



CARNEGIE AWARD SHADOWING SCHEME

Becket Keys Church of England School is pleased to announce that it has joined the Shadowing Scheme for the highly acclaimed CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals for children's literature. Students and staff from the school are working closely with a local book shop to challenge our most able readers.

The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals are awarded annually, celebrating the very best in children's literature. These medals are bestowed by a team of prestigious children's librarians. Each year, the librarians invite children to join the Shadowing Scheme, to promote the joy of reading.

Children involved meet regularly to discuss a range of books, which they have chosen from the shortlisted titles. For the first time, students at Becket Keys have formed their own Carnegie Shadowing Group, where they meet weekly, to read and discuss the merits of their chosen books.

This is a very positive experience for the students,

as they learn how judges make their final decisions, by looking closely at the criteria, as well as being exposed to books that they may not usually find in school. Students will be sharing picture books (from the Greenaway short list) with primary school pupils, in order to gain a better understanding of what appeals to the younger reader.

Each student has access to the school's page on the Carnegie website, where they can blog about their reading and interact with students across the country, sharing personal responses to the books that they are reading. The scheme promises to be

an excellent opportunity for all involved.

Mr Scott-Evans said, "We are really excited about this scheme. We have a number of students here with exceptionally high levels of interest in quality fiction and this is a really prestigious way to recognise their enthusiasm for reading such works. The Carnegie awards offer students an opportunity to work alongside critics analysing the best works of fiction released this year and I am delighted to see our students involved in this project."



Carnegie Medal for Children's Fiction 2014

OTHER NEWS

HAPPY ST VALENTINE'S DAY!

Father Mark James came to Becket Keys Church of England School on Monday to lead Collective Worship. We have had the theme of 'Love' this week in honour of St Valentine.

Father Mark started our week with a look at the different Ancient Greek words for 'Love' and a period of reflection on what 'Agape' means. Collective Worship was led by Mrs Kennard's form on Wednesday and Mr Fenn's form on Thursday.



MAD ABOUT MATHEMATICS?

Students interested in enhancing their mathematics through additional reading are encouraged to try to read from the following list. Please let us know what you think.

- 'The Number Devil, a Mathematical Adventure' by Hans Magnus Enzensberger
- 'The Science of Secrecy' by Simon Singh
- 'The Code Book' by Simon Singh
- 'Fermat's Last Theorem' by Simon Singh
- 'The Simpsons and their Mathematical Secrets' by Simon Singh
- 'The Phantom Tollbooth' by Norton Juster
- 'Train your Brain to be a Maths Genius' by Dr Mike Goldsmith
- 'How Maths Works' by Carol Vorderman
- 'About the Size of it - The Common Sense Approach to Measuring Things' by Warwick Cairns
- 'Flatland' by Ewin A. Abbott

CHARITY UPDATE

Students raised £37.80 in this week's Flapjack Sale. The next event is a chocolate refrigerator cake. Well done to the charity committee for your on-going excellent fundraising.

'JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT'

Students are giving up their Monday in half term to come and rehearse for the forthcoming show. Rehearsals are coming along well, with all cast members memorising their lines, getting fully into character and singing with gusto.

Dates for the performance have changed owing to a clash with Ash Wednesday; the performances will now be on **Tuesday April 1st, Wednesday April 2nd and Thursday 3rd April**. Keep the dates free in your diary! Tickets will be going on sale soon after half term.

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL v BRENTWOOD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

The year 8s played in a very competitive game this week. The score fluctuated throughout the match, with both teams being in the lead at points. Becket Keys were winning at the start of the final quarter however BCHS came back in the last few minutes to take the win. Unfortunately, the year 7s did not pull out their best performance and lost 6-1. We hope to rearrange some friendlies soon to take the win next time!



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the year 7 girls' athletics team, who came third in the Brentwood District Indoor Athletics Trials! This is a great achievement considering this is their first experience of indoor athletics. The year 8 girls came 5th in their competition. We are looking forward to the season ahead!

HOCKEY

Over the past two weeks both the girls' and boys' hockey teams have taken part in the Regional Hockey Championships. Unfortunately, it rained on both days, but this did not dampen our spirits! The day was a great learning experience for the students and despite not winning, they are more determined than ever to improve! The boys lost narrowly to Alec Hunter and Forest School 1-0 and the girls lost 2-0 to Coopers and New Hall 1-0.

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
TU Dark Blue Jacket
Nike Black Gillet
Next Black Jacket
Barbour Black Jacket
Red/Black Memory stick
Black Nike scarf
Blue/white snowflake woollen hat
Black buckle belt
1 grey fingerless glove
Black West Ham hat
Green bottle
Long Keyring chain with 2 keys on
Gold Birch padlock
Silver padlock
Pink Gum shield with case
2 pairs of Nike pink/white trainers
Black checked scarf
Black umbrella
Pink umbrella
'Little Brown Bag' with pink lunch box inside
Black Sennheiser Headphones
Black Glasses case

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
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
Black Tracksuit Bottoms £2.50

UNIFORM

Please ensure your son/daughter has the correct shoes!



If unsure, please contact us and we will happily advise.

Check our uniform policy for details.

[UNIFORM POLICY](#)

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

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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 after 3:20pm. In the event of an emergency, the office can pass on a message.

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. We will endeavour to contact parents by telephone or text if a student's mobile is confiscated.

Dates for your Diary

17th - 21st Feb	Half-term holiday
24th Feb	INSET Day
1st, 2nd, 3rd April	'Joseph!' Performance
11th Mar	Year 7 Parents' Evening
20th Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening
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.

