



WEEKLY ROUND UP

Mr Scott-Evans writes...

THIS WEEK

A wonderful concert on Wednesday with the Watoto choir really got the school buzzing. I wrote about the choir in our last newsletter and would encourage you to speak to your son/daughter about it.

We will be continuing the music theme next week with our Patronal Festival Concert! The concert is part of the South Weald Festival and will be at St Peter's church on Tuesday evening at 7pm. See page 3 for details.

On Thursday we enjoyed a wonderful Enrichment day. Year 7 were working with Anglian Water looking at construction issues and conservation issues. They also practised coding skills using 'Scratch'. Year 8 had a day of careers advice with qualified careers advisors and Inner Drive. Year 9 had an environment day including a floating garden challenge and a 'Go Green' design project. Year 10 spent two periods looking at life after GCSEs and thinking about 6th Form (there is now a consultation live on our VLE for students to respond to). I suggest parents sit with Year 10s to look at this as the responses will be used seriously.



CYCLING TO SCHOOL

As the school capacity grows and the traffic levels on Sawyers Hall Lane increase, the danger to young cyclists also increases. To help keep our students safe, the school would like to re-introduce our guidance for the journey to and from school.

1. A cycle helmet (which meets current Safety Regulations) should be worn when cycling and students should be encouraged to wear bright yellow vests over their uniform.
2. Students should always ride sensibly and follow the Highway Code.
3. Students are expected to maintain their bicycles. Checks may be carried out at any time.
4. All cyclists should dismount when entering school premises.
5. Bike lights should be used when visibility is poor.

We think this guidance is important. Should a student not show the level of responsibility necessary to remain safe, they will no longer be permitted to cycle to school. I am sure you understand the risks involved and will take time to discuss this with your son/daughter.

To support their understanding of the issue the school offers Bikeability Level 1, 2, and 3 courses every year. This is a fantastic opportunity to provide your child with the necessary skills to cycle safely to and from school.

UNIFORM

Thank you for your responses to my letter about uniform. I am pleased to hear from you and at the end of the trial, I will decide how to move forward.

FOOTBALL

Many students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to watch the football yesterday. Those who were not interested were given lots of other opportunities including Art and ICT. We have created a beautiful collaborative piece of art to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

LONG WEEKEND

I trust that you are enjoying the long weekend today. I know many of you have gone away for a few days and may be reading this at Center Parcs for example! Staff are in school working hard today planning and preparing for Year 11 and Sixth Form. Think of us!

Best regards

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher

OTHER NEWS

STUDENT VOICE ELECTIONS

Congratulations to all successful Year 7 Student Voice representatives who delivered amazing speeches in order to be elected by their forms. Year 7s will now join the rest of the school's Student Voice Representatives who meet every Friday to discuss and influence decisions on all aspects of school life. Well done to all students who took part - the competition was fierce!



The names of the students elected are:

Reese Wildman 7WW
Harrison Warner 7EW
Maria Gamble 7HS
Joshua Humphreys 7PP
Freddie Johnson 7AC
Alice Bennett 7FS

JACK PETCHEV AWARDS

Mr Scott-Evans presented the latest **Jack Petchev Award** to Maria Gamble this week. Maria (Year 7) was recognised by her peers for putting 100% into everything she does. Maria was chosen as a student who is kind, caring and always there for other people. In one student's words 'She always goes the extra mile'. Many members of the school community have also been inspired by her charitable work, especially her commitment to

supporting the Little Princes Trust. This April, Maria cut 7 inches off her hair to be made into a wig for a child who had lost their own hair through cancer treatment. Through asking for charitable donations, she also raised £2450 towards the purchase of further wigs.

We also congratulate Daisy Arundell-Coote who won the **Jack Petchev Outstanding Award** at her trampolining annual awards last weekend. (More Jack Petchev Award details next week).



BRENTWOOD IMPERIAL YOUTH BAND

We were incredibly proud last weekend to see Johnny and Ruby Wyndham on the BBC, marching and playing for the Queen as part of her 90th Birthday celebrations. Johnny (seen here leading the band as drum major) received quite a bit of screen time and both he and Ruby (just behind Johnny and to the right, playing the euphonium) were recognised by presenter Kirsty Young who had this to say:

"The group leader of [The Brentwood Imperial Youth Band] is 13-year-old drum major Johnny Wyndham. This is Johnny's first year as the band's drum major; what a start to that. Prior to his current role, Johnny played the trombone amongst the musicians that he's leading today. His older sister is in there with him; that's Ruby and she is 15 – she plays the euphonium."



If you would like to see their starring moment for yourselves just follow this link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b07gpl3h/the-queens-90th-birthday-the-patrons-lunch>

The Brentwood Imperial Youth Band appear about 2 hours and 10 minutes into the programme.

MORE NEWS

MUSIC NEWS

The annual **Summer Music Concert** with St Peter's Primary School will take place on **Tuesday 21st June at 7pm**, (performers to arrive at 6pm) at St Peter's Church, South Weald. There will be performances from all Becket Keys' Music clubs as well as some solo performances from our students.

Tickets are available from Reception for the following prices: Adults £5.00, Concessions £3.00, Children, free. The concert is in conjunction with the South Weald Festival celebrating 'God's Beautiful Countryside'. We hope to see you there!



MUSIC AWARDS

Pictured is one of our fantastic drummers. Three of our students gained drumming grade examinations with Mr Terrell (our drum teacher). Mr Scott-Evans who is also a keen drummer, presented them with their certificates this week. If your son/daughter has gained an award and would like it presented in collective worship, please let us know.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL SATURDAY 2ND JULY

Wanted:



Old crockery to be used at the Patronal Festival "Crockery Smash Stall". This could be anything from egg cups to chipped dinner plates. It just

needs to make a mess when smashed! Please deliver any unwanted crockery to Reception.

Get your tickets now.....

Tickets for the festival are available from Reception.

A great opportunity for our whole school community to come together.

New Year 7 students and their families will also be joining us and we want to give them a wonderful welcome to our fantastic school.

Thank you:

To all members of FoBK for their tireless efforts in bringing this event together. It promises to be a great day!

Entry £3.50 per adult includes coffee under 3 go free

£2.50 per student includes icecream!

FoBK presents
Patronal Festival
2016
Sat 2nd Jul
12pm - 4pm

last man standing
sweeper
face painting
dash and grab
bungee run
nail art
splat a rat
tin can alley
raffle
soak the teacher!
coconut shy
showcase of extra curricular school clubs!
archery and tomahawks
human demolition
wrecking ball
tug of war
giant human table football
and much more!

SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS DAY

We are pleased to confirm that hot drinks, bottled water (£1) and ice creams will be available to parents and students during the afternoon of Sports Day on **Friday 8th July**. A coffee menu from 'Caffe Piaggio' is attached with this newsletter. 'Domenic Super Soft Whippy' ice cream van will also be here! Students may wish to bring some money with them on the day.



YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS' CRICKET

On **Friday 10th June**, a team of Year 7 and 8 students attended Springfield Cricket Club in Chelmsford to compete in an under 13s cricket tournament. Students included Molly Whymark (c), Maria-Eden Smith-Gonzalez, Elizabeth Endacott, Anna Jackson, Rebecca Sharp, Grace Middleditch, Ella Middleditch, Daisy Arundell-Coote, Ella O'Herlihy and Madison Reid.

The girls played fantastically and improved with every game. They showed great team work and consistently displayed the characteristics of a Becket Keys' student. We did not win the tournament, but with some brilliant batting from Molly Whymark and Madison Reid in the last game, we will continue to develop and improve.

DISTRICT SPORTS



It was our 4th 'Brentwood Schools Athletics Championships' on Wednesday and once again the students from Becket Keys showed themselves to be outstanding sportsmen and women.

The events started at 10am for the Year 7 track and field disciplines. Students from each year group were supporting one another and enthusiastically cheering on our purple vests. Throughout the day, competitors from Becket Keys were making the podium and receiving medals from the local schools' Headteachers, including own Headteacher, Mr Scott-Evans, who was presenting some of the awards.



The events started at 10am for the Year 7 track and field disciplines. Students from each year group were supporting one another and enthusiastically cheering on

The day finished at 5:30pm, with the students exhausted but proud of their many achievements. They had completed an entire day of athletics and demonstrated to their district just what it means to be an athlete at Becket Keys; resilient, hard-working, respectful and a great sporting attitude.

We will update you all with the results once they have been finalised, but in the time being, we will be congratulating those students in Year 10 who came along to officiate and the students in Years 7, 8 & 9 who displayed a huge amount of effort and a character to be proud of.

Well done Becket Keys.



NOTICES

PALMER'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

On **Thursday 7th July**, between 6 and 8 p.m., Palmer's College in Grays is running a Year 10 Open Evening. Prospective students will have an opportunity to talk to teachers and college students about courses and to look round the facilities. Palmer's College offer BTEC and secretarial/ administration courses, as well as A-Levels. Flyers are available from reception.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Parents are welcome to join us for our Patronal Festival Eucharist at St Thomas' Church, Brentwood on **Thursday 7th July**, from 11.15 – 12.15. We will be leaving school to walk to church at 10.45.

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VACANCIES

Please see details of current vacancies here:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php>

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th June INSET Day

Monday 20th June INSET Day

Tuesday 21st June Patronal Festival Concert at
St Peter's Church

Saturday 2nd July
FoBK Patronal Festival and Picnic

Thursday 7th July Patronal Festival Eucharist

Friday 8th July Sports Day

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