



A BUSY WEEK!

Mr. Scott-Evans writes:

SPEECH AND AWARDS EVENING

We enjoyed a fantastic night this week. Our visiting speaker, Emma Croker, captivated the audience with her story of relative failure to ultimate success in the Rugby World Cup, and the atmosphere in the hall was a marvellous one throughout. The choir, drama department and school band all performed brilliantly with some wonderful solo and small group performances as well. My congratulations to all who were nominated.

BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS' MUSIC FESTIVAL

On the following evening our hard-working music department were once again in performance mode at the annual Brentwood Schools' Music Festival. This was the first time we had attended and we were not sure how we would fare against the more established schools. Our choir, orchestra, Ukulele band and other groups all performed brilliantly, bringing home two Gold Awards and four Silver Awards at the prestigious evening. My congratulations to all of them. Photographs and write up on page 3!

STEM CHINESE EXCHANGE

Our six Chinese students and their teacher returned to Shanghai this week after a two week visit. The positive links made on this short visit will be returned in October when Mr Macallan and the students go to visit Shanghai. I was extremely proud to hear about their experiences and all that we learned from it. It has been an incredible opportunity.

TEACHER CHANGES

Goodbye to:
Mrs Kilpin (1 day a week Y7 Art teacher) and Miss Oliver (Head of Year 7) – we will miss you very much. Thank you for your wonderful work in our school.

Congratulations to:
Miss Pugsley and Mr Pethers who have gained promotion to joint Head of Year 8. Miss Ellis will be Head of Year 7. Other Heads of Year all remain the same. (Mr Harries – Year 9, Mr Wray – Year 10, Miss Gill – Year 11).

New teachers joining us are:
Mr Fox & Miss Hurdle (English), Miss Crisp (Drama), Mr Wilson, Mrs Smith, Mr Jensen & Mrs Brown (Maths), Mrs Barden (Science), Mr Foley (History), Miss Stevenson (Geography),

Mr Bunyan (Art & Design) and Miss Horley (Food).

We will include a list of all the new tutors and tutor groups next week – the vast majority are staying with their current tutors.

AND FINALLY...

As we come to the final week of the summer term a few reminders. Firstly, we finish at normal time on Friday and expect students to keep giving their best right up to the last minute. We have additional INSET days during the year (most recently the long weekend in June) and so we cannot afford to stop at lunchtime on the last day. If we are in – we are in!

Thanks everyone for your support this week, I can't believe the next time I will be writing to you, it will be the last newsletter of the year! Time flies when you're having fun!

Best regards,

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher

OTHER NEWS

RAMPAGING CHARIOTS 2016

Tyler Christian, 9AC writes:

Over the last few months following the Advanced Science club's victory in the bridge building competition, the club chose to enter the Rampaging Chariots competition. With only 4 members: Chloe Bunce, Tyler Christian, Harry Bull and William Tendler; led by Mr Macallan and with the help of the science department, the club competed in the competition which took place on the 2nd July.

The aim of the competition was for schools to create a team who would build a robot and complete a series of tasks with it. However, to make the robot, we needed to dismantle drills to use their motors to power the wheels, solder the circuit boards and make the wooden and metal shell. As well as that, we chose to name our robot ... Bectron!!!

Even after 2 extended sessions till 6 O'clock as well as science club every Monday after school until 4:30, we weren't able to complete the robot on time. However, fortunately the company running the competition agreed to finish the robot for us and we agreed. Therefore, we were still able to compete, but without any practice until the day.

On the day of the competition Harry Bull wasn't able to make it, but despite this set back, we managed to do (sort of) well! Here is what happened on the day of the competition: The first event was the obstacle course which Chloe Bunce competed in. During this event the steering broke so this meant that we couldn't finish it, but it was easily fixed after the event. On the next event, 'sumo' which William Tendler drove, we had a bit more luck and he made it to the quarter finals. The final event was driven by Tyler Christian and it was 2V2 football, unfortunately, once again the steering broke and we weren't able to make it into the next round.

No matter how badly we did this year, we will still enter next year and hopefully some more members will join us by then! We wouldn't have been able to run this club without the help of Mr Macallan and the science department, so a special thanks to them.

LOST PROPERTY

If these items are unclaimed by the end of term, they will be forwarded to charity! (Please note, the 'Beats' earphones have now been returned to their owner!)

Bracelets, watches, glasses, headphones.....!



Shoes and trainers



MORE NEWS

MATHS PUZZLE

How old are they?

Reversing the digits of grandfather Arthur's age gives that of his son Brian. The difference of their ages is three times that of Arthur's grandson Christopher, which in turn is a seventh of his grandfather's age. Neither Arthur nor Brian were teenage fathers.

How old are they?

MUSIC UPDATE

Congratulations to all music students involved in the musical entertainment at the Governors' Speeches and Awards evening. The choir sang beautifully at the end to round off the evening and we had some wonderful piano solos from both Jack Marks and Alex Evans. Jack Marks was also on hand to play some self-composed 'victory music' as the winners collected their awards on the way up to the stage. A vocal quartet comprising of Mr Macallan, Alex Evans, Georgina Podd and Daisy Benson sang a very challenging piece by Thomas Tallis as a lovely addition in between awards.

It has been a busy week for the music department with the Brentwood Schools' Music Festival taking place on Wednesday evening. It is the first year that Becket Keys have entered the competition and entered students in the following categories.

- The Choir category
- The Orchestral category
- The Ukulele ensemble category
- The Rock Band Category (students within 3 different bands)

Congratulations to all who took part. We came away with two gold and four silver awards!



SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS DAY - WINNERS: PENDLETON & PEACOCK!

The PE department are proud to report that Becket Keys' Sports Day 2016 was a great success. Not only were we treated to glorious sunshine and delicious ice cream, but our students were able to show off their talents.

The success of sports day has been down to the strong community spirit within all year groups.

Every student in every single year group got involved in some way to support their house. Students dressed up in their house colour and made banners to support fellow competitors on the day. The values of every single member of the Becket Keys' community shone through.

The events ran smoothly due to the brilliant organisational skills of the different tutor groups. It was great to see both staff and parents getting involved with a relay at the end of the day.



Final Results (Overall results include tug of war):

Year 7	
Girls	EW
Boys	FS
Overall	FS
Year 8	
Girls	HS
Boys	FS
Overall	AC
Year 9	
Girls	PP
Boys	PP
Overall	PP
Year 10	
Girls	PP
Boys	FS
Overall	AC



The overall winners of the day were Pendleton and Peacock with Hoy and Simmons coming a close second. School records will be updated and displayed near the Sports Hall. We look forward to another fantastic Sports Day next year with our ever growing school!



NOTICES

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Three photographs have arrived from Kittle which are unnamed as no student name was provided with the order form. One of the photos is a lovely large whole school photograph and there are two sports photographs. If you have placed an order but have not received it, please contact Reception.

FOBK BALL

Tickets are now sold out for the FoBK Ball at Stock Brook Manor on Saturday 26th November. If you have reserved a place, please bring your deposit into the school office as soon as possible in order to guarantee a place. Cheques to be made payable to 'Friends of Becket Keys'.

ART WORK

Please could ALL students in Years 7, 8, and 9 collect their sketchbooks and other work from the Art department before the end of term. If it is not collected, it will be recycled!

THEATRE TRIPS

Last call for Year 9 & 10 students to buy tickets for the theatre trips to 'The Collector' and 'Shawshank Redemption'. Please send in reply slips and payment by Monday morning. These trips may be of particular interest to those students who are currently studying or will go on to study Drama.

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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

ICE CREAM SALE

Elliot and Malakai (Year 10) will be holding an ice cream sale outside the Sports Hall on Friday after school next week to raise money for World Challenge. Remember to bring in some money to buy a treat!

NON UNIFORM DAY

A reminder to any students who still have to pay their contribution for non-uniform day, please see Mrs Ahlner with monies on Monday.

Dates for your Diary

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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