



NEW COMMUNICATIONS

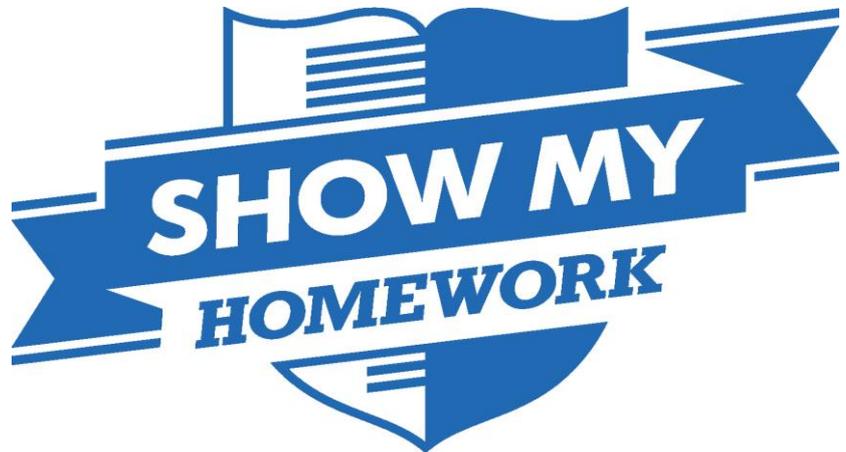
This term we are enjoying a trial of two new websites which will hopefully further improve communication between home and school about two important issues: homework and absence.

Both websites support our school view that a close working partnership between home and school is a key factor to ensuring a successful secondary school experience. Using the internet and the increasing prevalence of smart phone technology we are introducing new, better systems and I write today with details about them both.

Firstly we have a much better way reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Sickly! Please use the free Sickly app, or the Sickly web site, to report your child's absence from now on.

What we like about Sickly is that it automatically enters sick reports straight into the register, which means we know right away if any students are unaccounted for. It will also let us (and you) track what illnesses are going around in the area.

Please register or get the app now so you have it ready. The Sickly app is available for iPhone, Android and Windows Phone, or you can use the Sickly web site – see <https://www.sickly.org/about/parents>.



Secondly we have a new way to record, track and monitor homework. We are excited to be launching Show My Homework, an online tool to help you keep track of your son/daughter's homework. Show My Homework will allow you to see the details of the tasks that have been set, as well as submission status and grades.

Parents and students can login to their personal account. You will get a lot more value from the website when you log in. However, even without a log in, you can see the homework your son/daughter has been set. So 'I have forgotten my password' will never be an acceptable excuse!

Moreover, there is an excellent smart phone app for Show My Homework. If you download this app you do not need to keep logging in over and over again.

We are trialling this system and hope that this service will provide parents with a deeper insight into the homework your son/daughter receives. More importantly, we hope that it will improve your son/daughter's organisation, time-management, and help them to keep on top of their workload.

If you have any questions about the service, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the team at Show My Homework, who are always happy to help. Just email help@showmyhomework.co.uk or call 0207 197 9550.

If you'd like to get in touch with the school or provide feedback on either of these new products, please contact office@becketkeys.org.

Mr Andy Scott-Evans
Head Teacher



TICKETS FOR SALE!

We are pleased to inform you that tickets for the forthcoming production of 'Oliver' will be on sale next week.

Students can purchase tickets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday at break time, on the first floor of Carey Building outside the Library. We can accept payment by cash or cheques made payable to 'Becket Keys C of E School.'

There will be performances on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March. The performances will start at 7pm and finish at approximately 9pm.

Ticket price: Adults £5, Children and Senior Citizens £3, under 7s free

We hope you will be able to join us for one of the performances.

Please note:

Gold cast will be performing on the Tuesday and Thursday
Purple cast will be performing on the Wednesday and Friday



SPORTS NEWS

Year 7 Rugby v Moulsham

The Year 7 Boys' rugby team took part in a thrilling game away at Moulsham on Wednesday. A few players made their debut for Becket Keys and a few more played their first ever game of rugby after impressing at training! Moulsham were able to score the first try on the breakaway after some early Becket Keys pressure. Great individual runs from James Peace and Todd Miller got Becket Keys ahead at the half-time break. Unfortunately, Becket Keys were unable to keep the high level of intensity from the first half and Moulsham scored two quick tries and a converted try, despite heroic tackling from Lewis Deller and Harrison Cole. Ryan Blignaut scored after some great pressure from Becket Keys' forwards to set up a thrilling finish to the game, but Becket Keys could not quite get the next score they needed for victory. Harry Johnson and Luc Riches made excellent debuts and Will Uings also deserves mention for his hard work and great leadership. The team are working hard in training and are focussed on continuing their improvement.

Year 8 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday the Year 8 netball squad played in a round robin tournament with all of the local Brentwood Schools. They played 7 short 12 minute matches which meant that they had the opportunity to play a lot of netball! We were slow to start with our first game against Brentwood County High, despite having some good attacking opportunities, we were caught out on the break and lost 7-2. We then came up against some tough and tall opposition and were unable to dominate many of our games. However during our last game against Shenfield we took an early lead with some accurate and controlled shooting. Shenfield then started to come back with the score being 3-2, however we dominated the second half and scored 2 more shots to win 5-2! Overall, we came 6th out of 7.

Year 8 Rugby v Moulsham

Moulsham came to us having won all but one of their rugby matches. Within minutes of kick off our team realised the quality that Moulsham brought. Moulsham were clearing out at the breakdown fantastically and passing the ball well in attack. Despite their quality, we overpowered them in the scrum, thanks to some fantastic work in the front row from Mark Wilson,

Louis Ridley and Jack Kennedy. Our line out was strong too. Unfortunately, when we had the ball we struggled to get the ball through the hands to our dangerous players out wide. Despite several tries conceded before half time, the team went into the break with their heads held high, willing to listen to a team talk that would help them improve. With a few positional changes made, the second half was completely different, we looked threatening in attack with Johnny Wyndham getting the ball to Ralph Allum, Ben Cooper, Oliver Legon and Patrick Warriner. Louis Ridley, Harrison Powell, Charlie Johnson and Tom Burkert made some good breaks with the ball. We were now securing the ball much better in the rucks. Will Sainsbury and Jay Georgiou-Young forced their players to hold onto the ball winning numerous penalties for us. "Best Tackler" must go to Denzel Okwuasaba for an estimated 15 tackles throughout the game. Ben Cooper tackled excellently into touch, Oliver Legon must have made a handful of try saving tackles at full back and Patrick Warriner also tackled well. We managed to match a very good team in the second half, it was a shame that the first half went the way it did. More games coming up.

English Schools Cross Country at Stubbers

This competition is prestigious and has run for many years. With the top schools from all over Essex competing we knew that the standard would be high. All students who ran were a credit to the school. Each race had over 200 runners with the top 16 selected to represent Essex. Overall we finished in the top half of schools in Essex with Grace Burrell narrowly missing out on Essex selection by 8 places and Luke Savage by 2 places. Excellent effort everyone! Year 7 girls came 14th in Essex, Year 7 boys came 16th in Essex, Year 8 girls came 15th in Essex and the Year 8 boys came 14th in Essex. More cross country to come this half term.



NOTICES

YEAR 7 CHARITY CAKE SALE

Year 7 will be baking for a charity cake sale on **Tuesday 3rd March**. Cakes will be on sale at lunchtime in the playground. All proceeds to the school charities.

Year 7s – Do not forget to bring your cakes in on Tuesday!

COMEDY SHOWCASE

Auditions: Wednesday 4th March

Showcase: Thursday 12th March

If you are thinking of getting involved, please speak to Mrs Ahlner.

LENT EUCHARISTS

Every Friday lunchtime during Lent, we will celebrate a short lunchtime Eucharist in the Chapel starting at 12:50. Parents are welcome to attend.



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VACANCIES

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING!

Check our website for details:

www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php

Dates for your Diary

28th Feb	Treasure Island theatre trip
3 rd March	Charity Cake Sale
12 th March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
24th March	
-27 th March	Oliver!

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