



Let it snow edition!

Don't forget to get the children to move, walk, jog, run and play games over the holiday. Don't allow them to just sit in front of the tv or on computer games all day!



Friday 20th December 2019

Fly me to Beckford

A Sports Newsletter for
Beckford Primary School

Basketball extra competition

On Wednesday 20th November we took part in the CSSA basketball extra competition with both the boys/girls teams finishing 4th. The children have worked really hard to develop their basketball skills in after school practice which they demonstrated during this tournament. Well done all.



Beckford basketball extra team



Girls Basketball team finish third in Camden!



Girls and boys basketball teams who competed on 19th November. Scarlett is missing from the picture due to leaving early for an appointment.

On Tuesday 19th November we took part in the Camden School games basketball tournament at Talacre sports centre. Both teams played some excellent basketball during the qualifying rounds to progress to the A tournament finals. The girls worked tirelessly in defence to secure an excellent third placed finish. The boys played some excellent basketball but unfortunately had one game where they didn't quite play to the standards they are capable of and finished in 4th. Well done to all the team who had prepared really well in after School practice this year.

Well done Arjuna - 18th in London at Cross Country!

Well done to Arjuna in year 5 who finished 18th in the London Youth Games Cross country at Parliament Hill in November. What's even more impressive was that he was the first finisher for team Camden and was running against year 6 pupils!!

Capital kids cricket tournament at Lords cricket ground.



**CAPITAL
KIDS
CRICKET**
Est. 1989

For the first time this year we entered the Capital kids cricket indoor tournament at Lords cricket ground on Friday 13th December. This is a little out of sync with our usual calendar of events so we attended for experience with children being selected from those who had attended golden time cricket. As the only experienced player, Osman captained the team for the day and was great organising the bowlers and fielders. We were unlucky to miss out on winning 2 of our games by 2 runs and played well in others against more experienced players. The children had a great surprise at lunchtime when they spotted the England cricket team and got a few pictures with them! See who they met on the next page.

England cricket team!!!



Joe Root



Jofra Archer

Sam Curran



Sport for all



Football

The Year 5/6 children have been involved in Camden 'sport for all' football this term on Wednesday nights at Talacre Sport centre. The aim of these evenings is to give children a chance to experience playing football against other Schools in a very supportive environment. We've had some terrific games this year and excellent sportsman/womanship from all players involved. As always, we try to get as many children involved as possible so follow the golden rules and you may get an invite!





Arsenal primary stars



Were very grateful again to Arsenal for such wonderful support and inviting us to take part in their primary stars football sessions this half term. We have visited the Arsenal Hub on 3 occasions to play games against other schools whilst learning about the importance of playing the game fairly, having respect for other players and listening to officials. The Children have been amazed at the quality of the Hub indoor football pitch which has been great for developing their skills. Well done to Tommy who managed to get two excellence stickers for describing the importance of being a good team member and following the rules.



SCHOOL GAMES



Mixed benchball



On 9th and 16th October the children from year 3/4 attended the CSSA mixed benchball competition. In this competition 2 children from each school are mixed with children from other schools. This is a great way for the children to have fun and enjoy themselves whilst making new friends. It's always great to see how many of our children are nominated for a special award in various teams due to their excellent conduct and playing fairly. We also had quite a few children who were members of the top 3 teams on the night and got team medals. Well done all the children who took part.



CSSA football league



The Year 5/6 children have been involved in the CSSA football league this term and have one game to play after Christmas. The standard has been extremely high this year and we have found the games quite tough but still enjoyable. Sometimes the difference has been down to other teams being better at finishing chances in front of goal or defensive mix ups given good teams easy chances. I can't fault the children for their efforts and feel that we have played some nice football at times which hasn't always been reflected in our results. A number of both teams are in year 5 so will hopefully benefit from this years experience and be ready to improve next season. Well done to all players for such resilience throughout all games.



Mixed Dodgeball



On Wednesday 24th September and 2nd October year 3-4 pupils attended the CSSA mixed dodgeball competition. In this tournament 2 children from each school are mixed together and they play against other teams. The children were a credit to Beckford with a number of them being nominated by staff from other schools for their excellent conduct and how hard they worked alongside other pupils. In one game Hugo was the last player left and had to take on an entire team on his own!!!! Brilliant play Hugo. It was also memorable for the child who shared with me that he has a chocolate coffee machine at home. Name and address withheld for fear of a stampede in the early hours of a working morning!!!



**SCHOOL
GAMES**

Year 3/4 CSSA inter-School benchball



Year 4 played their first competitive inter schools benchball competitions on Wednesday 27th November and 4th December. Our first week proved to be a tough one due to train cancellations on the overground meaning we had to wait for a long time and then walk from Gospel Oak to Talacre sport centre. As usual Ms Schafer put her navigation skills into use and got us there with 3 minutes to go before we had to play our first game! With no chance to warm up or have a team talk the early games proved to be tough. The children were brilliant and gradually improved throughout the tournament finishing 5th out of the 10 Schools. In week 2 the journey was much smoother with the teams having time to warm up and time to talk about how we could be successful. Team 2 were very unlucky not to progress to the semi finals having only lost one out of 5 games whilst team 1 won every game to progress. They followed this with a semi final win to progress into the final against Primrose Hill. The final was very close with the scores being level at 2-2 and Beckford nearly scoring 3 times! Primrose Hill then battled back to make it 3-2 and as we tried to level the game in the last few seconds scored another to win 4-2. Well done to Jaheem, Mason, Karam, Daisy, Nagwa and Rhea for such outstanding attacking and defending during the tournament.



Year 5/6 Camden quick sticks hockey tournament



A select group of year 5 children attended the quicksticks hockey tournament this half term. This was the first time we had entered and did so for experience which will hopefully benefit them next year when we enter again. As expected we found it quite tough against other schools who had teams who were older and more experience but the children thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and played lots of games. Thanks to Anthony and Ms Bell for taking the children.



Camden Target Sports



SCHOOL GAMES

In November our 'Change for life' sports club attended Camden target sports event at Talacre Sports centre. The Camden sports team made it a fun and exciting day for all the children who were very happy and all returned to school with a smile on their faces. The 'change for life' club takes place every Tuesday lunchtime from 12.30-1pm for a select group of pupils from years 4-6. The aim is to give the children an extra opportunity to be active and get fit in a very inclusive and supportive environment.



SCHOOL GAMES

Camden Target Sports



Intra class sports competitions

The figures below show the percentage of children who have been offered at least one opportunity to participate in inter School sport for Beckford. I have a list of children who haven't had an invite yet and hope to get as many of them as possible involved in 2020. Remember, follow the golden rules and hopefully you'll get a letter.

Year 6 = 100%



*Year 4 =
100%*

Year 3 = 70%

Year 5 = 93%



Intra class sports competitions

The intra-class competitions have continued this half term with benchball. Year 5/6 demonstrated some great passing and moving in their games with quite a few players picking up bonus points for excellent conduct and playing fairly. Year 3-4 have just started benchball so the scores below are only for dodgeball.

Amazing amazon!!!

Year 6 scores

Amazon 540

Congo 430

Nile 440



Momentous Mississippi!!!

Year 5 scores

Mississippi 530

Yangtze 480

Ganges 490



Radiant Rhine!!!

Year 4 scores

Rhine 240

Seine 230

Danube 230



Magnificent Mersey!!!

Year 3 scores

Thames 260

Mersey 290

Trent 270



Sports fixtures

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY - YEAR 5/6 SPORT FOR ALL GIRLS FOOTBALL AT TALACRE 3-5.40PM

THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY - CAMDEN YEAR 5/6 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT SOMERSTOWN SPORTS CENTRE 9-3.30PM

TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY - YEAR 4-6 INCLUSIVE ATHLETICS AT TALACRE SPORTS CENTRE 9-1PM

TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY - CAMDEN YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL LEAGUE AT TALACRE SPORTS CENTRE 3-5.30PM

WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY - YEAR 3 BOYS/GIRLS DODGEBALL AT TALACRE 3-5.45PM

WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY - YEAR 5/6 BADMINTON AT TALACRE SPORTS CENTRE 3-5.45PM.

WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY - YEAR 5 DODGEBALL AT TALACRE SPORTS CENTRE 3-5.45PM

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - CAMDEN YEAR 3-4 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION AT TALACRE SPORTS CENTRE 3-5.45PM

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY - YEAR 4-6 INCLUSIVE GYMNASTICS AT TALACRE SPORTS CENTRE 9-1PM

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY - CAMDEN YEAR 5-6 SPORT FOR ALL, SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION AT TALACRE SPORTS CENTRE 3-5.45PM

Sports fixtures

This is a provisional list which is subject to change. Selected pupils will receive a letter from Mr Purcell approximately a week before the event.

I'm still trying to give as many pupils as possible a chance to represent Beckford at Sport so please watch out for those letters in bags! Please remember to return letters promptly to the office or Mr Purcell. If your child can't attend please return the letter to Mr Purcell so that another child can be given the opportunity to take part.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes

Mr Purcell