



Current Affairs!

Mr Scott-Evans writes:

What has been going on at Becket Keys this week?

Student Voice

This week we launched Student Voice, a new initiative for a student elected council. To coincide with the date of the general election, we are looking to elect a new student council to represent the pupils of the school.

In their forms, students have been thinking about whether they would like to be involved in Student Voice by considering questions such as:

'Would you like to have a say in how the school is run?'

'Do you have opinions on important issues, for example teaching, learning, behaviour and the environment?'

'Would you like to represent the ideas and opinions of your form at meetings run by you as Student Leaders?'

Discussions have involved the general election, writing manifestos and voting. Each form has been running a 'hustings' and students have been preparing their mini manifestos for election.

From each form one student will be elected to the student council and from the student council, an executive group will be chosen who will lead the meetings and speak publically about their work.

Mrs Trebess said:

"We are very excited to see what students produce for their 'manifesto' speeches next week and to find out what innovative ideas students have for making improvements in teaching and learning at Becket Keys. We strongly believe that Student Voice and in particular the elected Student Leaders are going to play a key role in helping us to make important decisions about school life"



Talent Show

Next week auditions will begin for Becket Keys' Got Talent. BKG T has become the focus of a lot of attention over the last few days. Students have been busy conferring about ideas and rehearsing.

There is a lot of interest in helping back stage, so much so, we think we might need a talent contest to see who gets to do it!

The evening show will be on Tuesday 30th June and promises to be a great night. Please book the date in your diary and come along to support this if you can.

Mr London is organising the event and said:

"It is great to see so many applicants for Becket Keys' Got Talent. This show is going to be one of the biggest highlights of the year and I am looking forward to celebrating our students' talents. I am hoping to see a lot of support from our students, staff and community in this extravagant event at the end of the year."

Mr Andy Scott-Evans
Headteacher

OTHER NEWS

Thoughts from the English Department

As this week was Shakespeare's birthday and all year groups are studying Shakespeare plays this term, Mrs Ahlner has provided us with some interesting facts about Shakespeare!

In all of his work – the plays, the sonnets and the narrative poems, Shakespeare uses 17,677 words. Of those words, Shakespeare invented an incredible 1,700 of them, many of which we all use in our daily lives. Just a few of the words Shakespeare invented include:

Aerial, critical, dishearten, dislocate, dwindle, frugal, generous, gloomy, laughable, lonely, majestic, obscene, radiance, sanctimonious, suspicious!

As if all of the words Shakespeare invented were not enough, he also put common words together to make up phrases new to the English language. Many of the phrases Shakespeare invented are still commonly used, and include the phrases:

“the course of true love never did run smooth”

“be all and end all”

“break the ice”

“catch a cold”

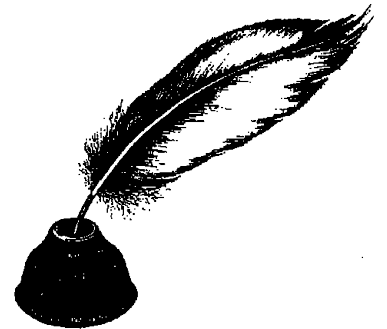
“eat out of house and home”

“green eyed monster”

“method in his madness”

“the milk of human kindness”

“wear one's heart on one's sleeve”



MORE NEWS

Music Matters

This week in the newsletter we put the spotlight on **Rock School**. This club runs on Thursday lunchtimes in the Keyboard Suite. Pupils are given the opportunity to rehearse their own music in one of our classroom studios. The musical styles vary greatly and it's great to see students of all years involved with making music. Here are a group of Year 9 students rehearsing a song recently.

Rock School has become slightly busier in the last week as students are preparing their audition pieces for 'Becket Keys' Got Talent'!

Students are welcome to bring in their own instruments if they wish.



Recent exam success

Congratulations to the following students who have recently passed ABRSM examinations:

- Remi Brien Grade 6 Piano
- Ethan Hornett Grade 3 Clarinet (Merit)
- Lola Webb Grade 3 Piano

If you know anyone who has recently passed a music exam, please let Mr Adams or Mr Kwan know via peripatetic@becketkeys.org

BECKET KEYS' GOT TALENT

Thank you for all your applications for BKG.T. It's great to know that Becket Keys is full of talented students. Next week auditions will commence. There is no need for acts to dress up at this stage (unless it is completely necessary), just turn up in uniform but remember to bring any props you need.

Auditions

Year 7 – Monday 27th April
Year 8 – Wednesday 29th April
Year 9 – Friday 1st May

Auditions will take place in the Drama studio at 1:00pm

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Lauren Pamenter (8AC) who has been awarded a Jack Petchey award by Hutton Cricket Club for her services to sport. Lauren is a fantastic cricket player and plays for Essex as well as her local club. She is also a committed member of many of our sports teams at Becket Keys - well done for all your hard work Lauren!



SPORTS CLUBS

Many students have attended one of our sports clubs over the last two weeks. It's not too late to join a club. If you're interested in attending, speak to one of your PE teachers or check the extra-curricular timetable!

Thank you to **Luc Riches (7AC)** who has been taking some incredible action photos of what's been going on (See below)! Expect to see more photos from Luc over the coming weeks and a special feature about his photography interest.



NOTICES

Lost Property

There is still a lot of lost property including pencil cases, glasses and watches! Please ask your son/daughter to check at Reception for missing items.

War Horse

We will be booking the War Horse tickets for Year 7 students on Monday. We cannot book any more once we have done so, therefore any more last minute payments should be made via ScoPay this weekend.

D&T practical work

All students who have fully completed practical projects so far this year with Mrs Cherry, Miss Thomas or Miss Gill, please make sure you collect it from your D&T teacher by the end of next week.

Catering Accounts

Please ensure these are kept topped up. Lunch tickets are only available as a last resort and should not be used regularly.

Whiteboard pens

Students really MUST have white board pens. Mini white boards are used frequently in lessons. Pens are available from Reception or the School Shop on Tuesday lunchtimes for 20p.

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VACANCIES

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING!

Check our website for details:

www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php

Dates for your Diary

28 th April (Main Hall)	
6 – 6.45	Bushcraft Trip Meeting
6.45 – 7.30	Madrid Trip Meeting
7.30 – 8.15	Bude Trip Meeting
4 th May	Early May Bank Holiday
21 st May -24 th May	Year 8 Madrid trip
22 nd May- 24 th May	Year 7 Bushcraft trip
22 ^d May - 24 th May	Year 9 Bude trip
22 nd May	Harlow trip
25 th May – 29 th May	Whitsun Holiday
3 rd June	Whole school photograph
12 th June	Non-Student day
15 th June	Non-Student day
30 th June	BKGT 7-9pm