



HUGE RESPONSE TO RECRUITMENT

Becket Keys Church of England School has been advertising in the national and local press for new teachers again over the last few weeks and we have received in excess of 300 applications.

The school will hold the interviews next week with students, staff and governors heavily involved in the process. In addition, our sponsor RET (Russell Education Trust) will provide observation expertise and quality assurance throughout.

Students will be involved in the observation part of the process. First and foremost, they will be taught in the lessons and experiencing different teachers but also providing feedback to the panel.

Governors and staff will be in the formal interviews with colleagues from RET. RET will also provide experienced OfSTED trained advisors to observe all the candidates teaching. As in previous years, every teacher must teach a good/outstanding lesson.

We will be appointing around 8 new teachers next week to accommodate the increased student numbers for 2014.



Mr Scott-Evans ready to welcome applicants next week

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Our annual church service to celebrate Education Sunday took place at St Thomas' Church last Sunday, 26th January 2014.

It was wonderful to offer thanks and prayers for the life and work of Becket Keys, St Thomas' Infant and Junior School, Jigsaw Pre School and all people associated with them.

This year's theme was history. I would like to offer a special thanks to Evan Barnes, Tyler Christian, Eden Hatch, Sophie Morgan Haywood, Oliver Legon, Daisy Mess and Jamie Wilson who offered their learning to God, contributed to prayers and

were candle bearers for communion.

Most churches celebrate [Education Sunday](#) around this time of year with the official day being 16th February. It is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in schools. Please join with us in praying for Becket Keys Church of England School and the other schools in Brentwood.

**Mr Scott-Evans
Head Teacher**

OTHER NEWS

SAINSBURY'S TOKENS

Please collect Sainsbury's tokens for our local schools. They make a huge difference to schools and can help purchase some useful sports equipment. Please send them in with your son/daughter and we will have collection bins in our reception area.

FAMILY QUIZ

Come and enjoy another Friends of Becket Keys Quiz on Friday 14th March! This time it's a family quiz. So students can come this time and choose to either work together, to take on their parents, or compete as a family to beat all comers!

Further details will be coming out soon, but please make a note of the date now. This promises to be an excellent event.

Why not contact a few other families and start to prepare your 'dream team'? Do you dare to take on a table of Becket Keys' students?! Or will you need your children on your team?



To add to the excitement we are looking for some excellent raffle prizes from the Becket Keys Church of England School community. If you own your own business, would you consider donating a voucher for your service/shop/restaurant? Do you happen to be close friends with the rich and famous? Could you ask about a signed photo or prize? Perhaps you could donate a particularly good bottle of wine?

We are really keen to see this event become one of THE big highlights of the FOBK year and expect tickets to sell fast. So start putting your team together and come out for a great fun, entertaining and competitive quiz!

Please bring any raffle prize donations to reception.

SPRING BALL

The Friends of Becket Keys Spring Ball will take place on Saturday 10th May at [De Rougemont Manor Hotel](#). More details will follow next week.

CRACK THE CODE AND GET INTO THE SAFE!

Students from Science Club are working hard to crack a four digit numerical code to access the contents of a safe!

Mr Conway's latest idea for science club is proving to be both extremely enjoyable and challenging for our high flying scientists!

Mr Conway explained: "The Year 7 and 8 students had to perform four neutralisation reactions. A known concentration of acid was tested on 4 unknown concentrations of alkali with a fixed volume. The volume of acids needed to neutralise each alkali held the combination required to open the safe with the final combination being the sum of all four combinations."



All students are showing tremendous skill at titrations. However, the contents of the safe remain a mystery!



SPORTS NEWS

INDOOR ATHLETICS

The Year 7 and 8 boys athletics teams competed outstandingly well in an indoor tournament against all the other Brentwood schools last week. Both the Year 7 and Year 8 teams experienced great success in winning their tournaments overall! Jesse Agunsoye, Tom Walker, Adoniz Oluwasanya and Freddie Mattock all performed magnificently in their individual heats. The boys are looking forward to progressing to the Essex competition later in the year. Can Becket Keys improve on their third place finish last year?

The girls competed in their events this week – we are still awaiting the results!

YEAR 7 RUGBY

Becket Keys 5 : 26 Chelmer Valley High School

The boys gave their all and played in good spirit, but came up against a really strong, running side. Try of the game went to Luke Savage for his great run and finish. Tackle of the game went to Ben Cooper for his outstanding effort on the try-line. The boys are working hard on Wednesday evenings to improve their work in contact situations.



YEAR 7 INTER-HOUSE NETBALL

The competition was extremely close! Well done to all the students involved in the house sport competition; the tournament ran really smoothly due to good organisation from the sports representatives. Congratulations to the runners up 7EW and to the overall Year 7 house netball winners 7PP.

YEAR 8 INTER-HOUSE DANCE

This was also very close house competition. There were some really creative dances and students performed exceptionally well. There was only one point between 1st and 2nd place! Students were judged on use of space, types of movement, performance quality, timing and creativity. Congratulations to Cara Tait, Farran Deal and Lily Wright in 8AC who were the runners up and to Daisy Benson in 8FS, the overall winner.



MORE SPORTS NEWS

U16 MILANO TEAM GYMNASTICS

On 1st February, Becket Keys students took part in the first gymnastics competition in the school's history. Both the boys' and the girls' teams had put in a great deal of practice for the competition in which each competitor had to take part in a group routine and perform an individual floor routine and a vault. The boys came 4th in their competition and the girls came 8th.

Both groups performed extremely well in every event, but a particular mention should go to Rhiannon Barden who gained the highest overall individual score of the Becket Keys students.



The competition was an U16 competition, so the students did extremely well to compete with other students who were 4–5 years older than them. Miss Honey is extremely proud of all the students who took part for their dedication and performance. The students are now working towards their next competition which takes place on 5th March (the U14 regional floor and vault).

U13 GIRLS' INDOOR CRICKET COMPETITION

Eight girls from Becket Keys Church of England School competed in their first indoor cricket competition. Inspired by a recent visit from two of the England Ladies' Cricket Team, our girls performed very well and achieved an impressive 2nd place, narrowly missing out on going to finals day.

Our girls won their first game against Saffron Walden by 17 runs, with standout performances with the ball from Sydney Macaulay and Lauren Pamenter who bowled two maiden overs.

Lauren and Hannah McCarthy opened the batting against Hall Mead and both scored 15 and had to retire. Hannah hit Becket Keys' only 6 of the tournament. Unfortunately, the match was lost due to a very good bowling spell from their number 6 bowler who prevented Becket Keys from scoring any runs.

The girls came back from the tournament having really enjoyed themselves and are extremely positive. For our next training session, the girls have made the decision they need to work on their catching, as throughout the whole tournament no catches were taken.

LOST PROPERTY

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

Becket Keys Blazer
Becket Keys PE top
Becket Keys Rugby Top
Becket Keys Hoodie with JS initials in
Becket Keys Scarf
2 x Becket Keys grey slippers size 34"
Black Anorak
TU Dark Blue Jacket
Nike Black Gillet
Next Black Jacket
Barbour Black Jacket
Red/Black Memory stick
Black Nike scarf
Blue/white snowflake woollen hat
Black buckle belt
1 grey fingerless glove
Black West Ham hat
Green bottle
Long Keyring chain with 2 keys on
Gold Birch padlock
Silver padlock
Pink Gum shield with case
2 pairs of Nike pink/white trainers
Black checked scarf
Black umbrella
Pink umbrella
'Little Brown Bag' with pink lunch box inside
Black Sennheiser Headphones
Black Glasses case

Please check whether your son/daughter has taken Tyrone Kelly's new Berghaus black coat home by mistake. It has his name in it.

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact office (proceeds to school fund)

Boys' Blazer size 28"	£10
Purple Reversible PE top (2) 26/28"	£5
Skort 22/24"	£5
Jumpers (4) size 30"	£5
Grey slipover size 28"	£5
Grey slipover size 30"	£5
Boys' trousers age 11/12	£5
Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50
Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50
Hoodie (Medium)	£5
Girls' Blouse Banner size 28"	£3
Girls' Blazer 16"	£5

UNIFORM

Girls may wear a single small earring in both ear



lobes. It must be plain gold or silver.

NO TIPPEX

Students do not need correction fluid. Moreover, it is not allowed on the school site and must be left at home. Instead, students who wish to be really neat can use correction tape. Our preference, however, is simply to draw a single line through mistakes!



NOTICES

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 leave a message here if your son/daughter is going to be late.

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

AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Please remember to contact us as early as possible, if you think that you need to take your son/daughter out of school for an appointment or special occasion (exceptional circumstance). We are generally unable to authorise any absence during school time, but we will consider exceptional circumstances (e.g. a teacher would be allowed to take paid leave for such an appointment or special occasion).

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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.

NO MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that mobile phones are not to be seen or heard at Becket Keys! Please do not 'message' your son/daughter during the day! If you need to contact them, the only way is after 3:20pm. In the event of an emergency, the office can pass on a message.

Students who are using their phones during the day will discuss with us the logical consequence for their actions which may include the staff member keeping the mobile until the next day. We will endeavour to contact parents by telephone or text if a student's mobile is confiscated.

Dates for your Diary

17th – 21st Feb	Half-term holiday
24th Feb	INSET Day
4th,5th,6th Mar	<i>Joseph!</i> Performances
11th Mar	Year 7 Parents' Evening
20th Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening
7th – 21st Apr	Easter Holiday
5th May	Bank Holiday

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

