



BECKET KEYS' GOT TALENT

Mr. Scott-Evans writes:

On Tuesday evening the long awaited Becket Keys' Got Talent Finals took place in the main hall with over 250 people in the audience.

Students performed with music, dance and singing, many of whom were taking to the main hall stage for the very first time. Each act was given a huge ovation. Whilst some got the crowd clapping and waving along as they performed, others stunned us into captivated silence!

I was fortunate enough to be one of the judges, I had a front row seat and got to see, feel and hear the raw emotion of each performance. Sitting next to me was Katie Lawrence who appeared in this year's Britain's Got Talent as part of Misstasia, getting all the way to the semi-final of the show! We both found it extremely challenging to choose a winner. How do you start to pick a winner with so many great acts? Very hard! So it was no surprise to me that we were actually unable to separate two of the acts and ended up awarding them joint second place.

The winner of Becket Keys' Got Talent 2015 was Yasmin Reader who performed under the name Enigma.

Melissa Moore and Sophie-Morgan Haywood came joint 2nd. 3rd place went to Daisy Benson. Yasmin's dance was incredibly powerful and beautifully presented. Melissa's instrumental performance was one of the highlights of the evening, showing a very different sort of talent. Sophie-Morgan's guitar based vocal piece was excellent and really got the crowd talking just before the break. Daisy closed the evening and sang beautifully accompanied by Georgina and Connor.

Mr. London said to me, "A few months ago the British public thought that the best talent we had in this country was a dog. Well after Tuesday's show I beg to differ!" I have already forgotten the name of the dog and the winner, but I think I will remember our own show for a lot longer!

One of the other highlights was a video that was put together by Tilly Richardson. The video showed every member of staff in the school singing and dancing along to a well-known pop song. The exclusive showing of this incredible video '*brought the house down*'.

One of Tilly's talents is clearly video editing! The video will be shown again in the final assembly of the year. It is a great, fun, celebratory video and I cannot thank Tilly enough for putting it together. To my shame, I forgot to thank her on the night and I feel awful for this. I hope she will forgive me and still help us out with future videos for the school! Her talent is exceptional.

It was a fabulous night for Becket Keys and its students as we celebrated the immense and varied talent we have at this school. There were so many strong acts and it was very hard to choose our top three.

Our special guest judge Katie Lawrence wrapped up a wonderful evening with two fantastic performances. She invited the students back on to the stage to sing 'Thank you for the music!'

I would like to conclude by thanking Mr London for organising BKG.T. It takes a lot of work to pull something like this together and we have all marvelled at how he has managed to do it at this incredibly busy time of year!

Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher

THIS WEEK in pictures...



Above: Louise White and Caitlin Ruth singing 'Jar of Hearts'



Above: Talent show hosts Elisabeth Hayes & Jack Hitching talk to the judges



Top: Sophie-Morgan Haywood singing 'Hallelujah' Right: Melissa Moore playing 'Say Something' on the clarinet Far right: Katherine Ellery singing 'Over the Rainbow'



Mrs. Sharp and gardening club students with the Brentwood in Bloom judges down on 'The Patch' this week. Results expected soon!

OTHER NEWS

RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST – HIGHEST PERFORMING TRUST IN THE COUNTRY

We are delighted to inform our parents/carers and friends of the school that RET's 100% record in sponsoring schools which are graded by OfSTED as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' has continued. Both of our sister schools St Andrews the Apostle and Kings School were inspected by OfSTED in the last few weeks.

Kings School (Brighton) is an Ecumenical Christian School and was graded as 'Outstanding' in Leadership and Behaviour & Safety by OfSTED.

St Andrews the Apostle (Barnet) is the first Greek Orthodox Secondary School in the country and (like Becket Keys) was graded as 'Outstanding' in every category.

RET has four free schools (will be five in September) and together we have the highest OfSTED rating of any trust in the country. As far as we know, there is no other trust with such an exemplary record as us. To have four schools in such different areas with such different backgrounds, all graded so highly, sets our trust apart.

The new RET school, Turing House, will open in the London Borough of Richmond, Surrey, in September with Colin Mackinlay as Headteacher and our very own Ellen Endicott as Deputy Head. We are confident that they will also do incredibly well.

Our congratulations go out to all the staff both at RET Head Office and our two sister schools.

PARENT WORKSHOPS – MONDAY 6th JULY

On Monday evening we are hosting our final parent workshops of the year. We will be running three sessions for parents; each one will be around 25 minutes each. With over 90 parents already signed up, it promises to be a busy night!

Mrs Sharp will be leading a session on social media and teenagers with a special focus on Instagram and an opportunity to share ideas on what we are doing as parents and teachers. Mr Hughes & Mrs Norman will be leading a session on GCSE study skills. They will provide practical advice and insights with some time for parents to share their top tips too. Mr Scott-Evans will lead a session allowing parents to offer some early thoughts on sixth form provision. With only two years to go until we launch our A-Level courses we want to hear from you!

At the end of the evening, parents will be able to raise 'any other business' with these senior leaders. If you want to book a place, please use the parents' evening booking system via the website.

TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

There has been a lot of talk about travelling to school this week with the news that Grove House are intending to close the Doddinghurst Road cut through on a temporary basis. We have passed on all the views and opinions expressed to us directly to the leaders of the Grove House School. We know that they are considering these matters very carefully and are well aware that the path is a much-appreciated asset to the local community.

In addition to speaking to Grove House, we are also speaking to NIBS buses about their service and we recommend parents do so too. Clearly, it will be very difficult for students to get round to the bus stop quickly after school with the Doddinghurst Road path being closed.

CHARITIES' WEEK

It has been a week of fun, games, cakes and doughnuts for our Charities' week events. The donations are being counted and we will publish the total sum raised in next week's newsletter!

SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 Boys' Cricket – Messa Cup Semi-Final v Great Baddow

Tom Walker was composed as he hit a variety of leg side and offside boundaries before hitting two straight sixes to retire. Finley Richardson was bowled for a duck when the ball pitched up and clipped the bails. Jo Stuckey hit a lovely pull shot for a boundary and ran a single before getting bowled. Alex Savage came to the crease higher up the batting order than usual and played with confidence. He struck a variety of top shots including two cover drive boundaries. Oscar Warriner and Alex Savage put on a good partnership before Alex had to retire. Oscar went on to finish on 19. George Tegg hit a few top shots including a massive hit that got fantastically caught on the boundary.

The target was set, Great Baddow needed 103 to win off 16 overs. For the first 6 overs we were ahead on run rate, but after a couple of loose overs and sloppy fielding, the opposition pulled ahead. Great Baddow hit their target with 12 balls remaining. Ed Peace had a good game as wicket keeper; Frank Parish, Harry Elliot and Frankie Day were kept busy in the field.

Year 8 Boys' Cricket - MESSA Cup Semi-Final v Great Baddow

Becket Keys came up against an experienced team from Great Baddow in their semi-final, a team that won the competition last year. Becket Keys won the toss and chose to field, bowling 20 overs accurately and not conceding many extras at all. However, Great Baddow had four high quality batsmen at the top of the order who were able to punish any delivery that was not quite pacy or accurate enough. All four were able to retire on 25 runs, despite changes in the field and variation in bowling tactics, leaving Becket Keys with a big total to chase. They started well, but soon needed to chase runs and lost wickets playing risky shots. The batsmen were able to pressurise Great Baddow into conceding a high number of extras, but kept losing a wicket themselves, just when the pressure was starting to build.

Jack Kennedy scored 13 in a great 6/7 partnership with Reuben Torgbor, but the damage had been done and Becket Keys could not find enough runs to win. The team was proud of their efforts and hope Great Baddow do well in the final.

Turn Up and Play Tennis

During Wednesday lunchtime, 30 students took part in a promotional tennis session with HIT tennis. Boys and girls from all years slipped some trainers on and had a great time in the 32 degree heat! HIT will be running some tennis camps at Becket Keys over the summer holidays for a small charge. It would be great to see lots of our students there.

SPORTS NEWS CORRECTION:

In last week's sports news write up of the District Athletics, we printed an error. It was **Tom Walker** in Year 9 who threw the discus 29.9m, winning the discus for a second year in a row. Tom also competed as part of the Year 9 boys' 4x100m relay team and gave a strong performance to contribute to the boys' new PB and school record of 50.13 seconds. Congratulations to Tom Walker and our sincere apologies for the error.

BOOK AMNESTY

We have received a good response to our Book Amnesty. Many students still have school books in their bags and at home and as soon as they are finished, these should be returned to the Library, English Department, Tutor or the trolley in Reception.

Additionally, we are seeking to increase our book stock by asking students to look at their book shelves at home and donate any books which they have now grown out of or feel that they will not read again. Books should be high quality and in good condition.

Furthermore, we are very keen to increase the stock of Dictionaries, Prayer Books and Bibles. We would like a wider variety of these essential texts. Any editions, publishers, hardbacks and paperbacks are welcome. If you feel able to donate a good condition copy from home or even invest in a new copy for the school, we would be very grateful.

NOTICES

GIRLS' EARRINGS

As the summer holiday approaches, we know some girls are thinking about getting their ears pierced.

Please make sure this is done as near to the beginning of the holiday as possible, so that ears have time to heal up and earrings can be removed for PE lessons. We would also like to remind our girls that they are only allowed to wear one single earring in each ear at school. Earrings must be plain gold or silver small studs.

BIKES

If your son/daughter cycles to school, although we do provide a lockable bike shed, we would advise that students also bring a bike lock. The bike shed is open from 3.20pm and any student attending a club will be leaving their bike unsupervised for a substantial length of time.

CAKES FOR PATRONAL FESTIVAL PICNIC

A reminder that Friends of Becket Keys are seeking donations of cakes for the cake stall at the Patronal Festival Picnic this Saturday. All cakes and bakes gratefully received for sale on the stall.

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VACANCIES

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING:

CATERING ASSISTANT

Our catering provider Accent Catering is looking to recruit a general assistant to work in our kitchens. For details and to apply please contact Dave Ashman:

Becketkeys@accentcatering.co.uk.

Dates for your Diary

4 th July	Patronal Festival Picnic 12pm – 4pm
7 th July	Patronal Festival Mass St Thomas' Church 1.45pm
10 th July	Sports Day
14 th July	Governors' Speeches & Awards evening
21 st July	Last day of term

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