys

If any student wishes to compete in any of these races and hasn't been selected this year, please speak to Mr. Fenn as soon as possible.



Ways to boost fitness levels

Running club:

Mr. Conway is in charge of the Tuesday morning running club; this is from 7.45-8.15am. It is a great way to boost fitness levels for those who wish to compete or for those who wish to start the day with a bit of exercise.

Brentwood ParkRun:

Saturday mornings at 9am over at South Weald Park. This is a 5km race which can be competitively raced or recreationally jogged. It is free!

MORE SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 7 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Match Report by Maria Gamble

On Thursday 3rd March, the Year 7 girls played a football match against St Martin's School. From the beginning, we knew that it would be a tough match; but we didn't let these thoughts get the better of us. The team consisted of Ella Middleditch, Maria Gamble, Niyi Olulode, Alice Bennett, Leah Deller, Lola Pearce, Lucy Taylor and Megan Clements. Our goal keeper, Lola, played exceptionally well, saving some really difficult shots.

Amazing, defensive and attacking skills resulted in a 2-1 victory, with Maria scoring both goals. To conclude, the Becket Keys' Year 7 girls played extremely well due to great teamwork and courage, ending in a well-deserved win.

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

On Tuesday 1st March, Roberta Barden, Rhiannon Barden, Emmi Deal and Sharni Bishop competed in the Essex floor and vault gymnastics competition.

The four girls did amazingly well coming 5th (out of 20 schools) which is a fantastic achievement. The girls have been training for this since November showing great dedication, which has clearly paid off!

YEAR 8 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Match report by Rebecca Sharp

On 3rd March, Becket Keys' Year 8 girls played a match against St Martin's. In the first half, both teams played well, with Maria and Rebecca playing strong in defence along with the midfielders, Anna Jackson, Isla Bradley and Isabella Connelly. At the end of the first half it was 0-0, although our midfielders had made some good shots.

In the second half, St Martin's scored one goal despite Daisy's excellent saves previously. However, Becket Keys came back determined and with some excellent passing between Isla, Isabella and Anna. Anna was able to score an excellent goal. The final score was 1-1.

NOTICES

SCHOOL STATIONERY

The school shop is open every day in the Bistro at lunchtime. We sell all essential Becket Keys' stationery items, at good prices. Students should not be without pens, pencils, whiteboard pens, glue sticks, protractors, rulers and so on. These are all available in the shop.

GIRLS' HAIR

Girls' hair must be tied back every day. It should be fully tied up, not half and half. Hairbands and ribbons should be purple, black, white, grey or natural colours. Parents can help with this, by encouraging girls to plait their hair, etc.

GIRLS' KILTS

Teachers will be checking the length of girls' kilts next week. They should be knee length.

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VACANCIES

We will be interviewing for the following teaching posts next week. Students will be involved in the process in the usual ways, for example, being part of interview lessons and giving tours. Some will be asked to give feedback and ask questions.

Mathematics
English
Science
History
Geography
Art
Technology
Drama
Head of 6th Form

Other opportunities will be arising in the school. If you are interested in a position, please send your CV to vacancies@becketkeys.org

Dates for your Diary

10/03/16	Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening
10/03/16	Years 8,9 & 10 China Project Information Evening @ 7pm
11/03/16	Year 9 & 10 Vaccinations
15/03/16	Spring Music Concert @ 7pm
18/03/16	Enrichment Day
20/03/16	Brentwood Half Marathon & Fun Run
21/03/16	FoBK Becket Keys' Bake Off
24/03/16	Last Day of Term
11/04/16	Inset Day
12/04/16	First Day Back

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