



DEPOSITS ‘FLY IN’ FOR BUSHCRAFT

Becket Keys Church of England School students are signing up in their droves for the Year 7 Bushcraft Trip this week. The trip, which takes place in May next year, will take our students and staff to Cornbury Park in Oxfordshire which is the largest privately owned woodland in the country for a weekend of bushcraft training.

The well established and highly respected ‘Bushcraft Company’ will be hosting us for the weekend and will train our students in key elements of bushcraft: building and lighting fires, creating shelters, cooking over open fires, freshwater swimming, orienteering, emergency first aid and trap setting.

With the full cost of the trip set at only £155, deposits of £50 are coming in quickly and students are already discussing the important matters like: ‘who will be in whose tent?!’*

When designing the trip we wanted a challenge for our year 7 students and we certainly got one last year! This trip takes everyone out of their comfort zone and into the world of ‘Duke of Edinburgh’ type experiences. It is, we believe, an important first foray for many into life skills that are sometimes now overlooked or forgotten.



THE BUSHCRAFT
COMPANY



Deposits must be in by 29th November

A note from the head teacher

There are two reasons why I think that I really enjoy writing the news letter each week.

Firstly, it gives me the opportunity to stop and reflect on the past seven days. This is something that I think, in schools, we sometimes do not do enough of. We need to get better at stopping and recognising the incredible journey we are on with our students. What they experience and learn in any given week is marvellous to behold. This week, for example, I have seen students learning about mitosis and meiosis in science, how to draw intricate characters in Mandarin, Charles I in history and ‘Romeo & Juliet’ in English. They have been to the theatre in year 8 to see ‘War Horse’ and a small group have been to see ‘GSUS Live’ at Mayflower School in Billericay (see page 3). And I have not even started on the various extra

curricular activities that have been open to them once again this week...

Secondly, it gives me a chance to look forward and start to get excited about where we are going next. Be it the Bushcraft Trip, a Christmas Concert, a Eucharist or simply the next rugby fixture, there is so much to look forward to all the time.

I hope that this weekend you will do a similar thing for yourself. Stop for a moment and take stock of what you have achieved in one week alone. Thank Our Lord for his many blessings to you and your family. Then look ahead and consider all that lies in store for you. Concentrate on the positives and the opportunities; God will help you with the challenges!

Mr Scott-Evans

SPORTS NEWS

As we have seen this week the weather has turned much colder; students should ensure they are equipped with the appropriate kit for lessons.

Miss Webb says, "It is up to you to ensure that you have brought plain black tracksuit bottoms and your

purple Becket Keys hoodie in addition to your usual shorts/skorts and tops. You may also wear an 'under layer' although this must be neutral (plain black/white/grey or purple). You may also want to bring gloves to wear too (sport depending)."

Y7 BOYS' FOOTBALL



Becket Keys 1 – 1 St John Payne

Becket Keys produced a great first half performance of slick, passing football, which saw us go in 1-0 up at half-time.

Unfortunately, the team could not sustain this in the second half, and conceded a soft last-minute equaliser.

Mr Wray said: "The team are determined to work on their fitness levels and positional discipline to build on this improved performance!"

BOYS SWIMMING



The boys competed really well overall, in what was for many, their first ever swimming gala.

Stand out performers were Oliver Legon in Year 7 (Brentwood and District Schools' Champion – Year 7 Butterfly and Runner Up in Individual Medley) and Oscar Warriner in Year 8 (3rd in Year 8 Freestyle).

Many of the team are focussed on training for next year to further improve on this excellent performance.

BASKETBALL

Y7 girls' tournament

On Monday, Becket Keys hosted a year 7 girls' basketball tournament which involved over 60 pupils from local schools participating!

It was fantastic to see so many students having fun and playing competitively.

Our year 8 boys officiated the matches and were a credit to the school. There were two pools with the 7A team finishing fourth out of six and the 7B team finishing joint third. There were some great performances, the teams passed well and Sydney Macaulay and Olivia Horne scored some excellent shots.

Y8 boys' v Baddow

The year 8 boys' basketball team lost their first ever Essex cup game on Tuesday evening to Great Baddow.

Despite scoring first, our hosts dominated throughout the game. Their shot success rate was extremely high which was the reason for their high score. Our boys' attitude and determination was spot on. Even when the game was out of reach, we encouraged each other and scored some lovely fluent plays including a couple of set plays that we have been working on in training. The squad have identified areas of their play they need to work on. The final score was 76-36.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

A parent contacted us on Thursday afternoon to state that two girls from Becket Keys had been approached by a man at 3.38pm after school. They were waiting on the corner of Tree Tops to be collected. The man was asking them questions about Becket Keys, but when their mother arrived, he walked away quickly which the mother thought was suspicious. The man was described as being 50–60 yrs old, grey/black curly hair which was short and bushy on top, black/grey bushy eye brows, wearing dark rimmed glasses and a dull green long mac/coat. Police were informed and PC Tansley made a search of the area – but no one meeting the description was seen. Becket Keys staff will be patrolling the area for the next few days. As always, we advise students who are concerned to come back to school, stay in groups and approach other students/parents for help if they are anxious.

OTHER NOTICES

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). You can also come and join in with a table if you cannot put a full team together. Come along and meet other parents.

More details from the office: 01277 286600.

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.

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Come and join us for a Christmas Eucharist on 18th December at St Thomas' Church. You can walk up with the students or meet us there. Stay for a tea or coffee in the church centre afterwards.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening is taking place on Monday 25th November. You will have received appointment details. You will meet with a member of staff (probably your son/daughter's tutor or a teacher who knows your child well) and discuss a report which you will also be given on the night. Students should attend in full school uniform and be prepared to discuss elements of their learning.

NO HOMEWORK CLUB ON MONDAY

Parents' evening on Monday 25th November means no homework club.

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
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
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
1 kilt
1 black snood
1 silver flower bracelet
1 black glasses case
1 black Slazenger bag with clothes inside
'The Strongest Girl In The World' Book

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.

Dates for your Diary

25th Nov	Y7 & Y8 Parents' Evening
16th Dec	Christmas Concert
17th Dec	Christmas Disco
18th Dec	School Christmas Eucharist St Thomas' Church 10:45

You can keep up to date with a daily tweet from Becket Keys by following us on Twitter: @BecketKeys.

