



MAKE YOUR FIRST CHINESE FRIEND

OPPORTUNITY

Becket Keys Church of England School now has a link with a school in Taiwan and our students have the opportunity to make friends with a Chinese pen pal!

We have received around fifty postcards from the students in Taiwan who have been learning English for three years and are keen to show off their skills.



REASON FOR WRITING

Our students are obviously at a much earlier stage in their learning of Chinese Mandarin, but having a reason for writing is always a key motivator.

REGISTER INTEREST

Students wishing to register their interest should do so with Miss Cheng, who will be running the postcard writing club

TAIWAN CALLING!

on Monday 31st March between 12:40pm and 1:10pm and Tuesday 1st April between 12:40pm and 1:10pm.

Students can choose the time that best suits them when they sign up with Miss Cheng. Miss Cheng will use the opportunity to teach students more about

Taiwanese culture and traditions.

Who knows where the link may lead?!

OTHER NEWS

MATHEMATICS:

MANGA HIGH

Our school has been competing against hundreds of other schools from across England and the rest of the world in 'Manga High'. We recently went head-to-head in a 'Fai-To' against The Mountbatten School. Round 1 and 2 were won by them, but we came back in the 3rd round and won all subsequent rounds. Catherine Barker was the 3rd round hero, Ethan Hornett was the star in the 4th round, Josh Maxfield was superb in the 5th round and Karise Gunner won both the 6th and 7th rounds. Honourable mentions go to Daisy Benson and Jesse Agunsoye who also won us lots of points. Jesse is our top performer at present.

We reached a high of 6th place overall across the UK last week! We would like to see a top 5 position by Easter, but at the time of writing we had dropped out of the top 10. Get studying and get competing to see if we can regain our position!

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Team Competition

Next week, Mrs Rowan and Mr Fenn will take our mathematics team to compete in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust competition. The event, which takes place at Cambridge University, will set our students against some of the strongest schools in the country. The team have been training hard with Mrs Rowan each week and are confident that they are in good shape. We wish them well for this important occasion.

'JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT'

Last few seats remaining are now on sale for our exciting school play. Students can purchase tickets on behalf of their family at lunch time each day. It promises to be an amazing show; we look forward to seeing you there!

Adults: £4

Senior Citizen/Children £2

Under 8s Free



SPORTS NEWS

INTER HOUSE SPORT

The Year 8 inter-house basketball competition will be next week, in the sports hall, during lunchtimes. The girls' competition will be on Wednesday and the boys' will be on Thursday. Students, please check with your sports representatives to ensure you change and arrive at the correct time! Good luck to all involved!

We will publish the Year 7s inter-house badminton results from today's tournament in next week's newsletter.

Y7 BOYS' RUGBY

We travelled to Moulsham to play our last rugby game of the season this week. With several players making their debuts, we displayed good strength of character in many areas of the game. Fantastic tackles from William Sainsbury, Charlie Johnson, Ben Cooper and Mark Wilson helped to shore up our defence. We conceded 3 tries in the first half, but managed to consolidate our play in the second half. We were camped in their 22, for nearly 10 minutes, but just could not break down our opponents and get over the try line. Every minute played, our performance improved, but the final whistle came and unfortunately, we lost to a better team.

HYLANDS PARK CROSS COUNTRY

We took 32 Year 7&8 boys and girls to Hylands park for the Mid Essex School Sports Association (MESSA) cross country competition. Every student was a credit to the school, and showed great determination to perform to the best of their ability. We are still awaiting the final

results, but hope to have scored well. There were fantastic runs from Grace Burrell, Luke Savage, Daniel Ogunleye, Jack Buckland and Catherine Barker which contributed to the success of our teams, as well as determined sprint finishes from those students further down the order to boost our final team standings. Our Year 7 boys' team, who won the Brizes Park event, are certainly in the top 3 teams in Mid-Essex, with New Hall and KEGS showing similar results. We look forward to finding out how we got on.

SWEEPING THE TENNIS COURTS

20 volunteers helped to sweep the tennis courts in preparation for a more formal season of tennis this summer. It is great to see so many students wanting to help out, take responsibility and do their bit around the school to get the courts sorted after the winter. Special thanks go to the students, Miss Webb and Miss Rounding who gave up their lunchtime to sweep. We will sweep again on Monday, weather permitting.

1 court swept, 2 courts to go!



NO EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

All after school sports clubs are cancelled next week due to 'Joseph'. Before school clubs will run as usual. Lunchtime clubs will run on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Inter-house basketball is on Wednesday and Thursday.

LOST PROPERTY

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

Uniform

Becket Keys Jumper size 30"

Becket Keys Tie

Black PE shorts size 11/12

Becket Keys DT apron

Black M&S trousers age 12

Shoes / Trainers

School Shoe left foot size 8

Adidas Black / White Size 3 Astro boots

Black lace up shoes (size not visible)

Black girls flat shoes –

Atmosphere size 4

Black Velcro Shoes size 4

Red / Yellow Adidas Astro boots

Orange/Yellow Adidas Trainers

Coats

'Bench' jacket size 11/12

'Denim Co' Black gillet size 8

Reversible Stormstuff Navy Jacket

Black Anorak

Tammy Black Fur trimmed quilted coat

Miscellaneous

Grey umbrella

Black Nike dri-fit large shorts

Large blue drinks bottle

Black/Green F&F Fleece age 10/11

Black fleece lined tights

Jacqueline Wilson novel

Adidas Grey/Black striped

jogging bottoms size 24"

Peoples Republic Novel

Purple 'Stone Island' short

sleeved top size 10

Black memory stick – initials JM ?

Arsenal bootbag containing small fleece and two drinks bottles

Grey Nike Jogging bottoms

Red Bow

Set of keys found in car park on 1st March

Two keys on key ring (one green)

Gumshields x 2 in a black case

Brown Glasses

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

Jumpers (2) Size 34"

Grey slipover size 28" £5

Grey slipover size 30" £5

Boys' trousers age 11/12 £5

Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10 £1

Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10 £1

Hoodie (Medium) £5

Girls' Blouse Banner size 28" £3

Girls' Blazer Size 16 £5

Girls' Blazer 38" £6

Girls' Blazer 32" £10

Black Tracksuit Bottoms £2.50



COATS & BAGS

Student coats and bags must be black in line with our uniform policy.

BIKES

Please ensure your son/daughter has a helmet, if they are cycling to and from school.

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 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).

Families are not allowed to take holidays during term times and should not request to do so.

NOTICES

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

1st,2nd,3rd April	'Joseph' Performance
7th – 21st April	Easter Holiday
5th May	Bank Holiday
6th May	School Residential Meeting
23rd – 25th May	Bushcraft Trip (Year 7)
23rd – 26th May	Madrid Trip (Year 8)

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



CONTACT DETAILS

Becket Keys C.E. School
Sawyers Hall Lane
Brentwood
Essex
CM15 9DA

T: 01277 286600

office@becketkeys.org

www.becketkeys.org

@BecketKeys

