



WE LOVE BOOKS!

We have recently been blessed with the delivery of some beautiful new books for our classrooms using around £1,000 commission raised from our Scholastic book sales! With a focus on Inclusion and popular children's authors, this wide range of books will undoubtedly engage and inspire our children, helping them to see themselves in books, appreciate and accept difference and develop their love of reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lee (English Leader)



BECKET AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to all our children who have received a Becket Award at the end of this term. This awards recognise children's hard work, behaviour, presentation, progress and also the caring way they treat others.

Well done!

List of winners will be sent out this week.



MATHS CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 8th November, four Year 5 girls (Mia, Isabella, Holly and Dianka) visited Old Palace School for Girls in Croydon.

It was an exciting afternoon of mathematics. Working as a team, they competed against other local schools to solve a series of mathematical problems and puzzles. The aim of the event was to foster a passion for, and confidence in Maths for girls. The afternoon also encouraged team building and problem solving through the application of mathematical and logic skills in a fun competition. The St Thomas Becket girls did very well and we hope we foster more links with local schools to promote love for maths!

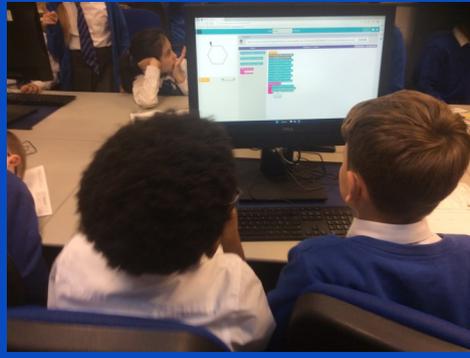
Mrs McFeat (Maths leader)



Congratulations to our Junior children who took part in a recent 'Gaelic Football Blitz' with two other catholic schools in Croydon.

Despite many of the players being new to the sport, every team member played with skill and determination and represented our school with distinction.





COMPUTING WEEK

The week beginning 5th December was National Computer Science Education Week and the children have been looking at how computer science is used in a range of industries and for a range of purposes.

The children enjoyed exploring the Hour of Code; building models of the solar system using block coding and programming AI to identify and collect pollution in oceans to name just a few of the activities. The children have been encouraged to continue experimenting with programming at home. Please take a look at code.org at home and find out how else computing programming is used in our everyday lives.

Miss Earl (Computing Leader)

MESSAGE FROM MR CAMPBELL

It has been an enormous privilege to have served as head teacher of 'Becket' for the past 17 years. There is no greater joy than to spend the day with our children, keen to share their stories and news (especially the fact, repeated vociferously, that their birthday is occurring within the next day, week, 6 months).

Someone once said, 'The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart'. I've been truly blessed to have felt every day the love of our children and the support of parents through the fun times as well as the challenging periods, during my time as head teacher.

To say I will miss the school cannot capture the enormity of the hole that saying goodbye will leave in my heart, but I take with me the ringing of children's laughter, delight in their achievements and pride in being their head teacher. They have inspired me at every step and gave me strength when I most needed it.

I will miss our sporting festivals, our creative art and music exhibitions, the brilliant and amazing class assemblies, Year 6 productions, nativities, passion plays, carol services and of course the school trips and Year 6 residential.

Most of all I will miss going on that journey with all our children from their first day in Reception, catching their first shy smiles and watching them bloom as they transform into those amazing 'Becket' children.

Can I offer a sincere thank you to parents for your friendship, your support and your understanding over the years.

God bless you all and have a wonderful Christmas!

Mr Campbell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Break

We will be closing for the Christmas break on Friday 16th December at **2.00pm**

January 2023

School will reopen for children on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Have a Safe and Blessed Christmas!



School Term Dates 2023-2024

These will be available on our school website at the end of this week.