

Becket Keys Church of England School

5th March 2021

IN THIS ISSUE

Mr Scott-Evans writes...

As we prepare to return to school next week, please join me in saying the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy name.

Heavenly Father we recognise you as our creator God. You describe yourself as 'gracious, compassionate and abounding in love'. We thank you that during this difficult time and in the days ahead we can draw near to you and share our worries and concerns with you.

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

We pray that your will would be done in our school. We ask you to be our 'refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.' We want to see our school 'bearing fruit that will last'. We know that we have been

through a difficult period and we want to ensure that our students are still able to succeed and progress.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Please give us what we need at this time. Give our students confidence to take appropriate precautions. Help them to make sensible decisions. Guide our teachers as we guide our community. We want to be able to return to school and enjoy the full offer here, please give our children this again.

And forgive us our trespasses...

Lord, forgive all of us for the times we do not act in the ways that we should and for the times when we fail to act when we should.

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As we forgive those who trespass against us...

Help us to forgive those who frustrate us and offend us. Help us to teach our students to forgive others.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Help our students not to be tempted to stray from the safe practices we have in place. Help us all to keep following the rules of the lockdown so that we can continue to move safely out of the crisis we have faced.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever.

We look forward to seeing our students and staff back in school. Thank you, Lord for supporting us with all that has needed to be done.

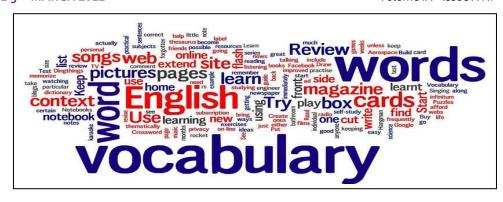
Amen

This approach to saying the Lord's Prayer is my daily discipline. I bring the needs of the school to God in prayer like this most mornings. Please continue to support us in prayer each day.

Best regards

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher





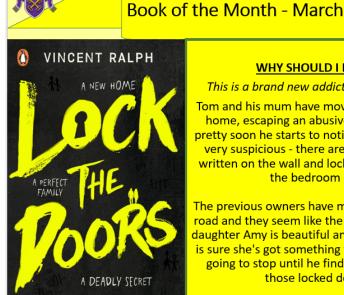


In sentences:

- 1. The Nasa robot called Perseverance recently landed on Mars, joining Curiosity which landed in 2012.
- 2. It takes planning and perseverance to learn a new skill.
- 3. We must show perseverance to come out of lockdown successfully.

Meaning: persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success; remaining loyal

Etymology: from the Latin root word severus, which means following strict rules or keeping a straight path.



WHY SHOULD I READ IT?

This is a brand new addictive, twisty thriller.

Tom and his mum have moved into their dream home, escaping an abusive relationship. But pretty soon he starts to notice that something is very suspicious - there are strange messages written on the wall and locks on the outside of the bedroom doors.

The previous owners have moved just across the road and they seem like the perfect family. Their daughter Amy is beautiful and enigmatic but Tom is sure she's got something to hide. And he isn't going to stop until he finds the truth behind those locked doors...



Remember that all correspondence to the school must come through the school office email:

office@becketkeys.org

Your message will be forwarded to the member of staff concerned.

You can also send a message via the contact page on the website:

https://www.becketkeys.org/contact.php

You can also now reply directly to any message you receive from ParentMail, just hit the reply button and it will go to the office.

Students can contact their teachers via Satchel One if they have any queries regarding their lessons.

Please do not email staff directly as any message received in this way will not receive a response.

Many thanks for your understanding.





Free School Meal Vouchers

Students in Year 7, 8 & 9

The school voucher scheme used by the government, Edenred, will no longer be available to support eligible FSM students as schools start to re-open from Monday 8th March. In order to continue to support our families in Year 7,8 & 9 who will not return to school until the following week (Monday 15th March), we will be using the school voucher system, Wonde, to issue vouchers.

Parents and carers of eligible students in Year 7, 8 & 9, will receive an email from Wonde next week (8th-12th March). This message will contain a link to 'redeem a youcher'. You will be

taken to Wonde's 'school vouchers' page where you will need to enter your details and confirm your email address before being asked to select the retailer you wish to receive a voucher for. You will then be given a PIN and the option to view the voucher. Having confirmed the PIN, you will be issued your voucher. The voucher barcode can be printed off or scanned on a smartphone for use in-store.

Details of the process and more questions about Wonde can be found on their website here help.schoolvouchers.com/hc/engb



Science Department



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between 5-14 March 2021

British Science Week starts today!

British Science Week is here! I hope you are ready for a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics!

Each year, British Science Week creates a nationwide celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for people of all ages with thousands of events and activities taking place across the country. Our science department at Becket Keys want as many of you as possible to get involved with science week! Our technicians and teachers have been working hard to plan activities for all year groups ranging from 'DIY' experiments to Royal Society lectures and a poster competition.

I will be posting activities daily on Satchel One for all year groups starting today! So, keep an eye on your assignments and get involved in as many different science activities as you can. Most of the activities are for you to do at home, we have also put

together a science guiz which will shared with your form tutors ready for next week.

As you take part in these activities, please share your thoughts, conclusions, results, ground-breaking theories or revolutionary experimental ideas with us on our Becket Keys Science Twitter page (@BecketketsSci) and use the hashtaq #BSW21. It would be great to also see pictures of your experiments in action!

To start science week with a bang (metaphorically of course), Mr Achillea, one of our fantastic science technicians, has put together an excellent at home practical for all year groups exploring hydrogels (see below for more information from Mr Achillea). We are also launching the BSW poster competition, see Satchel One for full details.

When carrying out any of the at home practicals you must STAY SAFE! Remember to always get permission before carrying out any practical work and to follow all of the health and safety rules we have when doing practical work in school.

Science is all around us every day and there are lots of ways we can still engage and celebrate the role that it plays in our lives. With the backdrop of a global pandemic, it is now more important than ever for us to embrace, explore and have fun doing Science!

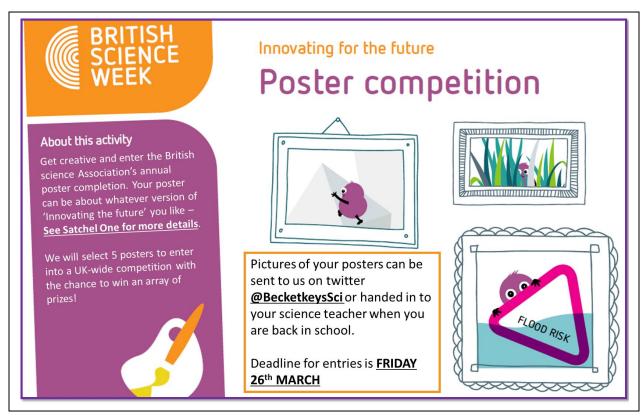
> Dr Hurdle Science Teacher



The Science Department have now joined Twitter! @BecketKeysSci

Follow the department for exciting information about all things Science, updates about STEM and British Science Week.





Water Water Everywhere

As a society, we have become more conscious of our environment and how we can do our bit to slow the change in our climate. However, water seems to be a forgotten resource. With all our efforts to recycle and reduce the impact the plastic pollution, have you ever given a thought to recycling water?

Water makes up nearly 70% of our planet. Although did you know only as little as 2.5% is fresh water? Even then, just 1% of our freshwater is easily accessible, with much of it trapped in glaciers and snowfields. Essentially this 1% of water is needed to fuel and feed the whole planet's population. We are lucky to be living in a time and a country where water is readily available. Other countries are not so fortunate to have this essential

resource at the turn of a tap, clean water can be hard to come by in the developing world. Not only do we need water as a life source (humans are on average 60% water) but we also require it for sanitation.

This brings me to my next point...hydrogels. You may not be familiar with the term 'hydrogels,' but we are surrounded by products containing hydrogels from hand sanitising gels, washing up liquid and even the cosmetics. Can we extract this water from these products and possibly re-use it for drinking and/or washing?

There is a practical you can perform at home to see if we can extract water. The presentation, which includes a method, is available on Satchel One and is titled 'Science week - Extraction of Water from Hydrogels.' Have a go at this and write up a report of your findings. Share your results with your teacher, fellow classmates, and the rest of the school on Twitter

<u>@BecketkeysSci</u>. What did you discover?

Before you start any practical work at home, make sure you have permission from your parents/carers!

This next point is important.

Remember to have fun! Not all science is formulas and calculations. Good luck everyone!

Mr. Achillea Science Technician

https://www.nationalgeographic. com/environment/freshwater/fres hwater-crisis



Summer Internships 2021

The Ultimate Work Experience | Ages 12-18



Following last week's government announcement, we have been inundated with registrations for our Summer Internships in London. We are <u>already more than 50% full</u> across the board as students look to finally gain the in-person work experience they've been waiting for.

Supercharge Your Students' Futures

The Internships offer the ultimate work experience: site visits, networking time, career coaching and much more - all with top industry professionals. Highlights include:

- Architecture: Work in a design studio
- Computer Science: Manage a real-life cyber attack
- Dentistry: Experience emergency dentistry
- Engineering: Explore a 'supercar' engine with F1 engineers
- Entrepreneurship: Pitch a business plan to top CEOs
- Filmmaking: Direct a movie scene on a real film set
- . Investment Banking: Trade the markets in a City skyscraper
- Law: Argue a case before a judge in the Supreme Court
- Medicine: Shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital
- Politics: Attend a reception with MPs in Westminster
- Psychology: Examine psychology patients in a hospital
- Veterinary Medicine: Shadow vets in an animal hospital

For more information and registration: https://investin.org/



Please can you ensure all ParentPay accounts are in credit prior to returning to school.

There are currently over 80 accounts in debit. Students will not be able to purchase food from the Bistro or Orangery if their account is in debit.

Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Thank you for your co-operation.

https://www.parentpay.com/



Please make sure that your son/daughter has adequate drinking water for the day. This is especially important on the days PE is on the timetable.

Remember that drinks are available for purchase from the Bistro at break and lunch.

School Transport

Students are strongly encouraged to avoid public transport for their journeys to school wherever possible. As ever, we encourage walking and cycling to school as green modes of travel with clear health benefits. However, we recognise that it will not be feasible for some students to walk/cycle to our site.

If you travel to school by public transport, please make sure that you check the timetable for any changes that have been implemented for the new term.

Remember that you will require a face covering to travel on any public transport.

NIBS Buses

Full service will be running from Monday 8th March 2021.

http://www.nibsbuses.com/?page_id
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First Buses

https://www.firstgroup.com/essex

Trains

https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/

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Virtual Law Work Experience 6th & 7th April 2021

An insight to a top 50 law firm, 5 UK offices, 1,000+ employees, £50m turnover

Interactive workshops with real solicitors working across different areas of law

Breakout rooms and sessions covering off specific areas of law and their different departments (Legal, HR, Tech & more!)

Learn how a law firm operates, what a week in the life of a solicitor looks like, what career paths exist in law firms for those wanting to work in law but not as a solicitor

Open to all 16 - 18-year olds across the UK

DM us for your application link!

<u>Law Virtual Work Experience</u> <u>with Browne Jacobson:</u>

- Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th April, 9am 4pm each day
- Partner welcome talk
- An insight to law, their different departments and areas of work (including non law routes)
- Breakout rooms with solicitors in talking about different areas of law
- Workshops & interactive sessions
- Open to all Y11, Y12 &, Y13 students

Application Link:

https://www.research.net/r/Law-WEX

Road Safety



Did you know?

Teenagers are more at risk on the roads than they think. Most teenagers do not realise that they are more likely to be killed or injured in a road collision than any other age group. Find out how to help your teenager stay safe.

Help protect your child

Please talk to your son or daughter and reinforce road safety messages to help keep them safe:

- stress the need to concentrate and be careful at all times;
- warn of the dangers of distractions – listening to music, texting, phoning or even chatting to friends while walking are big distractions;
- keep talking about the dangers of traffic;

- point out people who are endangering themselves;
- encourage your teenager to practise judging the speed and distance of approaching vehicles on busy roads and identify safe gaps in the traffic;
- stress that you should never lose concentration and follow others blindly into dangerous situations.

Cycling

It is a good idea to:

- buy and encourage your son or daughter to wear a cycle helmet, and something fluorescent and reflective to improve visibility;
- encourage your son or daughter never to take lifts on the back of a friend's bike;
- remind your son or daughter not to listen to music while they are cycling;
- make sure your child is aware that cyclists must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.

Becket Keys has always had an outstanding reputation for the way our students behave when they are going home. We have teachers who walk with the students towards the High Street, however please remind your son/daughter to be considerate of other people and families using Sawyers Hall Lane, whether in cars or pedestrians and to acknowledge their thanks if they are given the right of way. We understand that the pavements may be congested so students must be patient and considerate.

We would also remind parents to take care and be mindful of pedestrians and other drivers when travelling. We do not want any student to be injured so please avoid driving down Sawyers Hall Lane if you can and meet your son/daughter at another location, the Brentwood Centre is ideal and only a short walk away.

More information on road safety: http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/secondary/



Art and Design House Competition - Results!

Last term, we challenged students to get creative in our Art and Design house competition. The challenge was all about portraying an important cause and raising awareness for it through a piece of art. In joint first place for the number of entries was FS and PP!

We received some amazing entries, which made our job of choosing a winner very difficult!

In third place is **Lewis Horne** from 8FS, with his entry raising awareness for 'pandemic puppies'. We thought that this was an excellent display of utilising materials already available, whilst showing a very relevant message!



In second place is Isabelle
Tilbrook from 12AC, with her
cake reflecting the importance of
mental health. On top, the cake
reads 'I'm fine', but from another
angle it is reads 'help me'. We felt
that this was a very important
message, especially in a time
where many have struggled!







Well done to all the students who took part in this term's house competition. Here are some of our other highly commended entries...



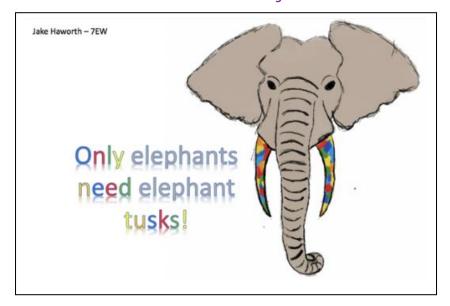
Beau Ayres 8PP



Alfie Clark 9EW



Mia-Jane Sayers



Jake Howorth 7EW



Ellie Holdcroft 7AC

We cannot wait to see all of your entries for our next competition... The Great Becket Keys Bake Off!

Nifemi Makinwa & Louise Vinton Year 13



Face coverings are **absolutely compulsory** for students in the following areas:

- Stairwells
- Corridors
- Circulation Spaces
- Communal toilets
- Queuing for the Bistro & Orangery

Please provide your son/daughter with a face covering (where possible in school colours: black, purple, gold, grey or white). A few spares in the school bag are also needed.

If we all do our bit between lessons as well as following all our other guidance, we can slow the spread of this virus and therefore keep our school open!



School Uniform



It is important to all of us that every one of the students who attend Becket Keys looks smart in their uniform at all times.

BOYS

Blazer: Black blazer with Becket Keys Logo

Trousers: Charcoal grey – not black or grey. Straight leg.

Shirt: Plain white with stiff collar for wearing with a tie (short or long sleeved) – top button done up and shirt always tucked in. No polo or open necked shirts.

Socks: Plain grey or black.

Shoes: Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces. No trainers or boots, no white or coloured laces. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No sandals. Jumper or slipover: Grey with purple stripes.

Tie: Worn to top of trousers.

GIRLS

Blazer: Black blazer with Becket Keys Logo

Becket Keys Purple 'Warrior'
Tartan must be purchased from
SmartyPants. Skirt must be worn
no higher than 5cm above the
knee.

Blouse: Plain white revere collar – top button done up, no polo shirts

Socks: Plain white

Tights: Plain/neutral or black tights, neutral trainer socks or no socks/tights at all.

Shoes: Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces, no trainers or boots. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No kitten heels, sandals, platform shoes, ballet pumps, white or coloured laces.

Jumper or slipover: Grey with purple stripes.



Full details of the uniform can be found on the website: https://www.becketkeys.org/unif

orm.php

Smarty Pants is the official uniform supplier for Becket Keys: https://www.smartypantsschoolw ear.com/

GENERAL:

JEWELLERY - Medic alert chain, if necessary. Girls may wear one small silver or gold sleeper or stud in the lobe of each ear, but they must be removed for all PE lessons. It is not acceptable to put tape over the ears. No other jewellery or body piercings are allowed for any student.

NAILS – No fake or acrylic nails are permitted.

EYELASHES – No fake eyelashes at all. Students will be required to remove strip lashes. If they are extensions, there will be a phone call home to discuss when / how they will be removed.

HAIR – Year 7-9 hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up / half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please.

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Urgently required:

CUSTARD & TINNED POTATOES

Tinned Goods:

Ham, Meat Pies, Salmon and Rice Pudding.

General Store Cupboard:

Pasta Bake Sauce Jars, Rice (in bags), Instant Mash, Fruit Juice and UHT Milk.

Cleaning Products:

Washing Powders/Liquids, Washing up Liquid and Kitchen/Bathroom Cleaners,

Toiletries:

Deodorants, Shaving Gel/Foam, Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste.

https://brentwood.foodbank.or g.uk/

St Thomas of Canterbury Church is now able to act as a collection centre, therefore any items can be put in the boxes/crates by the exit door to the church.

Sainsbury's in Brentwood also has a collection point for the foodbank.

School Charity - New Hope

A Mother's Heart.....



As you are aware we are still supporting our charities this year, one of which is New Hope in Kenya. This is a facility dedicated to rescuing and raising orphaned children and abandoned babies in Uplands, Kenya.

Anne Chenge is the mum of New Hope Children's Centre. She started the home 20 years ago and has provided a home and education to over 3,000 children.

Her story began with taking in just one orphan into her personal home, then she took in ten and then eventually over the years it expanded to over 100 when Anne decided she needed a centre to help raise the orphaned children of Kenya.

Anne quit her job at Barclay's bank and with her husband they

began New Hope Children's Centre - Uplands, Kenya. She has selflessly dedicated her entire life to this initiative.

Anne at New Hope has a mother's heart that is so much bigger than most people's. Driven by her strong faith in God she has the same energy and zeal as when she started the home and shows no sign of relinquishing the privilege of being involved with some of the most vulnerable in society.

Hand in Hand have a lovely idea for Mother's Day. You can give your Mum a unique gift and support the work at New Hope Children's Centre.

Follow this link to find out more and order your heart with your donation today.



Remember to state that you would like your donation to go to New Hope.

Food Department

One of the perks to my job is having enthusiastic students who love talking about food, especially those who cook at home.

Annie Allardyce, a student in Year 7, often tells me that she cooks at home for the whole family, she even shares photos of her culinary achievements giving me a detailed description of how the dish went. So last week, I gave Annie the responsibility to find a recipe that she likes to cook, for this week's newsletter.

Please enjoy Annie's recipe of Chicken and Mascarpone Pasta Bake, this is a great dish for families as it will serve six people.

Annie's picture below is the finished product of when she cooked it for her family. It looks delicious!

Thank you Annie, Enjoy ©

Mrs English Food Teacher

Chicken and Mascarpone Pasta Bake

Ingredients

4 tbsp olive oil 1 onion , finely chopped 2 garlic cloves , crushed 1/4 tsp chilli flakes 2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes 1 tsp caster sugar



6 tbsp mascarpone 4 skinless chicken breasts, sliced into strips 300g penne 70g mature cheddar, grated 50g grated mozzarella ½ small bunch of parsley, finely chopped

Method

STEP 1

Heat 2 tbsp of the oil in a pan over a medium heat and fry the onion gently for 10-12 mins. Add the garlic and chilli flakes and cook for 1 min. Tip in the tomatoes and sugar and season to taste.

Simmer uncovered for 20 mins or until thickened, then stir through the mascarpone.

STEP 2

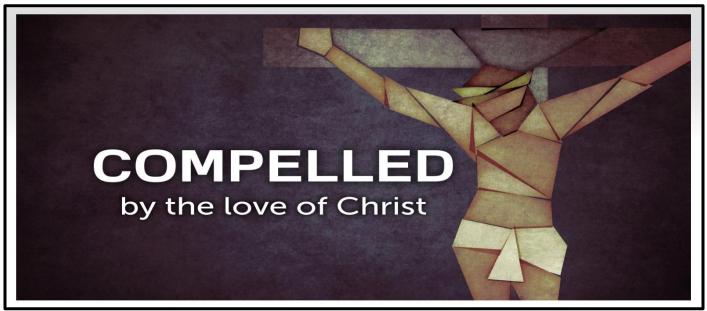
Heat 1 tbsp of oil in a non-stick frying pan. Season the chicken and fry for 5-7 mins or until the chicken is cooked through.

STEP₃

Heat the oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Cook the penne following pack instructions. Drain and toss with the remaining oil. Tip the pasta into a medium sized ovenproof dish. Stir in the chicken and pour over the sauce. Top with the cheddar, mozzarella and parsley. Bake for 20 mins or until golden brown and bubbling.



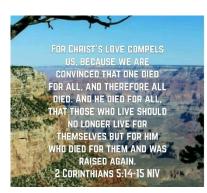




Compelled by love

This week, I have chosen to share and comment on another extract from a recent #LentLive daily reflection:

Bible reading 2 Corinthians 5.14-15



For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Reflection

St. Paul makes the point that if we have truly understood the love of Christ for us, then we will feel compelled to share that love with others, in word and deed.

Pope Francis, in Evangelii

Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), writes: "The primary reason for evangelising is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which urges us to ever greater love of him... If we do not feel an intense desire to share this love, we need to pray insistently that he will once more touch our hearts... What then happens is that 'we speak of what we have seen and heard' (1 John 1:3). The best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart."

Evangelism at its simplest is

opening ourselves to the love of Christ to such an extent that this love cannot help but overflow and touch those around us.

Prayer

Loving Lord, please fill us with your love to such an extent that it overflows from us and touches other people, drawing them to you. Amen.

Action for the week

This week, take time to read one of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark or Luke) and reflect on the love that Jesus shows there.

We love because he first loved us.

THERE IS

NO FEAR IN

LOVE

But Perfect Love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in Love.

1 John 4:18-19

2 Corinthians 5 verses 14-15 has a powerful message. Reflecting on these verses, the motivation to become or be a practising Christian should not simply be fear of judgement, guilt, a feeling

that 'this is what I am supposed to do' or indeed the promise of eternal life. Whilst these are not necessarily wrong, it is the unconditional and magnificent love of God, demonstrated through Christ our Saviour which has the strongest compulsion for us to live for Him. Indeed, there is no fear in love and perfect love drives out all fear (1 John 4:18).

Even when looking back to the very beginning, to the first few chapters of Genesis, we could question:

What was God's motivation for making us?

Why did he explicitly make us in His image?

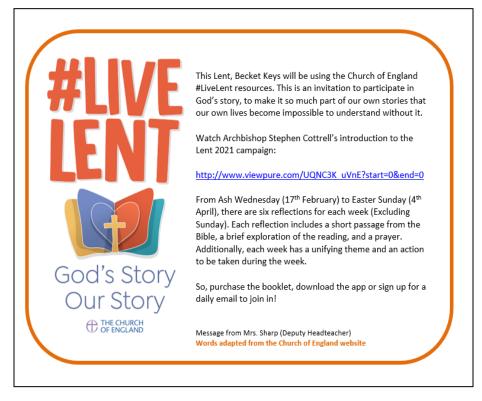
Why did he make us the dwelling place for Him?

Why did he send His Son?

An answer to all these questions is **because He loves us.** We cannot teach people to be compelled by love; this comes from a choice to have a relationship with God. It comes from within and pours out to others, drawing them to God too. Rejoice in this. Be strengthened by this. Be compelled by this. You are loved by God.

Mrs. Sharp Deputy Headteacher









Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with



Wednesday 17th March 2021 8.00pm - 9.30pm

These free parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.

This includes:

Favourite apps and games.

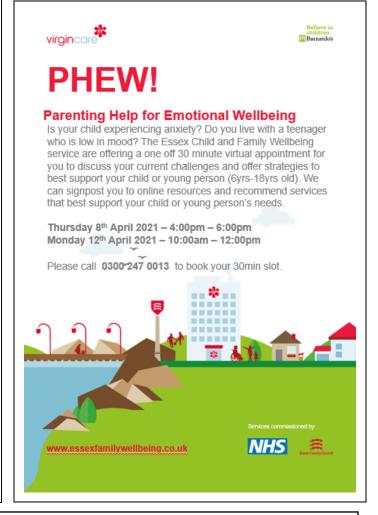
www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021

To book your place now please call us on 0300 247 0013 Monday - Friday 9am-5pm









Do you enjoy creative writing? Perhaps, you are a budding poet...

If you are interested in entering this Year's RET Creative Writing competition, please, read the information on this poster.

All entries must be wordprocessed and sent to either Miss Romano or Mr Fox in the English Department via office@becketkeys.org by no later than Wednesday 31st March.

Entry is open to all students, even those who no longer study English, and is a great opportunity for you to express your creative talents!

There will be 2 winners from each Key Stage, so get creative and get writing - best of luck!



Lockdown continues but that will not stop the artists from

creating! Here is all the great work from this week.

Star Artist for Art Amelie Coleman Yr 8

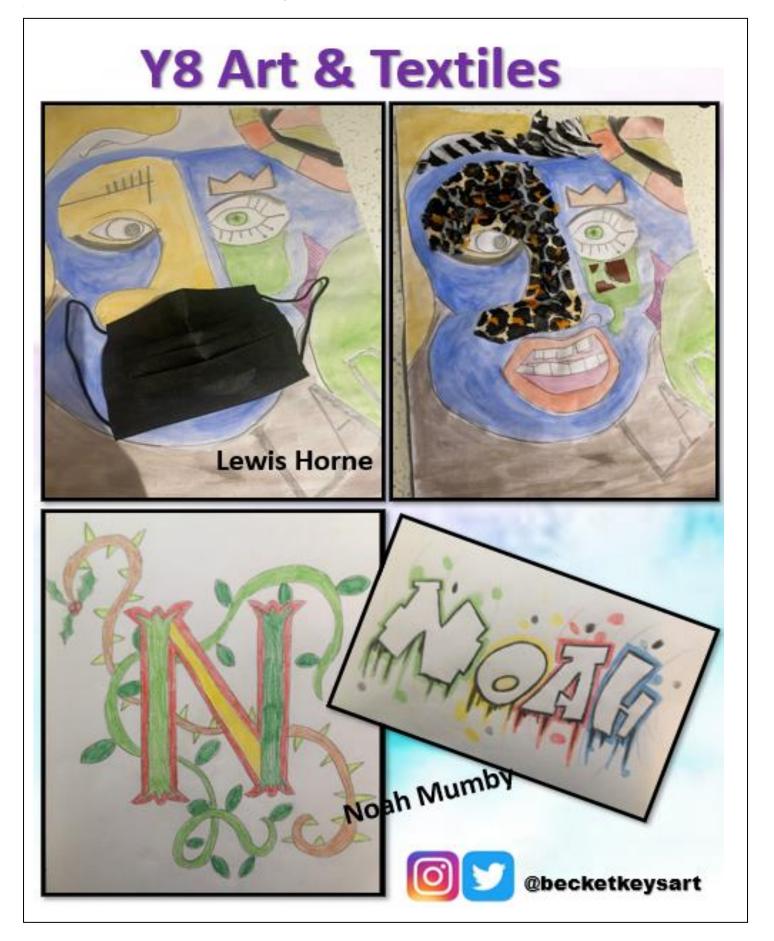




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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 10

SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 11TH MARCH 2021

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YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

TUESDAY 16TH MARCH

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YEAR 7

SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH

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EASTER HOLIDAY

MONDAY 29TH MARCH -

FRIDAY 9TH APRIL 2021

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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