



Rhea Key stage 1 Sports award 2017-18

Rhea won the Beckford Sports award for her hard work and excellent focus on learning in lessons. She is a very good standing long jumper.



Isabelle Key Stage 2 Sports award 2017-18

Isabelle was an excellent role model to the other pupils. Always wanting to achieve her best and supporting the rest of her team.

Friday 19th October

Fly me to Beckford

Beckford Camden Tennis champions!

A Sports Newsletter for Beckford Primary School

Beckford Year 5/6 Tennis team became Camden champions for the first time in May beating Gospel Oak in the finals. The competition was decided on the total point score of all games so all players had to work hard against Gospel Oak. They won some games comfortably but also kept the scores down in the games they lost through making their opponents work for every point. As a result we travelled to Redbridge Sports centre in June to compete as the Camden representatives in the London Youth games finishing joint 17th out of the 33 London Boroughs. I was really pleased with all players who despite a very nervous start managed to improve throughout. A number of players have been successful in gaining a years free Tennis coaching at Cumberland Tennis club which is funded through the Eleanor Caplin Cumberland award. We are all very grateful for such wonderful support.



Beckford Year 5/6 Tennis team who won the Camden championship and represented Camden in the London Youth games.

Most improved school at Sport in Camden 2017-18

In July 2018 we were honoured to receive the most improved School Sport award for Camden. This was in recognition of all the efforts from the staff and pupils to get involved in the Camden School Sports competitions. Miss Schafer also received a special 'Extra Mile Award' for all her support of our School teams. Along with the children I'm very grateful for all the extra support with the teams and reminding me to buy her coffee!



Miss Schafer with the other 'Extra Mile Award' winners.

Camden Country Championships 2018



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5

Cross Country Teams

On Friday 28th September 37 children from Beckford competed in the Camden Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill Fields. The first aim was to run without stopping which almost all pupils achieved despite a very large hill which may have looked like Everest to some of our year 3 pupils! I was so proud of how the pupils supported each other and cheered when each child returned to the group having completed the course. The highest finishers for Beckford were Nagwa in year 3 who finished 15th, Hussein from year 3 who finished 8th and Arjuna from year 4 who for the second year in a row finished first! Through grit and determination he held off a late charge by a boy from Emmanuel to complete a superb defence of his title.



82% of Year 4 pupils have represented Beckford in at least one inter-school competition this half term!!!



The aim has been to try to get as many Year 4 pupils as possible involved this half term in inter-school Sport. Most competitions have taken place on Wednesday's meaning that some pupils couldn't take part due to doing Sport elsewhere. That's still taking part in Sport so well done!

CSSA Benchball 1



CSSA Benchball 2



CSSA dodgeball 1



CSSA dodgeball 2



It's been a great experience for all pupils to take part in the Camden School Sports association events this half term in a very inclusive environment where all abilities are catered for. The children get to mix into teams with children from other schools and work together in games against other mixed teams. There are medals for the top 3 teams, players who put in extra effort being a good team member and for any pupils who manage to remember the names of all the other members of their team! I know the children love the medals but we go to take part and do our best whatever the outcome. I'll only ever be disappointed if anyone doesn't give it a 100% effort. Please make certain this is the message to all your children so that they come back for more and are enthusiastic about representing Beckford.



Year 6 Tag rugby

On Thursday 11th October we took two year 6 Tag Rugby teams to play in the Camden tournament. Team 1 won one game and drew two, whilst team 2 won two games and drew 1. Unfortunately the tournament ran over time so we didn't have a chance to play in semi finals with finals being played between the teams who had the most points and tries. Team 1 left knowing they hadn't played quite as well as they could have and learn't a valuable lesson about the need to be focussed throughout a tournament to achieve the standard they are capable of. Team 2 played some amazing rugby with William standing out for his quick feet and dodging to score some excellent tries. I also liked how great Eanda was getting her team organised to defend.



Year 5/6 CSSA Netball league



Beckford took part for the first time this year in the CSSA netball league at La Sainte Union School. We hadn't played netball before but played well with some passing and movement that shocked teams that eventually won the overall competition. I'm hopeful that we will transfer some of these skills and experience into basketball later on this term. Well done all members of both teams who worked tirelessly throughout all games. A special mention must go to Junayd in year 5 who in one game was marking a boy as tall as me!!! I've arranged to go over and sample the lunch menu at the school he was from to see if that's the secret!

Intra-class competitions 2018-19

Year 3-6 are taking part in a series of intra-class sports competitions this year which take place from 12.30-1pm on Friday lunchtimes. The aim is for all pupils to take part in an effort to maximise their team scores which go towards winning the shield for their class. There is also a possibility that the winning team will get the chance to name the shield which will be displayed in the school trophy cabinet!!! Teams all start on 200 points but lose 10 points for any player who does not turn up to compete. They also gain 30 points if they win, 20 points for second place and 10 points for 3rd place. The competitions last for 2 weeks for each year group with a maximum score of 260 points possible. Year 5&6 have just finished two weeks of benchball with the results below. Please refer to the PE area on the School website for a full calendar of events.

Amazon take an early lead!!!

Year 6 benchball scores

Amazon 250 points

Congo 240 points

Nile 210 points



Ganges set the pace!!!!

Year 5 benchball scores.

Ganges 250 points

Yangtze 240 points

Mississippi 240 points





It's not all about medals. We should always remember that we attend sports events to compete and do the best we can. If your child leaves having had fun with a smile on their face then we must be doing something the right way. The true test of any School PE is how many kids we can involve, how many want to come back for more and most importantly, how many leave us with a lifelong love of Sport and Physical activity. I'm sure you'll agree that this is quite a challenge but hopefully we can go in the right direction together.

Thank you for taking the time to read the inaugural 'Fly Me to Beckford' Sports Newsletter. Hopefully the next issue will be available before the Christmas holidays.

Best wishes

Mr Purcell

