



DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION VISIT

Becket Keys Church of England School received a visit from Scott Walker on Tuesday this week. Scott undertook a wide range of activities to gain a good understanding of our school's strengths and areas for development; we were delighted with his feedback and support.

Scott had a tour of the school, spoke to a large students' panel, interviewed parents, staff and governors, observed lessons, looked at books and interrogated the school's leadership team.

An official report will be written up for the school's governors which will help us prepare for the forthcoming OfSTED inspection but Scott stayed to give a verbal report to the governing body at the end of day.

Mr Scott-Evans said "I'd like to thank Scott for his time and his insightful comments. It was a very uplifting day."

If you were not selected for the parents' panel but would like to have an opportunity to talk about our school there are two forthcoming opportunities to do this. See page 2 for more details.



High quality teaching recognised by DfE

A note from the head teacher

This week we have commenced our daily Advent prayers and reflections. Every day, students are encouraged to take some time to meditate and reflect. We have taught these spiritual skills and through the simple acts of lighting a candle and sitting in silence we are giving everyone the opportunity to prepare their hearts and minds for the true meaning of Christmas.

This week, we have read many of Old Testament prophecies about The Messiah and specifically about his birth and we have studied the character of Joseph.

Joseph was a man of great integrity and an excellent example of a man who lived out his values. Even before the Angel visited him, he was being respectful to Mary and doing the

responsible thing and not disgracing her.

We reflected on our own responses to difficult circumstances and how at times we allow struggles and problems to affect our values. Joseph did not let this happen; he was stronger than we perhaps give him credit for. Once he had heard from God he was also quick to change and adapt. How often are we slow to do this?

As a school, we seek to hold on to our values whatever the circumstances and with an open heart and mind we are always listening to God and we aim to respond quickly to his call.

Andy Scott-Evans

Head Teacher

OTHER NEWS

PARENTAL FEEDBACK

We are seeking your views in two ways at the moment:

1. Via OfSTED's '[parent view](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)' website: www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk
2. At our forthcoming parent café Friday 13th December 2pm. Come along and speak to members of the senior leadership team and other staff in the Conference Room. Please book by sending an email to office@becketkeys.org. We look forward to seeing you there.



FOBK QUIZ

Thanks again to Mrs White for organising our inaugural Quiz Night and for all those parents who came along. It was especially kind of you to allow the staff to come a respectable second! Thank you! You will be pleased to hear that this event raised over £400 for the school. The next fundraising event for FOBK is the Students' Christmas Disco (see below).

RET TEACHER GATHERINGS

All of the RET Lead Teachers of English gathered at Becket Keys on Thursday to see Patricia Taylor (RET Senior Adviser) and to discuss how the four RET schools can work together on delivering outstanding English lessons. The expert team of teachers shared good practice, planning and assessment strategies and examined work samples for moderation purposes. Ms Endicott said, "I have not worked with a sponsor like this before. RETs expertise coupled with the opportunity to work with colleagues in a truly collaborative way was extremely helpful."

In a similar way all the RET Lead Teachers of PE gathered here on Friday. Mr Fenn met with the four other PE Lead Teachers and worked with Ritchie Emerson (RET Adviser) on best practice for outstanding planning, progress and assessment strategies. Mr Emerson said, "The PE department at Becket Keys has continued to go from strength to strength. It is very exciting to see what is happening here. My congratulations to this hard working team."

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Seats are selling out fast for the Christmas Carol Concert (Monday 16th December). Please collect tickets from the school office as soon as possible. With a small brass band accompanying our own large orchestra and choir it promises to be a lovely evening. Come prepared to sing along and enjoy some festive music. There are 300 seats available for the concert so we have limited tickets to 3 per family. Closing date: 10th December (noon).

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.

SPORTS NEWS

OLIVER LEGON SWIMMING SUCCESS!

Super Y7 swimmer Oliver Legon recently saw his ongoing hard work and practice pay off in a very challenging club competition. We were delighted to hear that Oliver competed in three races and won a medal in every single one!

His time for 50m freestyle was so fast he has qualified for the Essex Championships in February! Oliver also gained medals in 200m individual medley and the 50m back stroke.

Other keen swimmers have been entering our swimming gala trials by signing up this week.

The trial is taking place on Tuesday 10th December. This is open to all swimmers who would like to represent the school in swimming galas.

We are looking for 40/50 swimmers (Boys and Girls, Year 7 and Year 8) for the trials.

BOYS' RUGBY



Year 8 V Fitzwimarc

The year 8 boys played against an experienced team on Tuesday afternoon. Our boys competed really well for the majority of the game against a very good and well organised school.

Ryan Gamble and Tom Walker put in great performances. Mr Wray said, "The team faded towards the end of the game with the final score being 42-60 to Fitzwimarc, however the boys are focussed to improve their fitness and individual defence. We are very proud of the progress they are making."

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Year 7 V Great Baddow

The year 7 girls played in their second basketball match of the term against Great Baddow. The girls worked exceptionally hard with Olivia Horne and Sydney Macaulay producing some excellent lay-ups and Scarlett Mellor and Divine Okwuosa demonstrating some good blocking skills.

The final score was 42-26, which considering this was against a tough side is very promising! Girls please remember that we have a fantastic basketball coach (Big Fen) who runs free training sessions on a Wednesday morning at 7.15 - be there!

Y8 GIRLS' FOOTBALL



5 a side tournament

On Monday Becket Keys hosted a 5 a side football tournament with the local Brentwood schools.

Becket Keys beat Anglo European 1-0 with a goal from Claire Ransley, but other games proved hard to win.

Overall we finished 4th out of 5 teams. A greater commitment to training is required to ensure we can have more success!

Mr Fenn and Miss Webb want to see as many girls as possible for training on a Tuesday lunchtime!

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 inside
Prostar GA Coat
George Black Coat
1 pair of black girls' school shoes
6 silver keys on a plain key ring
Black wallet
Street Code pencil case
1 Kilt
Grey Nike fleece
Predator shin pads
Black Slazenger bag with clothes in
Havering Borough Council grey track suit
1 small rugby top
1 patterned navy glove
2 Becket Keys slipovers
Brass front door key
1 Blazer
Grey woollen hat
Black Atmosphere Coat
Black glasses case
Simpsons door key on a Harry Potter keyring with a St Thomas' memory stick.

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

Girls must have their hair tied back at all times and are not allowed to wear makeup apart from a small amount of concealer or foundation to cover spots!

No eye makeup, no lip stick, no nail varnish.

Our office does keep a stock of wipes, but we should not need to use these!

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.

The whole school will be saying daily advent prayers over the next few weeks to help us all reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

Dates for your Diary

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.

