



TERRIFIC TEAM WORK

Mr. Scott-Evans writes:

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day today has been an incredible success with every student from every class participating in one way or another. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support our students in the field and on the track. Special thanks to our friends at Brentwood School who are allowing us to come and use their marvellous facilities on Friday. Great to be working in partnership with you again today. This year, for the first time, we enjoyed refreshments from Café Piaggio and The Domenic Ice Cream Van – the joys of being a bigger school! We hope you enjoyed the day.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Huge thanks to everyone who supported our Patronal Festival Fun Day last Saturday. The Chair of FoBK, Alison Butler, has written about the day on page 2 and my thanks go to Alison and her team for their tireless, hard work in organising what was a wonderful day.

Our Patronal Festival is coming to an end now and it was a real shame to have to cancel our Eucharist on Thursday this week. We are praying for Father Colin who is very unwell and wishing him a speedy recovery.

We are grateful to the churches in the Deanery who included prayers of thanksgiving and encouragement for Becket Keys during this week. Thank you to Father Paul Hamilton for organising this.

SPEECH AND AWARDS EVENING

Coming up next (and the final climax of our Patronal Festival) is our Governors' Speech and Awards Evening.

Hosted by our Governing Body this special event celebrates another excellent year at Becket Keys. We use the evening to celebrate the achievements in all our curriculum areas and invite representatives from each year group, boys and girls, to attend. There will be some winners there, but I always say it is a bit like the Oscars – there can only be a few people who make it onto the stage, but when they go on stage, they represent the whole industry! It is a celebration of all that has been achieved this year. So if you have been nominated and invited – fantastic, we look forward to seeing you there. If you have not – do not worry! We know you are all brilliant! This year's special guest will be Emma Croker. Emma won the Rugby World Cup with England in 2014 and went on to win

BBC Sports Personality Team of the Year (the first women's team ever to do this!). She lives locally (on a farm in my village!) and is a PE teacher. We look forward to hearing from her at the awards evening and all attending students will have the opportunity to meet her afterwards. Please feel free to bring autograph books and cameras for photos.

SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Students' responses continue to fly into our on-line consultation. There is a lot of enthusiasm for some additional courses to run and we will look at these in detail. We are completing an analysis of all the responses and then we will feedback to parents and students and ask for more details. We want this to be the best sixth form provision in Essex and we want it to be the perfect sixth form for our students.

The building plans are coming on apace; with specific areas for sixth formers: their own toilets, eating area, lounge and study space. We look forward to sharing these updated plans with you soon.

Best regards,

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher

OTHER NEWS

PATRONAL FESTIVAL FUN DAY

Our thanks to the FoBK team, for what was a wonderful festival on Saturday. Alison Butler, Chair of FoBK, has reflected on the day:

Last week saw some pretty abysmal weather but by 1.00pm on Saturday 2nd July, the sun was out and the Patronal Festival Fun Day was in full swing! Students, staff, family and friends gathered on the school grounds to enjoy the various activities, stalls and refreshments on offer. Amongst these were archery, tomahawk throwing, a coconut shy, as well the very popular Crockery Smash. Students were awarded house points from these and other activities.

There was additionally great fun to be had on the mega inflatables, with “Last one standing”, “Human Demolition Wrecking Ball” and the “Mega Titanic Slide” being particularly well liked. Later in the day, Mr Scott-Evans got a little more than he bargained for when he discovered a long queue of students waiting to throw wet sponges at him whilst he was imprisoned in stocks! Mr Hughes, Mr Harries, Mr Pethers and Mr Khoo also bravely took turns, whilst students relentlessly threw soaking wet sponges at them. With Mr Harries in his DJ and Compere role, The Becket Keys’ Orchestra, Choir and Cheerleaders put on some fantastic performances and there were some great prizes won at the raffle. The event had a good turnout and was an enjoyable afternoon for the whole family. FoBK would like to say a big thank you to all those who came along on the day and to the staff and parents who helped to make this event a great success, from the organisation and planning, to donation of raffle prizes and helping out on the day.

Year 10 & Year 12 SKI TRIP, EASTER 2018 – SUGARLOAF, USA

We are delighted to announce the launch of the school’s first ever ski trip!

Sugarloaf is a resort located in Carrabassett Valley, Maine and it is the largest ski resort on the East coast. It is the ideal location to learn to ski; a great mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced runs, allowing for gradual progression over the week. We will be staying at the Sugar Loaf Mountain Hotel, a lovely hotel located right by the base lodge very close to the ski hire shop and the ski school meeting point. The rooms are large and modern, with queen beds throughout. This is a superb opportunity



to enjoy a healthy, physical activity in a new outdoor environment and will help students to build self-confidence, experience a new culture and gain a real sense of achievement. We will also be spending one night and day in New York. We will be staying in the Row NYC, located one block from Times Square. In New York, breakfast, an evening meal and a visit to the top of the Rockefeller Centre are included.

Current Year 8 and 10 students have had emails sent home this week with further details. We plan to run this trip annually. Reply slips must be in by the 22nd July.

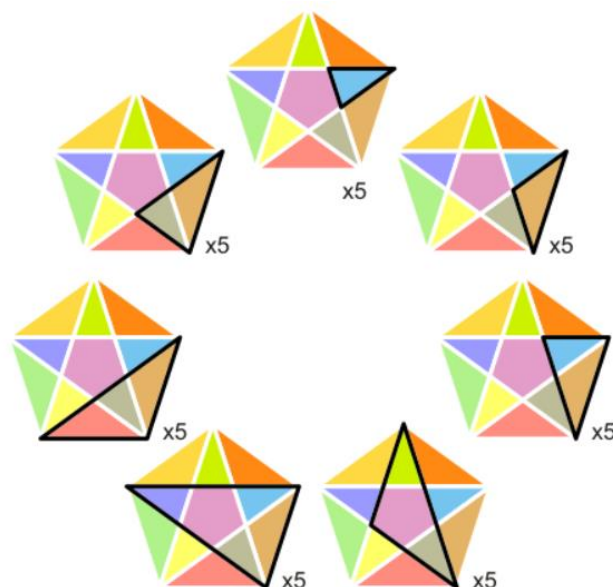
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MATHS PUZZLE – SOLUTION

Here is the solution to the Maths puzzle published in last week's edition of the newsletter.

Maths Puzzle Solution: How many triangles?

There are seven groups of triangles shown in the diagrams. Each group consists of exactly five triangles with every triangle rotated 72 degrees around the centre of the pentagon; one triangle from every group is highlighted in the respective diagram. So the total number of the triangles in the pentagon is $7 \times 5 = 35$.



SPANISH DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL POETRY CHALLENGE



This week, the Spanish department at Becket Keys held their Annual Poetry Challenge across Years 7, 8 and 9, for which students needed to memorise and present a poem. There were a selection of poems to choose from, all written by iconic Spanish poets such as Federico García Lorca, Antonio Machado, Gloria Fuertes and Rafael Alberti.

The Spanish department was extremely impressed with the variety of ways the students brought the poems to life, producing some advanced PowerPoint presentations and even some musical accompaniment!

A special mention goes to Hannah and Tara from 7PP (pictured) for their wonderful recital of 'Cómo se dibuja un cocodrilo' by Gloria Fuertes, complete with actions, passion and enthusiasm! ¡Felicitaciones a todos!

INTERNET SAFETY

The 'ThinkUKnow' team at CEOP have just launched an internet safety campaign for parents and carers. The focus is on relationships during the teenage years and the impact social media and the Internet can have on them. You may be interested in having a look at their material and discussing it with your son/daughter. Take a look at the website here: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

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THEATRE TRIPS

Correction! Last week we wrote that the trip to see 'Cats' was on 19th July. It is in fact on 21st July! All places have been allocated. If anyone wishes to go on the waiting list, they should see Mrs Ahlner.

Two further theatre trips (details below) will run next year for current Year 9s and 10s. We will be booking the seat numbers before the summer. Please find attached with this newsletter, the letters and reply slips about these trips. Replies and cheque or cash payment need to be handed into Reception by **Friday 15th July**, so that the seats can be confirmed before the end of term.

Theatre Trip to see 'Shawshank Redemption'

A trip has been arranged to see a production of '**Shawshank Redemption**' at the Palace Theatre, Westcliff on Sea on **Saturday 10th December 2016**. This will be the matinee performance. Please see the attached letter for the arrangements.

Based on the 1982 novella Rita Hayworth and The Shawshank Redemption, the play examines desperation, injustice, friendship and hope behind the claustrophobic bars of a maximum security facility. The 1994 feature film, regularly voted Britain's favourite ever movie, starred Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman and was nominated for seven Academy Awards.

Despite protests of his innocence, Andy Dufresne is handed a double life sentence for the brutal murder of his wife and her lover. Incarcerated at the notorious Shawshank facility, he quickly learns that no one can survive alone. Andy strikes up an unlikely friendship with the prison fixer Red, and things take a slight turn for the better. However, when Warden Stammers decides to bully Andy into subservience and exploit his talents for accountancy, a desperate plan is quietly hatched...



Theatre Trip to see 'The Collector'

A trip has also been arranged to see the ground breaking theatre production 'The Collector' at the Civic Theatre Chelmsford on **Thursday 20th October 2016**. This will be an evening performance. Please see the attached letter for the arrangements.

2003. Mazrat Prison, Iraq. Previously one of Saddam's most notorious torture houses, where more than 10,000 people died, it is now under Allied command. Nassir works here, translating for the American interrogators. He's local, pro-

Western, determined to bring liberal values to his country and is about to get married to Zoya, his sweetheart. But when he is recognised by Faisal, a new prisoner and psychotic supporter of the old regime, his life becomes a living hell. Born out of Henry Naylor's own experiences of a visit to Bagram Airbase in 2003, **The Collector** is a compelling tale of murder, evil and betrayal set in occupied Iraq. One of the most highly-acclaimed shows at the 2014 Edinburgh Festival, it won a prestigious Scotsman Fringe First Award.

SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 7 GIRLS' ROUNDERS

On the 6th July, the Year 7 girls' rounders team played a rally at St Martin's school. The event hosted six other schools from the local area and proved to be a summery afternoon of games. The girls played their matches well, scoring a great number of rounders. As always, the students from Becket Keys demonstrated great character, outstanding sportsmanship and unfailing enthusiasm. Well done to all of the girls involved.



SPORTS DAY – WINNERS: PENDLETON & PEACOCK

Well done to all students for their participation in Sports Day today. We were blessed with fantastic weather and students' enthusiasm and team spirit for their houses shone through. Full report and results to follow!



NOTICES

BUDE TRIP 2017

The deadline for the first payment for next year's Bude trip is on Friday 15th July. If you would like your son/daughter to go on this trip, please make this initial payment on SCOPAY.

BUSHCRAFT – LOST PROPERTY

Please could all students who went to Bushcraft check their belongings to ensure they did not mix up their things and accidentally take home any property belonging to another student. If any items have been taken home by mistake, please would you kindly return these to Reception as soon as possible.

MYSTERY YEAR 10 IDENTIFIED!

Last week, we wrote about a mystery Year 10, who was complimented on his excellent manners. He had been speaking to a member of the public at the barbers near the station. She complimented him on how well spoken he was and what a good ambassador for the school he had been!

We have found out who it was: Jamie Ball! Congratulations to his family! We are all very proud.

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VACANCIES

There are no current vacancies, however, we welcome speculative applications at any time. Please contact us at vacancies@becketkeys.org

SWEET SALE

Oliver and Malakai (Year 10) will be selling sweets outside the Sports Hall on Monday and Friday after school next week to raise money for World Challenge. Remember to bring in some money to buy a treat!

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th July Governors' Speech & Awards Evening

Friday 22nd July End of Term

Thursday 1st September – INSET DAY

Friday 2nd September – INSET DAY

Monday 5th September First Day Back

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