



CENTENARY CONCERT & EUCHARIST

On Tuesday night, Becket Keys Church of England School joined musical forces with St Peter's Primary School in a concert to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Peter and the Centenary of the Diocese of Chelmsford. The quality of musical performance from both schools was staggeringly good. Becket Keys' Choir, Boys' Choir and orchestra performed to a full house in St Peter's church. They delighted the audience with beautiful harmonies in 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', they got feet tapping with their rendition of 'Happy' and they brought tears to many an eye with their performance of 'Make You Feel My Love'.

**CONFIDENT BOYS' CHOIR**

The Boys' Choir, once again, impressed all present with Stevie Wonder's 'Heaven Help Us All', which showcased the solo skills of Ian, Oliver and Oscar. A solo was also performed by Alex Evans, whose stunning piano composition was a joy to listen to.

It was wonderful to watch the musical excellence of St Peter's students also, many of whom will be joining us next year; Mrs Kennard and Ms Endicott are already excited about recruiting the next generation into our musical groups!

Centenary Celebrations

Mr Scott-Evans said: "It was a dream come true for our schools to collaborate like this. Mr Gunn and I talked of these things when we established the school and to see it coming together this week was wonderful. I look forward to further opportunities like this."

"I'd like to congratulate the students of Becket Keys and pupils of St Peter's for all their musical contributions. It was excellent."

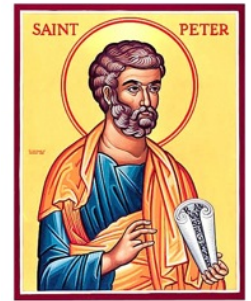
Thank you to Mrs Davidson, Mrs Straw and St Peter's, for inviting us to join in such a wonderful

celebration of music. The concert raised over £700 towards St Peter's festival funds. The money goes towards the church, the school and various charities.

Earlier in the day pupils from all the church schools in the Deanery had gathered for a Eucharist in St Peter's Church. This was a special service to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our Diocese. Our string group played as everyone arrived; Archie and Jamie brought forward a Becket Keys banner during the offertory.

OTHER NEWS

PATRONAL FESTIVAL



EUCCHARIST - 4th July 11am

The Patronal Festival Eucharist is at the heart of our Festival. We will celebrate our two Saints with a mass at St Thomas' Church on Friday 4th July at 11am. Fr Paul Hamilton will speak and Fr Colin Hewitt will lead the service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for this special occasion at 11am in church. Alternatively, you may wish to walk with us to the church; we will be leaving at 10:30am (you may park in our car park for this purpose).

PICNIC - 5th July 12noon

Tickets to the Patronal Festival Picnic are now on sale. Parents/carers can purchase tickets via the on-line payment system via our website: www.becketkeys.org. Nearly 200 tickets have been sold already and it promises to be a great fun family event as we welcome new students to our school community.

Adults £3 (inc admission and speciality hot drink) Children £2 (inc admission and ice-cream)

Join the fun and celebrate our Patronal Festival and recent OfSTED inspection at this special event. Welcome new families to the school and take part in games and competitions. Lots of tasty treats will be available and our choirs and orchestra will perform throughout the afternoon.

If you don't want to make a picnic, Dominoes Pizza will be on hand selling slices of delicious pizza for £1!

You are very welcome to bring creature comforts such as picnic rugs and fold up chairs.

SPORTS DAY - 11th July

Letters from Mr Fenn are being sent home regarding Sports Day. This is the finale of the Patronal Festival! Celebrating our other great passion – SPORT! Parents and other family members are welcome to come along and witness the fantastic fun of sports day. It is not just about those who excel in sport, but about representing your house in competition. We are all looking forward to it!



GOVERNORS' SPEECH & AWARDS EVENING - 15th July - 7pm

At the end of the year, the school governors invite students and their families to a speech and awards evening. This year's speech will be given by Norman Banks, The Bishop of Richborough. Bishop Norman will then present the awards alongside governors and staff at this prestigious event. Invitations will be coming out next week.



SPORTS NEWS

Fastest Female!

Out of 116 competitors, Catherine Barker was the fastest female in the Kelvedon Hatch 5k run. She posted a time of 22.29. Well done, Catherine, for all your training and hard work!

Catherine along with several other students at this school are now looking forward to, and starting to prepare for, the English Schools' Cross Country Competition that we have entered next year.

'Parkrun'

'Parkrun' is a 5km semi-competitive run hosted in different parks around the country. Anyone can join with arrival at 8.50am ready for the starting whistle at 9.00am. Currently there are 'Parkruns' in Hornchurch, Basildon and Chelmsford. On Sundays at 9.00am, Hornchurch and Chelmsford also have a Junior 'Parkrun' which is a 2km race.

This is a fantastic event to take part in regularly as not only will your fitness improve significantly but your 5km/2km time will get quicker and quicker.

If you are interested:

1. Visit www.parkrun.org.uk
2. To register, fill in the form with your details
3. Print off the barcodes (you may wish to laminate these!)
4. Bring your barcode to the race



As you finish the race, a marshall will give you a finishing barcode. This, along with your personal barcode should then be scanned by another official. You can then go home. A few hours later, you will receive an email with your time, position, whether it was your personal best or not and other interesting facts about your race.

Why not speak to your parents and see if they will take you to a 'Parkrun' with some of your friends and see how you get on? A great way to start a Saturday. You'll be done 9.30am and hopefully home by 10am.

Y7 Cricket v Sandon

Excellent bowling from Tom Burkert helped us to gain 3 early wickets, with outstanding catches in the field from Joel Reeves, Josh McLean and Nicco Lovelock. Unfortunately, their middle order was strong, punishing any ball not bowled on the wickets. In bat, we lacked quality and struggled to pick up runs on balls not destined for the wicket. However, Luke Savage did put in a good batting performance and played some high quality shots. Our bowling was more consistent than theirs, as they bowled more wides. However, they were more clinical with the bat and this won them the game. We will focus on more aggressive and accurate batting at our next training session.

Sports Day Practice

Athletics on Wednesdays (3.30–4.30) is a perfect opportunity to practise for your event on sports day. Get out there and improve your fitness or technique in a variety of events. Sports day is now only two weeks away!

District Athletics at Brentwood School

This Wednesday our best athletes took part in the local district event at Brentwood School. It was a great event where our students competed with talented local athletes. We are currently collating our results together and will include more details about individual performances in next week's newsletter!

England Netball Summer Camp

For any keen netballers, England netball are running a summer camp from Monday 28th July–Friday 1st August for girls aged 11–16 years old.

The camp runs from 10am–3pm each day at The Sandon School, Chelmsford and the cost is £185 for the five days (England Netball members can benefit from a £30 discount on the indicated price by using the discount code MEMBER30 at checkout).

If you're interested in attending please contact clare.popperwell@englandnetball.co.uk for any more information, or visit www.netballevents.co.uk and search under EAST REGION to book a place!

USE OUR FACILITIES

We love to see our excellent resources being used by individuals, community groups and, particularly, members of the Becket Keys parent body. If you are interested in hiring a facility at the school or setting up a new club/society that requires a regular booking please call Liz Sitch on 01277 286649.

The sports hall has recently become available on some evenings (from 5:30pm), we do not expect this to remain the case for long!

Please contact us urgently, if you are interested!

Tennis Courts, for some reason, are usually popular at this time of year only £5 per hour.

SCHOOL PREMISES HIRE PRICES PER HOUR WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 2014			
ROOM	WEEKDAY RATE	SATURDAY RATE	SUNDAY RATE
MAIN HALL	£22	£26	£32
DINING ROOM	£16	£20	£24
MAIN HALL & DINING ROOM	£30	£34	£38
SPORTS HALL	£32	£36	£40
Whole day	£130		
Half day	£65		
RUNCIE HALL 1 OR 2	£16	£20	£24
RUNCIE HALL BOTH	£20	£24	£28
RO3 DANCE STUDIO	£12	£16	£20
RECEPTION	£12	£16	£20
CONFERENCE ROOM	£10	£14	£18
TENNIS COURT	£5	£5	£5
OTHER RESOURCES E.G. DIGITAL PROJECTOR	POA	POA	POA

SPANISH LESSONS

On Thursday, Edward Peace and Frank Parish delivered the first ever **Language Leader** session at Becket Keys.

They did an amazing job of teaching sports in Spanish to wonderfully responsive students from St Thomas' Junior School.

Both Edward and Frank, along with our other Language Leaders, have spent many weeks learning how to plan, resource and teach Spanish, focussing on techniques such as body language, pace, engagement strategies, and behaviour management. Their hard work was evident as they delivered a well-planned, engaging lesson that the St Thomas' students learnt a lot from. Mrs Endicott came along to observe some of the lesson, describing Edward and Frank as 'awesome!'

It was great to welcome some new students at Becket Keys as we enjoyed a delicious lunch in our Bistro before we got down to some enthusiastic learning. We look forward to seeing them again next week for another lesson with Georgia Thomson and Remi Brien.

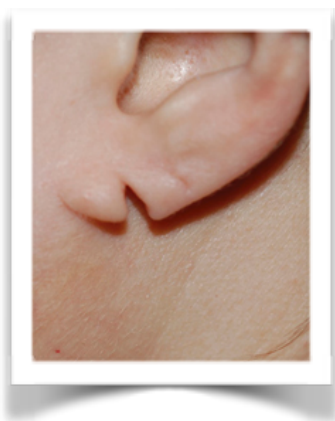


UNIFORM MATTERS

EARRINGS

Please make sure that if your daughter is planning on having her ears pierced this summer that it is done on the very first day of the holiday to allow maximum healing time before returning to school.

All girls are expected to remove earrings before PE lessons regardless of when they were pierced.



Earrings must be removed for PE so that accidents do not occur and ears do not get torn.

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Please donate any good quality school uniform items which could be re-sold (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



MAKE-UP

A reminder that girls may wear a small amount of concealer to hide a blemish, but no other make-up is allowed.

No nail varnish.
No eye make-up.
No lip stick.

We are aware that some schools are reporting that girls are having their eye lashes 'tinted'. We do not think that this is appropriate for Becket Keys and would appreciate your support in not allowing girls here to have that done.

We are also aware of a trend for girls' 'beauty parties' with some parents spending £30 on acrylic nails. This is not in line with the school uniform policy. Please consider carefully any 'treatments' and if in doubt check with us first please.

NOTICES

CHARITIES WEEK

Our Patronal Festival includes a week of Charity Fundraising commencing on Monday 7th July and ending with Sports Day on 11th July.

Monday 7th July will be a 'Mufti Day' where staff and students can come in non-uniform casual clothes. There will be a minimum £1 donation for the pleasure!

Every day of this week will feature a different type of fundraising and will culminate with Sports Day on Friday 11th July. Teachers will complete the Becket Keys Cross Country Course on this day, if the students pledge a certain amount to see it!

There will also be games, cake sales and competitions as our charity committee set about trying to raise as much as possible for our chosen charities: The Teenage Cancer Trust and The St Francis Hospice.

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VACANCIES

ASSISTANT SCIENCE TECHNICIAN WANTED

We are seeking a new science technician (PT or FT). The position is term time only.

You'd be supporting teachers in preparing for lessons and organising resources behind the scenes.

More details are available on our website:

www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php

Dates for your Diary

Fri 4th July	Patronal Festival Eucharist
Sat 5th July	Patronal Festival Picnic
Mon 7th July	Charities Week
Fri 11th July	Sports Day
Sun 13th July	Becket Keys leading intercessions at St Thomas' Church
Mon 14th July	Our Careers Fair
Tues 15th July	Speech & Awards Evening
Weds 16th July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 18th July	Last day of the year!
Mon 21st July	Staff Training Day
Tues 22nd July	Staff Training Day

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