



DIGGING DEEPER INTO LEARNING

Becket Keys Church of England School staff and students enjoyed a fantastic day of learning today with visitors joining us from various organisations and every student 'off timetable'.

In Year 7, the enrichment day was called 'Digging Deeper' with students experiencing a day of learning about how we humans have developed an understanding of the past through archaeology and geology. Historians from Chelmsford Museum led students in what they call a 'blanket dig'. Dr Paul Taylor joined us from the Natural History Museum to talk about fossils and what they can tell us about ancient life. He also helped students to investigate their own fossils.

Year 8 students had a day of inspiration from their tutors. They spent the day looking at the importance of entrepreneurial enterprise and examining how their future careers may be to work as innovators in what is probably the largest caring organisation in the world: the National Health Service.

Students gained a great deal from the activities and we would like to thank those who came to assist with this excellent day.



New classrooms for 21st Century learning

Phase 2 of refurbishment: DONE

We celebrated the completion of phase 2 of the refurbishment works with a small celebration today. Guests who so far had not had a chance to see the completed works were invited to join our MP, Eric Pickles today. We were also delighted to be joined by Bishop John Wraw and Brentwood Mayor Councillor Madeline Henwood.

Students gave tours and our choir and orchestra prepared a number of musical items for guests to enjoy in the new Becket Bistro, while others assisted by serving drinks and canapés to the guests. These included various local ministers, clergy, business leaders and, of course, the enormous team of

contractors, architects, surveyors and advisers who have made the £4.5million refurbishment possible.

Mr Pickles spoke of the importance of Free Schools to communities and of his pride in having the largest Free School in the country in his constituency.

Mr Scott-Evans thanked those who had worked so hard to complete the project and gave the assembled guests an insight into the distinctive nature of our school.

Father Colin (our parish priest) finished with a prayer of blessing. It was a fantastic occasion and a time to reflect on God's faithful goodness to our school.

SPORTS NEWS

A bumper week of netball this week with several reports (below), but before that, we are pleased to report that we have enjoyed our first experience of girls' hockey!



Hockey

U13 Hockey V Chelmer Valley High School

The year 7s and 8s played together against Chelmer Valley on Tuesday. For some of the girls, it was their first taste of 7 aside hockey. The girls lost 3-0 against a talented year 8 team, however they showed promise and have the potential to develop if they can commit to training every week.

Y7 GIRLS' NETBALL



Year 7 V Brentwood School

On Friday afternoon the year 7 A, B and C teams went across the road to the Brentwood School for a competitive game of netball! A great time was had by all (despite the rain on the way back!) and our girls remained determined and never gave up trying. The final scores were:

A team 6 - 12 Brentwood

B team 1 - 7 Brentwood

C team 2 - 9 Brentwood

After some team tactics and a shuffle of positions, the A team made great progress, drawing 1-1 with Brentwood for the last quarter of the match!

Y7 GIRLS' NETBALL



Year 7 V Great Baddow

Congratulations to the B team who beat Great Baddow 4-2 this week in a close match.

The girls worked well together and have improved their marking skills! Hannah Lynn defended very well and Jasmine Atkinson demonstrated some great shooting skills!

The C team just missed out on drawing, due to a late goal from Great Baddow which made the score 1-0.

Well done to the enthusiasm and effort that all girls are demonstrating at fixtures and at training.

Y7/8 GIRLS' NETBALL



Year 7 and 8 V St John Payne

The year 7 B team played a very close match, just missing out with a score of 5-4 to St John Payne - keep training hard girls - we are making progress!

The year 8 B team could not dominate and lost 16-11, however Tilly Driscoll and Lucy Uwins played well together in attack! Mr Fenn has noticed a good level of improvement since the girls played in year 7 - so well done girls!

SPORTS NEWS continued

Year 7 Boys Rugby – Becket Keys 14 Plume 24

Becket Keys were unlucky to lose to a good Plume team on Tuesday. Despite competing well for the majority of the game, missed first tackles at key moments cost the team in the end.

Outstanding solo tries were scored by Luke Savage and Haydn Ince. Ben Cooper made some great off-loads in the tackle and Charlie Johnson was the stand-out defender. The team are hoping to continue to build on the great progress they have made since the start of the year!

FOBK Quiz Night

Tickets for the inaugural Friends of Becket Keys (FOBK) Quiz Night are selling fast! We have a few tables left. This will be our first ever fund raising event and we want to get your support. Please put together a team and come along for a fun quiz (18+ only).

More details from the office: 01277 286600.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Year 8 students (and lots of parents!!!) got baking this week for Children In Need. We held a cake sale today at lunchtime (as if there wasn't enough on already!) to support the Children in Need appeal. Our thanks to all those who sent cakes in to school and supported the charity in this way. It was an excellent sale and we will add up how much was raised and tell you next week.

SCHOOL JUMPERS

Our school uniform supplier has asked us to remind parents/carers that the laundry advice needs to be followed to maintain the quality of the fabrics in our school jumpers particularly. In general, the advice is to wash items inside out on a low temperature WITHOUT fabric softener. Any questions can be directed to SmartyPants who will be best placed to deal with these.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

As last year, we are organising a Christmas concert for our school community on the evening of 16th December. We will be announcing more details soon, including how to get tickets, but please keep the date free. Students in the choirs and orchestras will play with a professional brass band for a truly festive feel!

CHRISTMAS DISCO

FOBK are organising a Christmas disco for students on Tuesday 17th December. A ticket will only cost £5 and will include disco, party food and drinks. Please save the date this is sure to be a very popular event.

LOST PROPERTY

The following items are not named. Please contact reception to collect:

OZU black/blue jacket
Blue key and Black key on a plain keyring
1 pair of boys' black school shoes
1 black/blue pair of size 7 trainers
1 bag containing green towel
Sainsbury's bag with furry boots and a top in
Prostar GA Coat
George black coat
1 pair of girls' black school shoes
6 silver keys on a plain key ring
Black wallet
Street Code pencil case
'How to speak Dragonese' book
1 Kilt
Grey Nike fleece
Red Nike bottle
Predator shin pads
Kids of Steel drawstring bag
Havering Borough Council grey track suit
1 small rugby top
Pair of Black Vans size 7

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact office (proceeds to school fund)

Boys' Blazer size 28"	£10
Purple Reversible PE top 26/28"	£5
Skort 22/24"	£5
Jumpers (4) size 30"	£5
Jumper size 28"	£5
Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50
Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50

UNIFORM

Thinking of buying a school coat? It must be black and must not have a large logo on it.

Similarly, if you are thinking of buying a new school bag, we would strongly recommend using our school badged bags. However, if you wish to buy a black bag of a different design it must conform to our uniform policy.

Please check our uniform policy here:

www.becketkeys.org/uniform.php

ABSENCE LINE

We are pleased to inform you that we now have a dedicated Student Absence line.

If your child is absent from school due to illness please phone 01277 286612 before 8.30am on every day of absence.



You will be able to leave a short message on the answer phone stating your son/daughter's name, form and reason for absence.

You can also notify us of absence by emailing: office@becketkeys.org

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PRAYER

Our prayer meetings are on Tuesdays at 11:30am. Anyone from the Becket Keys Church of England School community is welcome to join us (parents, other relatives, friends of the school etc).

Please send any prayer requests to: office@becketkeys.org. If you wish to join our prayer mailing list to receive a regular update of issues to pray for, you can also email us.

PARENTS' EVENING

25th November.

7 minute appointment with form teacher (or other teacher who knows your son/daughter well).

Students attend in school uniform with parents.

Progress report and targets are discussed.

Plenty of opportunity for questions and support.

Dates for your Diary

21st Nov	Y8 Theatre Trip: War Horse
25th Nov	Y7 & Y8 Parents' Evening
16th Dec	Christmas Concert
17th Dec	Christmas Disco

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