



THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Mr Scott-Evans writes:

Last week, students were busy preparing and delivering manifesto speeches to their forms for the Student Voice elections. Competition has been fierce! Speeches were very impressive; delivered with both passion and conviction. Students have had a really tough job trying to pick who to vote for due to the high quality of candidates in all year groups. Hot topics that students expressed opinions about were teaching and learning, the structure of the school day and the school environment.

Thursday morning was the last chance for candidates to sway any last minute floating voters and then, together with the rest of the country, votes were cast in a secret ballot.

On Friday, Form Tutors spent time discussing the results of the General Election with their forms and then announced the students who had been successful in being elected to the Student Council.

Miss Webb, form tutor of 9WW said, *"it's been great to see how seriously students have taken these elections and how hard students have worked on their speeches. They put a lot of thought into them and made many really compelling arguments. It was a real treat to see some of the quieter members of the form standing up to speak in front of the class and deliver speeches that were both thoughtful and convincing"*.

Mrs Norman, form tutor of 9PP said, *"I really enjoyed seeing members of my form not just competing against each other, but also working so well as a team to support and encourage each other. The best speeches were those that were heartfelt. The whole experience has reinforced how much students at Becket Keys care about their school"*.

I would like to pass on my own personal congratulations to all who took part. I stood (and came second!) when I was at school. The process taught me a lot.

An exciting and engaging week for all of us! The newly elected student council is listed here below:

7EW: Evie Skinner
7FS: Emily Barrett
7HS Will Uings
7AC: Euan Inverarity
7PP: Jack Giddings
7WW: Isla Bradley
8EW: Evie Walker
8FS: Tobe Uche-Igbokwe
8HS: Tom Dines
8AC: Phoebe Marshall
8PP: Divine Okwuosa
8WW: Allen Karwhoo
9EW: Catherine Barker
9FS: Tom Middleton
9HS: Oliver Allen
9AC: Anna Townsend
9PP: Roisin Clark
9WW: James Eyo

The first Student Voice meeting will take place next week.

Andy Scott-Evans
Headteacher



OTHER NEWS



YEAR 7 LEARNING EUCHARISTS WITH FATHER COLIN HEWITT

Becket Keys Church of England School is a Eucharistic Community. The Eucharist occupies a central and sacred place in the worshipping life of our school community. It is an expression of the presence of Christ with us. It also helps create a sense of belonging to the school, the local church and the world-wide Christian community. The Eucharist will hold different meanings for children and adults at different stages of their faith journey. We believe it is fundamental that we support our students in this journey. The 'Seeds of Faith' we sow provide encouragement and hope.

This week, Father Colin Hewitt has begun a programme of learning Eucharists in Year 7 RE lessons. He will be in school on several occasions between now and the Whitsun holiday week. This supports our developmental approach to learning about Christianity and provides a more intimate environment in which students can confidently ask the questions they have about the significance of different parts of the service.

The class Eucharists help:

- to nurture the students' relationship with God
- to explore the Biblical roots of Holy Communion
- to enhance students knowledge and understanding of this central act at the heart of Christian life
- to give expression to the strong link between our church school, the parish church and the wider Christian community
- to explore some of the deepest values that our school holds
- to develop the students' sense of mystery and reverence for God
- to contribute to the development of RE
- to continue to enrich the collective worship of our school.

We thank Father Colin for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students. This Tuesday, Father Colin engaged all students through his accounts of early Christianity, carefully chosen readings from the Bible and interactive approach.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes start this Sunday (10th May) at St Thomas' Church at 5.00pm, prior to Evensong. All members of our school community are invited to join these classes. Bishop Norman will celebrate at our Patronal Mass on Sunday 5th July at 10.00am. He is happy to confirm anyone wishing to take this important step in their pilgrimage of faith. If you wish to be confirmed, please sign up on the list on the Foyer Notice Board in St Thomas Church Centre or just go along to the first class.

MORE NEWS

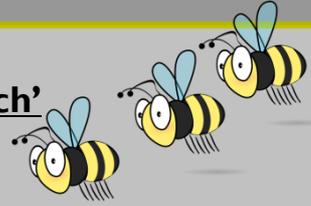
CHARITIES UPDATE

Last week we held a collection for donations to the Christian Aid Nepal Earthquake appeal.

Mrs Ahlner said “ We are very proud of the empathy shown by our students to the devastation caused by the earthquake in Nepal. We raised a total of £239.74 for the communities affected, with one student making a very generous donation of £50 from her own savings”.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated.

Bee on ‘The Patch’



Don't forget to join the Eco Club this **Saturday (9th May) from 9.30am to midday**; parking spaces are being reserved adjacent to the patch for the swarms of helpers. Bring a gardening spade and fork. Remember, there is also an opportunity to dig into freshly baked cakes!



STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHER

Luc Riches in **Year 7** has recently been appointed as our official student photographer. You may have spotted some of his photographs in the newsletter over the past few weeks. His hidden talent was revealed when taking photographs of the school production of ‘*Oliver!*’ and he has been very busy taking lots more photographs since. Look out for Luc’s photographs in weeks to come, for a unique insight into school life. This week we caught up with Luc to ask him why he enjoys photography so much and how he came to develop his interest.



“I started photography when I was 10. My older brother always had a camera because he wanted to work in film. I used to borrow his camera when he was out and I loved to watch him edit photographs and make them look even better than they did before. My dad also has a good camera and I would constantly bug him to let me use it. Now I have my own camera and my life feels complete! Sometimes I look at an object or setting and think about how I could improve it in a photograph. Before I had my own camera, I took photographs on my mobile phone. The more photographs I take, the more I want to be a photographer. Since I was asked to be the official photographer for Becket Keys, I have really enjoyed getting involved with everything that is going on around school and I have had a lot of fun taking photographs of sports clubs, the school production and Becket Keys’ Got Talent Auditions. I feel very proud and honoured to have this important role and I am constantly thinking of new ideas for photographs”



SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 9 BOYS' CRICKET

Becket Keys Vs Ormiston Rivers Acadmey

Ormiston made the long trip to Becket Keys to play the first cricket match of the summer term. The astro wicket on our playing field was about to be used for the first time! We bowled first. Alex Savage and Oscar Warriner opened and bowled consistently keeping the run rate low. In the 3rd over, Alex bowled a full toss that missed the bat and hit the wicket. The square leg umpire claimed that the ball delivered was below waist height and the wicket stood. Alex ended up collecting another wicket after their player hit the ball up in the air for George Elliot to catch. Tom Walker bowled a tidy over, organised the field well and ended up with a catch off a superb Harry Elliot delivery. In the later stages of the game, Frank Parish bowled an over. 1st ball; wide, 2nd ball; wide, then 3 dot balls and on the 6th ball Frank got him! Our team all joined together in the celebration of this wicket as we knew the end was in sight. Finley then bowled his first over and took the last wicket after his 3rd delivery.



In bat, Tom Walker opened with Finley Richardson. Their opener was a good bowler who bowls with accuracy, precision, variation and pace. Tom Walker took a few deliveries to settle down into his innings and then started to pick up the run rate. Finley Richardson hit a few good shots and ran a couple of singles but then hit a front foot drive off a short delivery. The ball went up in the air and he was caught out for 2. Joe Stuckey entered the crease and lasted a couple of balls, hit one run but then faced their good bowler and failed to protect his stumps. Frank Parish was next up, unfortunately Frank was bowled for a duck. Alex Savage was next in and hit a couple of nice shots before Tom Walker hit a big 6 to win the game. We won the game by 7 wickets. Our next game is against St Martin's who will be a much stronger opposition. The Year 9s need to practice training with the hard ball in the nets in preparation for this one.

YEAR 8 BOYS' CRICKET

Becket Keys 69-4 beat Ormiston Rivers Academy 68-4

The Year 8 boys' cricket team won their first match of the season on Thursday, in a competitive and entertaining match against Ormiston Rivers. Becket Keys bowled first, with Luke Savage taking a wicket with the first ball of the match, catching the Ormiston opener himself from a straight drive off his own fast delivery. Ormiston battled back, with their number 3 batsman scoring the maximum 25 before retiring. Becket Keys bowling was consistent in its line and length, which enabled the team to put the Ormiston batsmen under pressure, slowing down the run rate and limiting the extras added from wide deliveries. Nicco Lovelock claimed 2 wickets, on both occasions bowling the batsmen out from fast and straight deliveries. This left Ormiston with a score of 68-4 after their 16 overs and Becket Keys with a target of 69 to win. Tom Burkert and Evan Bartlett opened the batting for Becket Keys and started solidly, with Tom Burkert hitting a couple of early boundaries to put the bowling attack under pressure. Tom ended up retiring on the maximum 25, after a fine innings which showed an impressive array of shots. Despite losing a couple of wickets to outstanding deliveries, Becket Keys were able to pile the pressure onto Ormiston, with Luke Savage contributing a quick-fire 8 runs and Benjamin Fryett 5, both being unlucky to get out when they did. This high run rate contributed to Ormiston conceding more extras than Becket Keys, who achieved their target inside 14 overs. It was a confident showing from Becket Keys, and the team are looking forward to building on this good performance for the rest of the season.



NOTICES

LOCKERS

Lockers are now just £2 for the rest of the year instead of £10 (whole year price). To purchase a locker, students should complete an application form available from Reception. Now that bags are not allowed in the Bistro at break and lunchtime, a locker is a really good investment.

PE BAGS

PE Bags must be left in a bag rack or a locker. Please do NOT to leave PE bags in the changing rooms overnight as other people use our facilities.

ABSENCE IN 'EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES'

Parents wishing to apply for consideration for their son/daughter to be granted absence in **exceptional circumstances** need to give the school at least one month to deal with the request. Requests that come with less time than this are more likely to be unauthorised. All leave of absence requests (not medical) must have a Leave of Absence form completed in advance. Forms are available from the school office.

Please do not book holidays during term time. They will not be authorised and you could be fined.

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VACANCIES

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING!

Check our website for details:

www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php

We are looking to over staff in all subjects. Please send CVs to our school whether we have an advert placed or not.

Dates for your Diary

21st May -24th May	Year 8 Madid
22nd May- 24th May	Year 7 Bushcraft 22d
May - 24th May	Year 9 Bude
22nd May	Harlow
25th May – 29th May	Whitsun Holiday
3rd June	Whole school photograph
12th June	Non-Student day
15th June	Non-Student day
30th June	BKGT 7-9pm
4 th July	Patronal Festival Picnic
7 th July	Summer Music Festival
10 th July	Sports Day
14 th July	Governors' Speeches & Awards evening

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