



Becket Keys Church of England School

8th November 2019

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

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I CAN DO ALL
THIS THROUGH
HIM
WHO GIVES ME
STRENGTH

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



Having watched Eliud Kipchoge perform the impossible on Saturday 12th October in Vienna, Austria by running a sub two hour

marathon, I felt compelled to learn more and to share it with our students through Collective Worship. His story is amazing. Having already failed once at completing a marathon, in under 2 hours he set out to do it again. To succeed, he would need to complete every mile just one second faster. This time he wasn't going to fail.

The preparation and attention to detail was quite breath-taking. The setting for the marathon was Vienna, and the route carefully chosen to avoid unnecessary bends and undulation, thus shaving vital seconds off his time. The day and date were chosen carefully so that the weather conditions were perfect. Vienna is close to sea level, optimising the oxygen levels in Kipchoge's blood. The time in Vienna is only

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one hour behind the time in Kenya, so Kipchoge suffered no jet lag.

Teamwork was also crucial. Kipchoge had 41 pacemakers who rotated in and out of the race. All were top-level athletes. They formed a V shape around him to set the pace, but also to minimise wind resistance. The team car was fitted with a special cruise control, more accurate than the one in an average car. The car emitted a green laser light behind; the pacemakers had to keep up with the line exactly to ensure the record would be broken.



The result was that Kipchoge cruised to the line with 20 seconds to spare. He had broken a widely considered impossible record. He did it by maintaining a pace of 17.2 seconds for each 100 metres – which he had to repeat 420 times in a row!

Kipchoge stated at the end of the race that 'no human is limited'. I hope that his story has inspired our students. With belief in themselves and in God, everything is possible!

Mrs Trebess
Deputy Headteacher



Remembrance Day is a day of reflection, it allows us to remember or think about all those people who are affected by wars, both in the past and now. It allows us to think about all those people who suffer in wars all around the world. It reminds us how important it is to work for peace.

Today, the school was represented at the War Memorial Remembrance Service by Matilda Smith, Hayden Jasper, Lorenzo Samuel, Jeremiah Ajanlekoko, Jack Giddings and Holly Lawrence. Jeremiah read the following poem beautifully:

What is a Poppy?

*I am not a badge of honour,
I am not a racist smear,
I am not a fashion statement to be worn but once a year,
I am not a glorification of conflict of war.
I am not a paper ornament, a token, I am more
I am a loving memory of a father or a son,
A permanent reminder of each and every one.
I'm paper or enamel, I'm old or shining new.
I'm a way of saying Thank You to every one of you.
I am a simple Poppy:
A reminder to you all that courage, faith and honour,
Will stand where Heroes fall.*

On the 11th November, at 10.35am, students will be assembling on the playground for a short Remembrance Service. **Parents and carers are very welcome to join us.** We are again supporting The Royal British Legion, through the selling of poppies. This helps provide lifelong support for the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, Veterans and their families. Please send your son/daughter to school with a £1 to buy a poppy.

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

Enrichment Day – November 2019

Becket Keys Church of England School has three Enrichment Days over the course of an academic year. Enrichment days, where we collapse the traditional timetable, encourage our students to thrive on challenge and respond positively to different situations. The experience of each Enrichment Day is designed to augment the current classroom curriculum and extra-curricular provision. The days include school-based events with visits or the involvement of local employers and volunteers. Occasionally, there are also visits or trips scheduled for these days. All activities are animated by a desire to offer students further opportunities to not only acquire new knowledge and understanding, but also, significantly, to develop skills and habits, which help broaden horizons and strengthen character. We desire our students to be responsible citizens and enthusiastic lifelong learners. The days provide an opportunity for students to study a subject in more detail, develop additional skills such as teamwork, and to take part in activities and challenges that are different to their normal everyday lessons. Timely delivery of elements of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE) programmes of study and Careers Education are also facilitated by these days.

Our first Enrichment Day was yesterday. A great deal of creativity and industry was evident in the programme. We would like to thank all our wonderful staff for this and congratulate them on ensuring a very productive and enjoyable day.



Year 7 journeyed back to Medieval England to solve a mystery and study some art of the period. They also were seen around the school being creative and filming a news report.



Year 8 focused on developing a growth mindset and teambuilding, this included working together to build newspaper towers.



Mr Sedgley was working with a group of Year 8 students and said:

"There were some excellent attempts at the newspaper tower. The winning tower was made by

'The Sailors' at 248cm (team named after their paper hat!).

Second highest 'The Giants' at 228cm – at one stage they looked like they were going to pip 'The Sailors', but couldn't quite manage.

Team groups worked exceptionally well from planning, through to team work in construction and adaptability when things didn't quite go to plan.

There were many other valiant efforts but a few of the higher towers weren't quite strong enough to stand up on their own.

Key motto of the day 'Perfect planning prevents poor performance'.



Year 9 student activities were based around the NHS. They participated in Health & Fitness sessions in the Sports Hall, a Mental Health and Body Image workshop, as well as relevant interests and skills for a career in the NHS.



The vital topics of relationships and study techniques were covered in the **Year 10** workshops. Several Christian couples visited our school to explore healthy, long lasting relationship and marriage with students! Revision and stress management tips were shared in order to help students prepare for future exams.



Year 11s were working hard during Enrichment Day on planning and preparing their English speech, as well as starting the preparations for their mock exams. Students brought in an array of revision materials to start preparing for their mock examinations in a few weeks. They have been using their learning journals to decide which type of learner they are and how best to revise for their upcoming exams. Over the last few weeks, students have been working on their revision timetables and planning how to revise certain topics. The Enrichment Day provided an opportunity for all students to revise different subjects, complete revision notes, prepare revision cards and practise past papers.

All of this in school whilst Year 12 and 13s took part in the 'London Challenge'! We look forward to hearing about their adventures next week.



These days definitely prove that learning is what you make it!

PAUSE

FROM TRAGEDY TO HOPE



What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

In the face of tragedy, neglect and disaster - whether through war or terror - it is right to lament the destruction of lives and communities. In doing so we can be brought from a realm dominated by individual pain to a shared resolve for a better world. In reading the scriptures (especially psalms of lament) we can become more sensitive to the sufferings of others whose experiences may be very different, and begin to hope. Our increased understanding helps us to see what justice, peace and reconciliation might look like, and how they might be accomplished.



This will take not only courage and vision, but also the humility to listen and be changed.

Poppies growing in battle-scarred fields were the symbol of remembrance and hope adopted by the Royal British Legion; flowers which, whilst delicate, were resilient and grow in their thousands, flourishing even in the mist of chaos and destruction. Bright red Flanders poppies (*Papaver rhoeas*) were the inspiration of Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's now famous poem 'In Flanders Field'.

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.*

Today, I attended a 'Remembrance for Schools' service with student representatives of Becket Keys at the Brentwood war memorial. I am also grateful that students have volunteered to help prepare and welcome those attending the civil service at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church on Sunday. In addition, I am pleased to confirm that Father Mark North will be joining us on Monday, when the whole school will be coming together on the playground for a short service, including the observation of the two minutes silence. We will remember with gratitude and also look forward and strive 'to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'. The torch is ours to hold high.

Let us pray:

God of infinite compassion, give us the strength to seek healing, justice and peace for all; the humility to listen to the voices of the marginalised and those who feel excluded; the ability to pursue tolerance amid difference, yet be intolerant towards evil and injustice; for the sake of your kingdom, demonstrated in Christ. Amen.

**Mrs. Sharp
Deputy Headteacher**

Drama Department

Becket Keys' Drama Department was incredibly happy to host Splendid Theatre Company for the day on Friday 25th October.

A highly reputable and established company, Splendid visited our KS4 and KS5 cohorts to share their professional expertise on Georg Buchner's episodic play, "Woyzeck", underpinning this with a creative lengthy workshop on the theatre practitioner, Brecht. Students spent the day practically exploring the themes within the set A-Level text and devised impressive interpretations of key scenes of the play, applying key Brechtian conventions to their work.

Splendid practitioner Ben, stated how high the standard was of our students' work, "This is the highest quality of work I have seen from secondary students in over a decade; I can't believe the standard here and how dynamic the students are. Their work is stunning".

We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to host Splendid and look ahead to working with them again in the future.

Mrs Palmer
Drama Teacher





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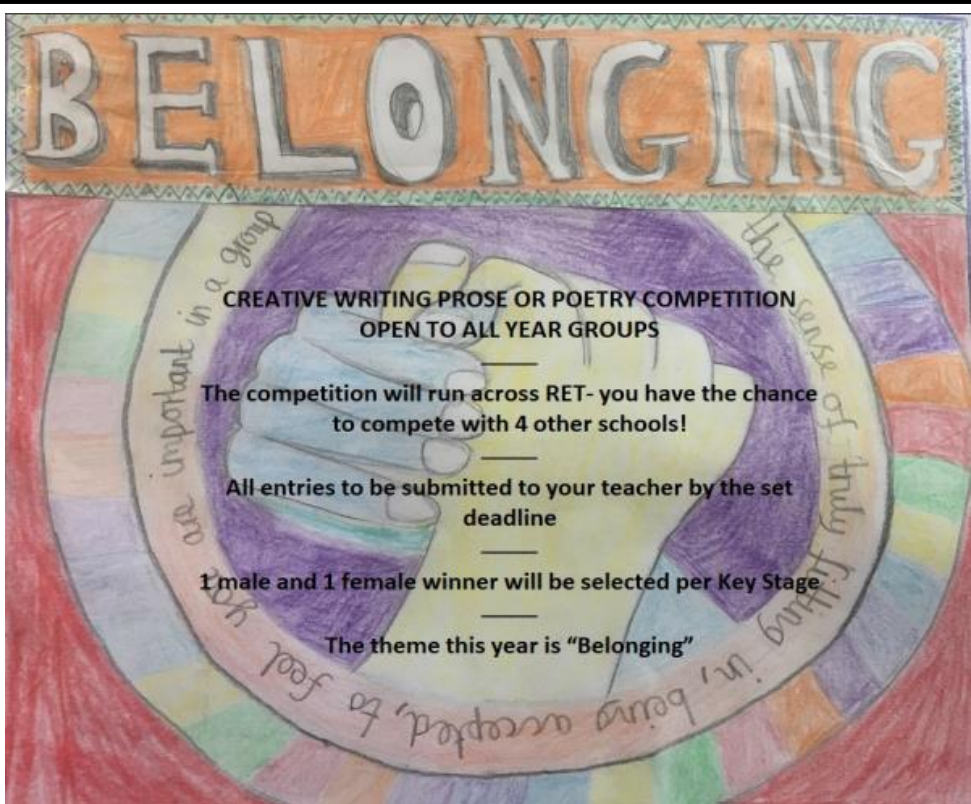


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Lunchtime Eucharist



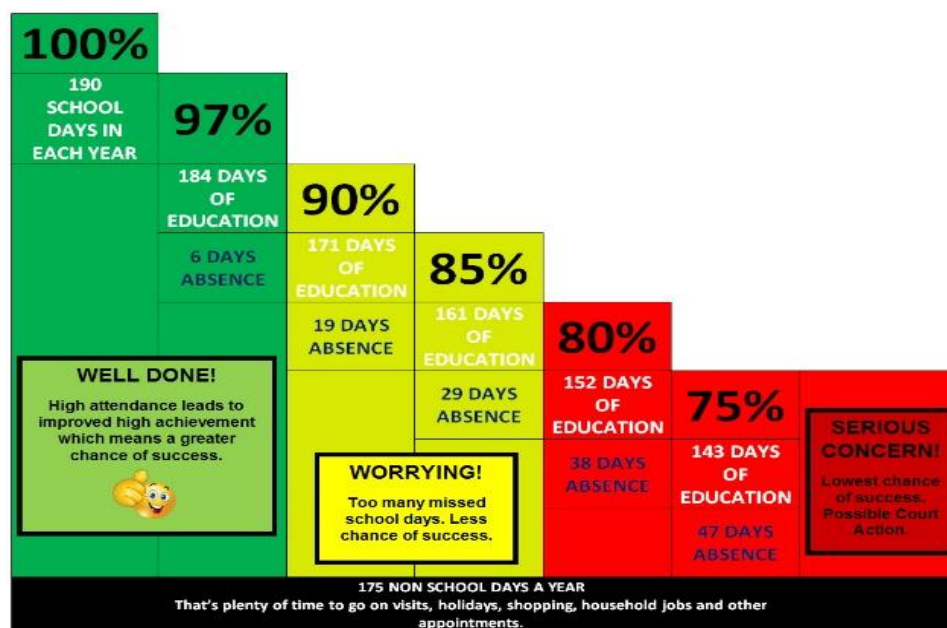
Father Mark North comes in to school every Friday lunchtime to celebrate communion in the John Wraw Chapel (Justin Welby building).

All members of the local community and parents are also invited to these short twenty-minute services.

Please arrive in reception at 12.50pm for a 1pm start.

School Absence

This chart represents how much time is missed throughout a year if attendance is low. Which category are you in? Anything under 90% is classed as persistently absent and can result in legal action from the school and the local authorities. We never want to go down this route at Becket Keys, so please ensure your children are in school as much as possible.



Every week we allocate time to pray for the school and the wider community. Parents, carers, teachers and friends are invited to take time and pray with Mr. Scott-Evans.

7.50am and 11.15am

every Wednesday.

All are welcome.

School Meals

Parent Pay

Please make sure that you top-up your son or daughter's account each week so that they are able to access all the delicious meals in the Bistro.

There is a small overdraft facility on their ParentPay account of £2 for emergency situations which covers the cost of a sandwich. Due to the cashless system in place there is no other back up.

We do not want any student to miss lunch or the great choice of food available every day in our restaurants so please keep the balance topped up!


If you have any queries please contact the school.



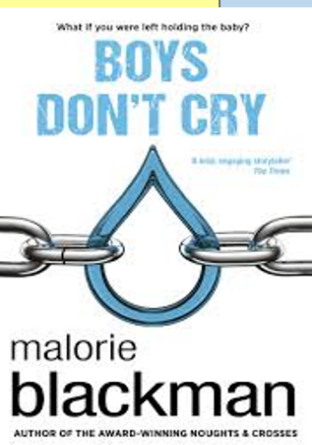
Parent Governor Election

Ballot papers were sent home with your son/daughter prior to the All Saints' Holiday.

Return date: 15th November 19



Mrs Russell's
Book of the Month - November



WHAT'S THE STORY?

You're about to receive your A-level results and then a future of university and journalism awaits. But the day they're due to arrive your old girlfriend Melanie turns up unexpectedly... with a baby... You assume Melanie's helping a friend, until she nips out to buy some essentials, leaving you literally holding the baby...

Your own copy can be purchased online, checked out from the local library or from our school library (best be quick!).



KNITTING CLUB

MONDAY LUNCHTIME

1-1.25 IN C20

Mrs Simmons



Chinese Culture Club

Who: Year 7

Students who are interested in participating in Mandarin Excellence Programme MUST attend.

When & Where:

Tuesday, 1pm to 1:30pm in C31
Thursday, 3:20pm to 4:20pm in C31
Friday, 3.20pm – 4.20pm in C31



Hosted by Mrs Chung & Mrs Zhao

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We are taking orders now via:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk/index.cfm?event=products#.XbHRq-hKjIU>



Friends of Becket Keys are very excited to be running their annual quiz night on

Friday 22nd November 2019 in the Main Hall.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. This year's theme is "Over the Rainbow" and our host and quiz master is James Savage.

Strict policy of maximum per table of 8.

Tickets are £6 each.

There will be raffle on the night.

All proceeds will be used to support Becket Keys Church of England School.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

This is always a great fun night so please come along and support this event.

Tickets available here:

www.Pta-events.co.uk/fobk

Friends of Becket Keys CASH 4 COINS

Remember we are still collecting your unwanted foreign currency from around the world! We can take **ANY** coins or banknotes, regardless of currency or denomination.

(We accept old £1 coins and pre-Euro currency).

Please bring your coins/notes into school and leave at Reception.

Thank you for your continued support.
Do not forget to ask your family, friends and colleagues at work!

Student Achievement

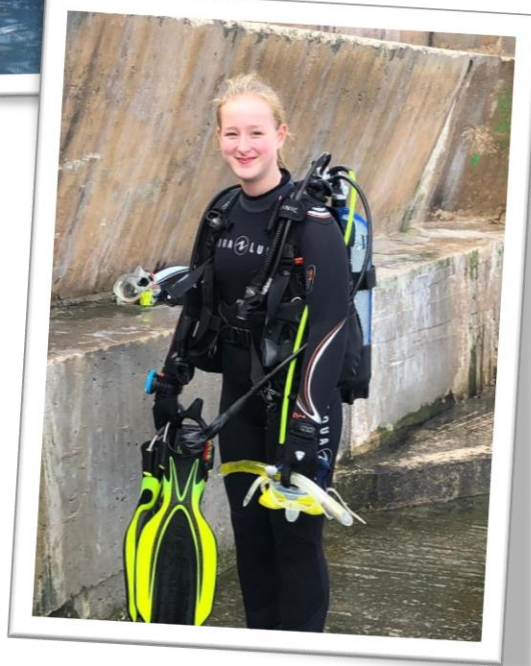
Emily Watson 9EW

PADI Junior Rescue Course

During the All Saints Holiday, I went scuba diving in Malta and did my PADI junior rescue diver course.

I had to learn how to rescue people who were in the water, how to deal with a panicked diver and what procedures to follow if someone goes missing. I also got to learn how to give emergency first aid and CPR.

It was a fantastic experience and I really enjoyed learning lots of new skills. I have been diving since I was 11, so this was a great opportunity to become more experienced and to learn skills that I can use in everyday life.



You can find out more about scuba diving and the courses available here:

<https://www.padi.com/courses/rescue-diver>

Sports News

Year 7 Girls' Basketball



The Year 7 girls' basketball team played against a strong Great Baddow High School team.

Although this was an away game the team had great support with shouts of 'Keys!' spurring the girls on to play with spirit and determination. It was a tough game but the team managed to score eight baskets in the last ten minutes! Sadly though, this was not enough to beat the 26 points scored by Great Baddow.

Team

Kate Todd
Arabella Carroll
Elizabeth Thompson
Lilly Polley
Yasmin Haynes
Olivia Banfield
Sophie Gunn
Tilly O'Shea
Isabella King
Siddhika Sharma

Miss Schafer
PE Teacher

Year 10 Netball

After a delayed start, the Year 10 girls got to play against Chelmer Valley High School and discovered that one of their former teammates Sarah was in the team!

Chelmer Valley players were all very tall and have been fiercely drilled.

Our students felt a bit intimidated and thought they were at a disadvantage, however the newly designed team continued to get into good positions to score. It was a shame that there were not more finishing shots.

Final Score:

Chelmer Valley	19
Becket Keys	6

Team

Eloisa Boreham
Ella Mumby
Courtney Kambasha
Hannah Davis
Mia Marriot
Rachel Picton
Nancy Hookings



Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 netball team had their district netball tournament yesterday. After a tremendous effort in their cup game against Brentwood School, they felt ready and prepared for the challenge ahead.

The team listened to coaching advice received in this week's training session and started strong against Brentwood School (for their second meeting in one week!). The girls passed with power and moved the ball, with control, to the shooters. Becket Keys were leading 3-0 up! However, Brentwood then stepped up their game with the final score being 3-6 to Brentwood. We went on to draw against St Martin's and comfortably won every other game, this was down to passion, grit and strength in play from each of our players.

We waited with baited breath for our result in the tournament, as we knew it was very close in the top three positions and were absolutely delighted with our, well deserved, place of second.

This team continue to go from strength to strength and I am so very proud of their skill, passion and dedication to the sport.

Ms North
PE Teacher



Parkrun organise free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone, free, and are safe and easy to take part in.

These events take place in pleasant parkland surroundings and they encourage people of every ability to take part; from those taking their first steps in running to Olympians; from juniors to experienced runners. All are welcome!

Parkrun takes place every **Saturday at 9.00am**. The event takes place at Weald Country Park, South Weald, Brentwood, CM14 5QS.

It is free to take part but please register prior to attending. For more information:

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/brentwood/>

Becket Keys have a number of Cross Country events coming up. If you have been chosen for any of these, then participation in the Park Run each week will give you an excellent opportunity to continue your training. If you are a member of any of the school sports teams then joining the Park Run each week will be great way to improve your overall fitness.



Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 13th November

Year 7 Essex Plate Netball v Notley High School (A)

Thursday 14th November

Year 7 Girls' Basketball v The Boswells School (H)

Monday 18th November

Year 7 Girls' Football v Great Baddow High School (H)

Tuesday 19th November

Year 7 Girls' Football v Plume Academy (A)

Wednesday 20th November

Year 7 Boys' Basketball v Beaulieu Park School (A)

Thursday 21st November

Year 7 Boys' Basketball v The Boswells School (H)

Monday 25th November

Year 7 Essex Plate Netball v Shoeburyness High School (A)

Tuesday 26th November

Year 7 Boys' Football v Moulsham High School (A)

Year 7 Girls' Football v Chelmer Valley High School (H)

Thursday 28th November

Year 7 Essex Plate Netball v Emerson Park Academy (H)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OUTDOOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

10.35am MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

PARENTS & CARERS INVITED

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PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

SKI TRIP 2020

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

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YEAR 10

CAREERS FAIR (RE-ARRANGED)

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

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YEAR 12

SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

SIXTH FORM

EXTERNAL STUDENT MEETINGS

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

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FOBK QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

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YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS

25TH NOVEMBER – 6TH DECEMBER

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CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

10TH DECEMBER



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