



## WEMBLEY WELCOMES BECKET KEYS

15 students from Becket Keys had the amazing opportunity of acting as ball boys and girls at Wembley on Sunday 1st March at the Capital One Cup Final between Chelsea and Tottenham. After being successful in a comprehensive application process and completing rigorous physical and psychological training, the students represented the school in an exceptional manner and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.



The students enjoyed a pre-match walk around the pitch, chatted and took 'selfies' with Thierry Henry and Jamie Redknapp, before learning about their role during the match. They were then taken into the officials' office to meet Anthony Taylor, the match referee, and his team. Mr Taylor had clear instructions, which included being fair to both teams, something that was testing for the Chelsea and Tottenham fans amongst the group!

The ball boys and girls were then able to enjoy the post-match presentation of the trophy from an amazing viewpoint after completing their match duties expertly.

Student Olivia Horne said, "It was nerve-wracking walking out of the tunnel knowing 89,000 people were watching us. However, as soon as we started, we got a rush of excitement as we touched the ball for the first time. It was the best experience I have ever been a part of!"

PE teacher Mr Wray said, "I could not be more proud of our students. The Football League were very complimentary of the students' professionalism and enthusiasm throughout the day on and off the pitch. One official said that he had never had more questions from ball boys and girls! I think that shows how much our students valued the experience."

It was a marvellous opportunity for our school. We are incredibly proud to be chosen for this opportunity and look forward to seeing our students continue this role at four more of the major Wembley Finals this year, St Johnstones' Paint Trophy final at the end of March and the League One, League Two and Championship play-off finals in May.

I am sure the students involved will remember this for the rest of their lives and I am delighted to think that we have been able to give them such a wonderful experience.

Mr Andy Scott-Evans  
**Headteacher**

# OTHER NEWS

## EXTENDED LEARNING DAY

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March students will benefit from an enrichment day with Year 7 participating in a: 'STEM Earth Attack Day', Year 8 in 'Tudor Day' and Year 9 in Growth Mind-Set Day. The usual timetable will not apply. It will also be non-uniform day- see below! A full report on all of the opportunities for extended learning and photos of students enjoying the day will feature in the newsletter next week!

## COMIC RELIEF NON-UNIFORM DAY

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March there will be a non-uniform day for Comic Relief. A donation of £1 will be required on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, to be given to form tutors. Normal rules apply: No onesies, no additional jewellery, hair tied up, sensible footwear. It is optional to wear red for Red Nose Day. So mark Friday 13<sup>th</sup> in your diary and don't forget to come in non-uniform!



## YEAR 7 CHARITY CAKE SALE!

Thanks to all who made and bought cakes. £55 was raised for the school charities, GOSH and World Vision!

## CASTLES PROJECT

Year 7 have recently been set a homework project in their History classes to build a medieval castle. Each class was set this a few lessons before the Lent Holiday. Parents have been invited to a lesson where they may view the castles with staff and students. There will be a class vote to decide on the most creative and historically accurate castle. Full article from Mrs Knowles to follow next week!



Some of the castles currently on display in the reception area & parents and students judging the castles.

# SPORTS NEWS

## Year 7 Netball Rally

Both the 'A' and 'B' teams were in action this week at the local Brentwood tournaments. Both teams had 6 matches in each tournament!

The 'A' team were missing their star goalkeeper, Molly Whymark, who was injured, so we had to tweak our team slightly. The first game was against Brentwood County High School. We played well from the start and ended up beating them. Great centre passes from Bethany Mayo helped us to keep possession and in attack, the partnership between Isla Bradley and Emily Barrett was strong. Our next game was against Anglo European School. In a previous game we lost heavily, however, in this fixture we went into half time at 2-2. The game was tight and both teams defended very well. In the second half, Anglo managed to breakdown our defence to score 3 quick baskets. Unfortunately we ended up narrowly losing the game. Next up was Shenfield High School. Again we played well. Georgie Loader, Bethany Mayo and Ella O'Herlihy linked up well in the midfield and helped in transition from defence to attack. Rosie Howse and Maria Eden played excellently at the back, intercepting passes and getting to the rebound first. St Martins, Brentwood Ursuline and Brentwood School were all strong. The 'A' team finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 7 teams in their tournament. The girls' resilience and determination were fantastic and other PE teachers and parents commented on an excellent attitude from the girls and how much they have progressed since the start of the year.

In the 'B' team, there was some excellent shooting from Rebecca Sharp who managed to score four long distance shots from the edge of the circle during the tournament! Stacey Torgbor and Isabella Ormilade made some vital interceptions whilst playing goalkeeper and goal defence which helped us to have a competitive chance in lots of our games! The 'B' team won against Anglo European 4-0 and Shenfield 5-2 and drew with Brentwood County High 1-1. Unfortunately we lost to St Martins, The Brentwood School and Brentwood Ursuline. Overall the B team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7 teams – well done girls!

## Year 9 Rugby 7s Tournament

### Game 1 - Boswells

Boswells scored within the first minute of the game with a tall, strong and powerful runner handing off 3 of our players to run through and score. After this,

until half time the pressure all came from us.

Excellent carries from Alex Savage, Harry Elliot and Louis Burke so nearly got us over the line, only for the tackle to be made less than 1m from the try line each time. Our rucking and clearing out was strong in this game and from this, Oscar Warriner and Malakai Brann started to pull strings by getting to ball to our runners. Boswells ended up scoring two more breakaway tries before the final whistle. As we reflected on our first ever game of rugby 7s, we decided that in attack we tried to do too much as an individual rather than passing the ball through the hands and getting it out wide.

### Game 2 – William deFerrers

From evaluating the last game we went in with a new focus. Within the first couple of minutes, the ball got passed through the hands to Joe Hume out on the wing who broke a tackle and ran through to score and put us ahead. Soon after we scored again with some powerful running from Harry Elliot. We conceded 2 tries in the second half however Jesse Agunsoye on his debut managed to score a beautiful try. Not only did Jesse score perhaps the try of the afternoon but his tackling and understanding of the game really impressed his team mates and Mr Fenn too.

### Game 3 – St Martins

St Martins had a team of 7 athletes who were all quick and powerful. We managed to play a good technical game against these but their power and strength physicality was too much for us this time. Luke Savage managed to score and we had opportunities to score a couple more but when the final pass was required, the ball either got knocked on or the pass was poor.

The whole tournament was fun and competitive. We conducted ourselves well and managed to compete against 3 schools who all play rugby in the top division in the Mid-Essex leagues. We have asked St Martins for a friendly in a week or two, as we feel like this would be a good challenge for a team that is getting stronger by the week.

Special thanks should go to Mr Walker for giving up his afternoon to referee the games. We ended up coming joint 2<sup>nd</sup> with Boswells, winning every game. Well done!

# MORE SPORTS

## **Year 8 Boys Rugby**

**Shenfield 27      Becket Keys 31**

The Year 8 boys' rugby team were involved in an epic game with Shenfield on Tuesday, a match in which the lead changed 6 times! Becket Keys found themselves 10-0 down after 10 minutes, but managed to claw their way back into the game and take the lead, with two tries and a conversion from Owen Day and one try and conversion from Luke Savage. 10-19 at half-time. The team spoke about starting again and controlling the game to preserve their lead, but Shenfield started the second half explosively by scoring two tries and a conversion to take the score to 22-19. Many teams would have crumbled at this point, but Becket Keys showed great character and managed to score the next try through Charlie Johnson, with Owen Day adding the conversion from an outrageous distance. 22-26. Shenfield then piled the pressure on Becket Keys and scored in the corner, despite brilliant tackling from Ben Cooper and Oliver Legon. 27-26. Five minutes to go. Yet again, Becket Keys showed that they weren't deterred by losing a lead, and scored through Charlie Johnson again after some great rucking by Jack Kennedy, William Sainsbury and Haydn Ince to turn the ball over. 2 minutes to go – 27-31. The drama still wasn't over, as Becket Keys made the mistake of kicking the ball away rather than going through the phases. Some more heroic tackling, particularly from Tom Burkert and Patrick Warriner, managed to force Shenfield into turning the ball over to end the game.

The team are determined to use the momentum and confidence gained from this win in their remaining games this season.

## **Year 7 Boys Football**

Becket Keys were unlucky not to win an extremely competitive fixture against Moulsham on Monday. Both teams did their best to pass the ball on a heavy pitch and played some good short and long passes, creating an entertaining game of few chances. Becket Keys took the lead in the second half when one of many counter-attacks was finished superbly by Louis Ridley. Both teams had chances for the rest of the half, but Becket Keys were not able to contain Moulsham's persistent pressure and conceded with

just 3 minutes to spare.

The team showed great character to come back and create two late chances to win the game, but couldn't convert. Todd Miller and Harrison Cole were outstanding at the back and Tiwa Odufuye offered a constant threat going forward. The team are keen to preserve their excellent record for the remainder of the season.

## **Boys Under 15 Water Polo**

Becket Keys were able to enjoy a convincing victory over Boswells on Friday, a game in which experience told but professionalism was required. All players on the team contributed to the scoring and played in virtually every position. Becket Keys were able to work the ball around their team, with every player comfortable in possession of the ball. Alex Savage and Oscar Warriner were able to exert their vast experience onto the game and controlled proceedings throughout. This often gained Becket Keys an advantage in attack but when they did lose possession, Luke Savage, Freddie Summers and Oliver Legon were able to pressurise the Boswells attack to nullify threats. When Boswells were able to get behind Becket Keys' defence, Owen Day was able to make some phenomenal saves in goal. Patrick Warriner was able to put pressure on Boswells' defenders to win the ball for Becket Keys in dangerous areas. The boys enjoyed the game and are looking forward to the next one.

## **Year 9 Girls' Basketball V Shenfield**

On Wednesday we played a strong and experienced Shenfield team. It was our first game for a few weeks and so the team was a bit rusty to start and Shenfield took advantage of this – dominating the first half of the match. During the second half, our performance was better – we were more committed in defence and Elisabeth Hayes, Daisy Mattock and Bethany Hancox were jumping and hassling for the rebounds which put Shenfield off their shots several times. Lily Wright scored a fantastic lay-up during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and Hannah McCarthy, Cara Tait and Lucy Uwins worked hard to attack and expose Shenfield when possible. However it was a convincing win for Shenfield and the girls know that attendance at training is vital to progress and to make their game play more competitive.

## NOTICES

### THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

If your son/daughter is going to the performance of the Merchant of Venice at the Globe Theatre, please ensure payment has been made online by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note, after school clubs are cancelled next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March (except Homework Club). This is because it is the Year 7 Parents' Evening.

### NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that this is a nut free school. We have a few students with very severe allergies to nuts and as such even coming into contact with someone who has eaten a product with nuts in can cause them a severe reaction. Therefore, please do not allow your child to bring nuts to school as a snack or as part of a cake or snack bar. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### SCARLET FEVER INCREASE

Public Health England have confirmed that there has been an increase in reported cases of scarlet fever. According to a press release, the numbers of cases currently being reported are above what is typical for this time of the year. The first symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat and fever which may be accompanied by a headache, nausea and vomiting. Between 12 to 48 hours after this, a fine, sandpapery rash develops, often appearing first on the chest or stomach. If you are worried about you or your child displaying these symptoms, consult your GP. For further information, please read the press release here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/scarlet-fever-notifications-continue-to-increase>



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## VACANCIES

### WE ARE NOW RECRUITING!

Check our website for details:

[www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php](http://www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php)

### Dates for your Diary

12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Enrichment Day
24 <sup>th</sup> March -	
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Oliver!
30 <sup>th</sup> March -	Easter Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> April	

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