



ARCHDEACON VISITS OUR SCHOOL

Mr Scott-Evans writes:

It was a pleasure to welcome Archdeacon Elwin Cockett to Becket Keys Church of England School yesterday. He is the current chair of the Diocesan Board of Education and this was his first visit to our school.

Archdeacon Elwin presented our school with 'holding crosses' as part of his visit. These are being presented for each form to use as part of their sacred space. In the photo you can see students from every form with Fr Elwin in my office. The crosses can be used as an aid for prayer and as an encourager in difficult times.

'Encouragement' was the theme of Archdeacon Elwin's visit. He spoke of St Barnabus in Collective Worship and how this New Testament Saint was seen encouraging others in the 'Acts of the Apostles'. Archdeacon Elwin focused on generosity, supportive words and spending time with people as key ways our students can encourage one another.

Fr Elwin also enjoyed a Thai Green Curry in the Bistro! He spent time with students and staff, talking

to them about what they like about our school. He encouraged us in our work here and said how pleased the Diocese of Chelmsford are with all that we are doing.

Next year, we will have an inspection from the Church of England and we look forward to sharing our good practice with the inspection team.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Also this week, we have been starting tentatively to mention Christmas! It still seems a long way off, but the musicians are starting to prepare, choirs are getting warmed up and, of course, the Friends of Becket Keys Student Disco is now selling tickets.

Tickets are £5 each and, after three previous years of great discos, we are once again looking forward to this very much. Students will be pleased to know that I will not be there, but many teachers will be and it promises to be a great fun night! The date is Thursday 17th December 7pm to 9pm. Tickets will sell fast,



so I recommend sending your son/daughter to school with £5 to get a ticket next week. They are on sale every day in the Library from Mrs Mullan.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you to all those students who have sent in entries for this year's competition. It would be great to have even more to choose from! Please send your entries in on the paper provided by your tutors.

Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher

OTHER NEWS

BECKET KEYS CHRISTMAS SCIENCE LECTURE – TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 6:15 – 7:30PM



Families are invited to this unique opportunity to learn about the science behind the latest land speed record attempt. Mike Ford, STEM Ambassador and Chartered Engineer, will be talking about his latest project working alongside Bloodhound SSC, the Land Speed Record Team who are designing and building the first 1000 mph car. For further information, see the flyer attached with this newsletter. Everyone Welcome!

Places for the lecture can be booked using the Parents' Evening website: <https://becketkeys.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> or click on the link on the Becket Keys website.



CHILDREN IN NEED

The Charities Committee collection for Children in Need raised a total of **£202.33**. Becket Keys students dug deep, with a special mention to Mr Braniff's form, 10WW for their generous donations! Thank you to all students who donated to this great cause.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Jacob MacDonnell, 8FS, has won a **Jack Petchey Award** for his commitment to Brentwood Hockey club. What a fantastic achievement - well done Jacob!



FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS – ANNUAL STUDENT CHRISTMAS DISCO

Thursday 17th December 2015 7pm – 9pm

- ★ Tickets £5 each including a drink and pizza
- £ Tickets on sale during **lunchtime in the library**
- ♪ Separate **VIP chill out lounge for Year 10s**
- 📷 **Photo shoot** including props for a wacky photo & get it printed for £1
- ★ **Christmas jumper** competition, with the winner of the wackiest jumper announced at the end of the night!



SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 8 AND 9 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Shenfield 4 Becket Keys 3

Match report by Lauren Pamerter:

On Tuesday 17th November, the Year 9 Football team had a competitive match against Shenfield School. With several players short, Year 8s, Isla Bradley and Stacy Torgbor kindly stepped in to the Becket Keys side. Unfortunately, this meant the game had to be conceded and played as a friendly.

From the start Shenfield were strong and opened up many opportunities to score. Divine Okwuosa worked incredibly hard in goal, making some good saves with help from our defensive line. Shenfield's pressure eventually led to a breakthrough and two quick goals were scored. Becket Keys came fighting back and a brilliant goal from Holli Ryall brought the score to 2-1 at half time.

In the second half, Becket Keys were first to the ball. The girls upfront and in midfield worked well together to get the ball into the opponent's area and take a few shots. With Shenfield fighting hard, another two good away goals were scored. As the rain began to pour, the girls gave it their all. Another goal from Holli and a second from Isla made the final score 4-3 to Shenfield. Despite the result and the rain, the team were thrilled with all their hard work and their well-earned goals.

YEAR 7 BOYS' FOOTBALL

Becket Keys 6 Hylands School 1

Becket Keys came into this match against Hylands School on the back of a narrow defeat. In their previous match, Becket Keys had a comfortable lead, but let in a couple of late goals to turn the tide. Therefore, it was important that we started positively and took our chances. That's exactly what we did with Cedric scoring 2 in the first 5 minutes. Everyone in the team played fantastically. Becket Keys continued to assert their dominance and Cedric continued his run of success by scoring another 2 goals to make it 4-0 at half time. At half time, Mr Savage made a few changes, bringing on substitutes to maintain the professional performance shown by Becket Keys.

The second half continued where the first left off and Cedric grabbed his fifth goal of the game.

Cedric was then taken off, to be replaced by Liam Rank who moved up top and completed the rout with his first and Becket Key's sixth goal. Hylands grabbed a late consolation goal and the match finished 6-1 with Becket Keys picking up a vital 3 points.

YEAR 7 BOYS' RUGBY

Becket Keys 12 Chelmer Valley High 20

The Year 7 boys' rugby team narrowly missed out on victory against Chelmer in extremely wet and windy conditions on Tuesday. Chelmer scored with their first attack of the match, as Becket Keys could not scramble their defensive line across to cover an overlap on the outside, allowing Chelmer to score in the corner. This disappointing start seemed to bring Becket Keys to life, and they managed to gain territory and score through Zekel Brann, who also converted to send Becket Keys into the lead. Chelmer then hit back just before half time to put them up 10-7 at the break.

In the second half, Becket Keys gained some territory and scored again through a great break by Zekel Brann. There were more opportunities for Becket Keys to score at this point in the game but the ball was knocked on too many times, which put the ball back in the scrum. The quality in the game was suffering at this point as a result of the driving wind and rain, which had an effect on both teams' handling of the ball. Some scrums were won well by Becket Keys, but crucially when they had territorial advantage, the Becket Keys forward pack could not quite secure the ball. Chelmer then scored quickly to restore their lead and despite pressure from Becket Keys, scored again with the last play of the game. The boys will have a break in their season over the winter now but look forward to improving their handling skills on the astro over the coming weeks ready for their games after Christmas.

SPORTS NEWS

BOYS' SWIMMING

Congratulations to the Boys' Swimming team who finished 3rd overall in the Brentwood District Schools Gala on Wednesday, despite not having a senior team or a pool onsite! The Year 7 boys' team also won their team trophy! Full results and report to follow in next week's newsletter, but for the meantime – well done to all of the boys involved!

BOYS' RUGBY

Please note there will be no Rugby club on Wednesday 25th November due to a double Hockey fixture on the astro! After this, until further notice starting Wednesday 2nd December, ALL YEARS Boys' Rugby will be on Wednesdays on the astro. A reminder to the boys involved – please bring astros or trainers – not studs, mouldies or blades!

SWIMMING SESSIONS AT THE BRENTWOOD CENTRE

Are you interested in competing for the school at swimming? Do you want to get better at swimming? If the answer is yes to those questions, read on! Brentwood swimming club have kindly offered a session to Becket Keys' students on Thursday mornings before school at The Brentwood Centre. Sessions are from 6.30am to 7.30 am and are coached by the Brentwood swimming team staff. They have kindly offered our students their first session free as a taster to see if it is right for them. After the first session, it is £45 per term (for hire of the pool and overheads), or pro-rata for anyone starting part way through the term.

Anyone who is interested in this great opportunity, please contact Jon Gold at the following email address: chairman@brentwoodswimmingclub.co.uk

SPORTS CLUBS

The PE Department are working extremely hard to ensure that we deliver clubs that every pupil can enjoy. These clubs are running, but now we need you to attend!

Have you tried basketball club before school? This is your opportunity to be taught by a trained coach who is fully funded by the school. You can develop your skills, have fun and be involved with matches played against other schools. Have you tried our "Turn up and play" clubs at lunch including basketball, netball and cheerleading? Are you currently attending an after school club including football, rugby and trampolining? If not, it is a great time to start. Come along to get some great coaching all for free!

PE KIT AND INJURY

Please note, if your son or daughter is injured, they are still expected to have an accompanying note and their PE kit. In most circumstances, students who cannot practically participate in the lesson due to injury are still expected to change if they are physically able to (clearly there will be exceptions, for example back problems or broken bones) and go out with their group so they can still make progress in the lesson in other ways, like coaching, leading and umpiring.



NOTICES

LOST PROPERTY

If your son or daughter has lost something, they should check lost property as soon as they realise the item is missing. We have a very large number of coats, pencil cases, umbrellas, glasses and KEYS, both front door keys and locker keys! We go to great efforts to make sure items which are NAMED are returned to students, if found. Items generally do not go missing permanently and usually turn up, but if they are unnamed, we cannot return them and students must check with the office.

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended our parents' evening this week. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate with this excellent year group. Thanks for your generous feedback and encouragement. We really appreciate it!

If you want to tell OfSTED how well we're doing you can do so here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>
It only takes 2 minutes to register and give your views. If you have registered before you can log in again and give your views.



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VACANCIES

NO VACANCIES

There are currently no vacancies, but CVs are welcome at any time.

vacancies@becketkeys.org

Our new recruitment round for teachers will start around Christmas time.

Dates for your Diary

24/11/2015	Year 9 Guided Choices Evening
2/12/2015	Year 10 Mandarin Trip
8/12/2015	Christmas Science Lecture (Choir to open)
9/12/2015	Orchestra rehearse at Brentwood Imperial Youth Band Headquarters (6:45 – 8:45)
10/12/2015	Choir singing at the Baytree Centre
11/12/2015	Choir visit Bentley Crematorium to sing at Open Day
14/12/2015	Christmas Carol Concert with Brentwood Imperial Youth Band
17/12/2015	Christmas Lunch
17/12/2015	Christmas Disco
18/12/2015	Last day of term
04/01/2016	First day back