



TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD!

Becket Keys Church of England School is proud to announce the winner of 'Outstanding New Teacher of the Year Award' as Miss Nikki Gill! Our wonderful lead technology teacher received her award on Wednesday night at the Essex Teaching Awards.

The event celebrates the contribution of the profession in influencing the lives of learners across the county's 550+ schools.

Miss Gill was nominated by her mentor, Mrs Sharp, for the award and will now be put forward for the National Teaching Award Finals.

Miss Gill was noted for her ambition and spirit. She decided as a (Newly Qualified Teacher) NQT to move to a completely different area, join a brand new school and work as the only full time design & technology teacher. Miss Gill was praised for always endeavouring to establish the importance of design and technology by teaching students how subject skills can be applied after leaving school. She designs learning activities that are relevant to students' lives. Her imaginative ideas engage students and challenge them to think 'outside the box'.

The presentation was made by Mr Donnison, Director of Education Services in Essex.

Mr Scott-Evans commented, "This is a really prestigious award for Miss Gill. I am extremely pleased for her. I know the students were delighted to hear the news as well. They are very proud to be in her classes!"



Miss Gill with her award

New Bike Shed Installed



Our new bike shed was installed this week to provide a new secure dry space for students and staff to lock their bikes on the school site.

The new structure was quickly assembled and immediately caught the attention of staff and students.

Mr Fenn, lead teacher PE said: "Cycling to school is a perfect way to improve fitness and to develop muscle strength. I'm delighted to see the new shelter as it will provide staff and students with a secure space to park their bikes."

The sliding door design makes it a stylish place for cyclists to be able to store their bikes and with plenty more space next to it, we can expand the provision for more spaces.

Students who wish to ride to school are encouraged to have Bikeability Level 2 as a minimum and we run the course in school each year for students who wish to gain this useful award.

OTHER NEWS

YOUR VIEWS MATTER!

Becket Keys Church of England School is hosting two parent forums in February.

The forums will take place in the school library and will allow parents to give us their feedback on key areas:

Homework, Progress, Teaching Styles, Friends of Becket Keys events, Communication/ Newsletters.

We will use the forums to follow up the excellent response received to the OfSTED [parent view](#) questions. We seek clarification about what is working well, what needs to be developed and what needs to be improved further.

Forum Dates & Times

Year 7: 5th Feb @ 2:30pm

Year 8: 6th Feb @ 2:30pm

If you cannot make these times but would like to have the opportunity to contribute, then please do approach us with a suggested time and date. We are keen to hear your views and work closely with you. After all, this school is only here because parents lobbied for it.

GOVERNOR ELECTION NOMINATIONS DUE

Please send your nominations for the Parent Governor elections. We have one position available on the Board of Governors.

If you need another copy of the nomination form – please let us know:
office@becketkeys.org.

WATER

Chilled, filtered water is always available in school from various water machines in each building. Students can bring empty water bottles to school and top up throughout the day.

Water machines:

2 in the Bistro, 2 in the Sports Hall, 1 in Runcie, 1 in Williams.

ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

We are keen to hear your views and the views of our local community on our admissions policy. Please look at some suggested changes to our policy on our website:

<http://www.becketkeys.org/consultation.php>



EDUCATION SUNDAY

This Sunday is Education Sunday at our Parish Church, St Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood. Students and staff are invited to attend to represent the school at this special service.

This week, we have been talking about *Unity* in our collective worship times as part of the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. Joining together at St Thomas' this Sunday will be a fitting way to end this week.

As a school, we represent a wide variety of faiths, denominations and churches and we feel it is important to celebrate our inclusivity in this way. We hope you will join us.

The theme of the Service will be 'History' and so we bring here an update from our History Department!

HISTORY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Year 7 students are currently working on their castle project for homework. This will be due in over the next few weeks. Many different designs have been viewed by the history team. There are some ambitious ideas and quite a few interesting 'cake castles' being invented. Keep up the good work! If you are unsure about this homework you can ask Mrs Knowles using the staffenquiry@becketkeys.org address.

History Club – Our History club are currently working on some ideas for how Becket Keys Church of England School can remember the centenary of the First World War. If you have any suggestions then please let us know via Mrs Knowles. staffenquiry@becketkeys.org



FRANKENSTEIN PLAY

'Mary Shelley's Frankenstein: The Modern Prometheus' is on at The Lion & Unicorn Theatre (12+).

As you know this is a text that is studied in Year 7 at Becket Keys Church of England School and our English Department would like to recommend this play to you.

There is currently a good deal on tickets, if you want to hear more go to: www.livingsocial.com

We would particularly recommend the Saturday matinées. If any student attends and writes a review for the school newsletter – we would be pleased to publish it.

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING GALA REPORT

16 swimmers took part in the mid-Essex gala relays yesterday. The standard was high and we competed well in the majority of races. Our Y8 boys qualified for the freestyle relay final and our Y8 girls qualified for the medley relay final.

The students are now looking forward to our next gala with Brentwood School.

There are still some spaces available for the Becket Keys Swimming Academy. Training is Thursdays 6.30–7.30am at the Brentwood Centre. Speak to Mr Fenn for more details.

HOCKEY U13 MESSA TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY BRENTWOOD SCHOOL

Results:

Lost against Brentwood School

Drew with Great Baddow

Lost against New Hall school

The girls played extremely well for their first competitive hockey tournament. They battled hard against a well drilled Brentwood A side, who have been playing hockey for a number of years. Although we lost, our students did not lose their enthusiasm and there were many positives to take away, notably Elisabeth Hayes (her first game ever in goal) who made some particularly good saves.

The girls settled into the second game against Great Baddow, and played extremely well to earn a 0–0 draw, with some excellent defending from Elloise Wilson and Celeste Brien. Passes were accurate and Hannah McCarthy and Uchechi Nze moved the ball forward from midfield when attacking.

During the third game against New Hall, the defence held out against the New Hall attack until over halfway through the match. New Hall won a number of penalty corners in which they were prevented from scoring. Several goals were scored in the final minutes leaving an disappointing result. Miss Honey said: “The girls have learned a lot from this first tournament and they played fantastically.”



MORE SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 7 GIRLS' BASKETBALL v BOSWELLS

Becket Keys 10–20 Boswells

The first quarter started off positively for Becket Keys. Sydney Macauley was a cut above the rest and the opposition were hard pressed to keep up with her. However, for every basket Becket Keys scored Boswells matched it. During the third quarter the opposition made their defence more solid and blocked all attempts made at the basket. Becket Keys tried to drive through the defences, but they were too strong, often resulting in a turnover ball. This did not put the girls off, however, and they regained possession through some good interceptions, in particular from Divine Okwuosa. The girls have come away from the game positively and have ideas about how they can improve their defence so the next time they play Boswells the final result will be a lot closer.

YEAR 8 NETBALL v BRENTWOOD URSULINE

The year 8s played against an excellent Ursuline team on Monday. We were dominated by them at the start, however we did manage to improve our defence as the game continued. Uchechi Nze played particularly well, making many interceptions. A commitment to training is required from the whole team in order to improve our attacking play.

INTER-HOUSE SPORT

Inter-house sport begins next week with year 7s playing mixed netball and year 8s competing in a dance competition. The inter-house netball starts on Monday so make sure you have the correct equipment and are on time!

The dance competition will take place on Friday 31st January at lunchtime in the main hall – so get practising!

LOST PROPERTY

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

Becket Keys Blazer
Becket Keys PE top
Becket Keys Rugby Top
Becket Keys Hoodie with JS initials in
Becket Keys Scarf
2 x Becket Keys grey slippers size 34"
Black Anorak
Black Nike scarf
Blue/white snowflake woollen hat
Black buckle belt
1 grey fingerless glove
Black West Ham hat
Green bottle
Black Campri Gloves
Long Keyring chain with 2 keys on
Gold Birch padlock
Silver padlock
3 unnamed plastic cake boxes left over from cake sale
Box with silver earrings in
Pink Gum shield with case
Orange Gum shield with case
2 pairs of Nike pink/white trainers
Black checked scarf
1 x Nomis goalie glove
Black umbrella
Pair of Black Size 5.5 school shoes
'Little Brown Bag' with pink lunch box inside

Please check whether your son has taken Thomas Dines' brand new rugby boot home by mistake. It is black and orange.

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
Jumper size 28"	£5
Grey slipover size 28"	£5
Grey slipover size 30"	£5
Boys' trousers age 11/12	£5
Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50
Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50
Kilt Waist 26"	£10
Hoodie (Medium)	£5

UNIFORM

Girls may wear a single small earring in both ear lobes. It must be plain gold or silver.



NO TIPPEX

Students do not need correction fluid. Moreover, it is not allowed on the school site and must be left at home. Instead, students who wish to be really neat can use correction tape. Our preference, however, is simply to draw a single line through mistakes!



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 will be able to leave a short message on the answer phone stating your son/daughter's name, form and reason for absence. You can also leave a message here if your son/daughter is going to be late.

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 (eg a teacher would be allowed to take paid leave for such an appointment or special occasion).

SCHOOL TRIPS

Second payment for Bushcraft is due at the end of next week (31/1/14).

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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.

NO MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that mobile phones are not to be seen or heard at Becket Keys! Please do not 'message' your son/daughter during the day! If you need to contact them, the only way is through the school office, or after 3:20pm.

Students who are using their phones during the day will discuss with us the logical consequence for their actions which may include the staff member keeping the mobile until the next day.

Dates for your Diary

17th – 21st Feb	Half-term holiday
24th Feb	INSET Day
4th,5th,6th Mar	<i>Joseph!</i> Performances
7th – 21st Apr	Easter Holiday
5th May	Bank Holiday

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

