

# ***BASTON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER***

## **M E S S A G E   F R O M   T H E   H E A D T E A C H E R**

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It's been another exciting half-term here at Baston House. So far this year, we've welcomed four new students and three new staff members. Sadly, one of those new members of staff has required some time off due to an injury at work: an injury caused by an unintentional but reckless act. I repeat that it is my paramount duty to ensure everyone's safety and the school requires your support at all times. I know that you will join me in wishing Miss Elisha Coley well as she recovers over the half-term holiday. In a short time, she has become extremely popular with students and staff.

On a lighter note, we have enjoyed welcoming Winnie to our school. She is a fully trained therapy dog and will join us once a week for about an hour. Check out the website for more information about her role and the aims of therapy dogs. By the way, her owner's name is Lara!

I am delighted to see so many students in school uniform: it really does make life easier for everyone. Generally, we have had very few issues with improper use of mobile phones. If students cannot use their mobiles in accordance with our policy or an approved therapy plan, your child will not be allowed to bring a mobile phone to school.

We have several significant events coming up to mark the Armistice Centenary and we value your support. Please look at the website and watch out for more emails from us next term.

I wish all families and staff a restful half-term break!

Greg Sorrell

## **D A T E S   F O R   Y O U R   D I A R Y**

- Tuesday 6th November—St Georges Church Remembrance Service
- Thursday 22nd November—Coffee Morning & Book Fair
- Thursday 20th December— Pantomime—Cinderella
- Friday 21st December—End of Autumn Term
- Monday 7th January—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 8th January—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- Wednesday 9th January—Spring term starts for pupils

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

The new library area is starting to take shape with new shelving, some funky furniture and most importantly some engaging reading material. Classes are having visits during English lessons and it is proving a popular area for pupils to just chill out and relax. We are continuing to add to our collection from early readers to young adult fiction and non-fiction. Remember if you have any suitable reading

material that is now surplus to requirements, we would be very happy to add them to our library resources.



## THERAPY DOG

Research has demonstrated that therapy dogs properly managed in the school setting can not only make a measurable difference in terms of gaining various skills such as reading enhancement, but also in contributing critically to emotional and relational development. Schools are finding that the presence of a therapy dog can decrease anxiety and enable children to work through issues such as anger management, bullying tendencies and others social problems. The introduction of a therapy dog can serve as a catalytic vehicle for forming adaptive and satisfactory social interactions. Guided activities and group discussions help teach students how to handle interpersonal conflicts and develop

## THERAPY TEAM

Last academic year, Frampton won the daily mile competition and achieved the most laps per student! As a reward, the Occupational Therapy team took Frampton on a trip to the Enchanted Village mini golf. Frampton students were superstars on the day, playing well as a team and successfully ordering and paying for their own snacks.

The therapy team look forward to seeing who will win the most laps in the daily mile this term!

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

An excellent response from students, staff and many parents who attended the concert to celebrate the Black History month. All this month, the students are learning about different aspects of black history including music, art, literature, politicians and their long struggle towards equality that persists even today. Especially exciting to see was several students singing along with staff musicians ensuring that a school band cannot be far away. During this event we raised funds to support the Sickle Cell Society, a charity that helps people with a very specific blood disorder.

## BASTON HOUSE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM REPRESENT THE SCHOOL AND CRYSTAL PALACE FC AT MANCHESTER CITY FC.

All year round, Baston House students receive coaching from Crystal Palace Football Club. At the end of the last academic year, Palace asked us if we would like to represent them at a special national tournament which was part of a festival sponsored by the Premier League Charitable Fund.

This fantastic opportunity included travelling to The Manchester City Football Club Academy to take advantage of their facilities and experience top flight coaching. The students also enjoyed the lifestyle of the professional footballer complete with a pre-match meal, luxury breakfast and an overnight stay in a city hotel. Although Baston House didn't win any silverware, the players acquitted themselves well and made us all very proud.

## FOCUS ON SAPLING CLASS

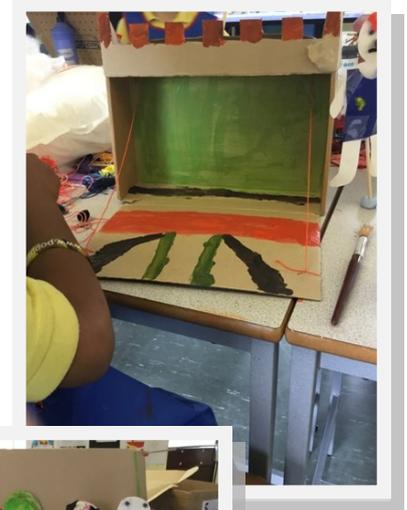
We are little writers in Sapling! We love writing stories and poems and get really creative with them. One of our students, Isaiah, won the Short Story Competition in July. This term we are working on our poems for another competition – Poetry Wonderland.

Through the door, Story of Robin the Elf and Isaiah

"I love this day, wait some one is at the door said Isaiah",  
 "Isaiah its me, robin said robin",  
 "oh hi robin what u doing here",said isaiah. " i'm here to go on a adventure with you said robin"  
 "ok i'm going to jamaica", "ok lets go, "but first of all you have to turn yourself as samll as me, so count to 3 and I'll do the magic", said Robbin,  
 ok 1 2 3 i'm small said isaiah" " now today your mum and your brother will know me, said robin"  
 "oh man this is going to be tricky said isaiah". "why said robin, she is out side with my cat and my cat is hungry". "How are we going to get past them and to the tree said isaiah" "I know, is your brother going out there said robin" "There he is, said isaiah, quick jump on him!". "whats the name of your brother" said robin. "lashay",said isaiah "lashay" said robin. "who are you", said lashay robin and isaiah said robin "can you get us too mum", said isaiah yep mum said lashay yes said sirena banner look said lashay who is that said sirena banner i'm robin and isaiah and both of u count to 3 ok said sirena banner "ok", said lashay. "1 2 3 i'm small like you", said mum "1 2 3, i'm small too", said lashay. "so climb up the fence, the cats coming", said robin. "we finally climbed the fence", said isaiah "knock knock", said robin "come in" said robins mum, oh my, this is amazing". "hang on isaiah, we are late we need too get too the airport"  
 Bye guys we love your treehouse. "Bye, so how do u get to turn back big", said sirena banner "but since we are tiny elfs we have magic too get you on a aeoroplane", said robins mum. "ok", said lashay. " my wish commands you too get too the airport", said robins mum. "we are here", said sirena banner "now lets get a hotel" said isaiah, "lets turn back big, thats better", said mum. "now we are all big", said robin. "i'm going too ask that lady for a hotel!", said sirena banner "hello can we buy are hotel please", said lashay "yep this one good", said the lady "yep", said robin and lashay and sirena banner and isaiah this is a lovely hotel said robin you no what lets go in the caribbean sea said isaiah, "this is lovely", said sirena banner, "now we got out, we will get too a shop get you a caribbean drink", said sirena banner. "oh my I would love a coconut drink please", said isaiah. "I would like a coconut drink too please", said robin "I would like coconut drink too please". said lashay. "i'm going with you guys too", said sirena banner. "hello", said the bar man "hello we would like a coconut drink please" said sirena banner. "this is a lovely drink" said isaiah "Now we finished are drink, we are going back in the caribbean sea", said sirena banner "ok",said robin "oh man this caribbean sea is nice but i'm ready too get out" said isaiah ok said mum. "oh man back in the caribbean clothes, wait up guys, you are out of the caribbean sea, quick" said isaiah. "yep", said sirena banner "yes", said robin "yep", said lashay" now what do we do", said isaiah, "what we do is now, is we get in the hotel and go sleep", said sirena banner "ok, said isaiah "ok", said robin oh and this is for the children not lashay if he is not tired said sirena banner. Now all of you go bed.

you thought this story was over.

Too be continued.....



We also love to get a little crafty and artistic. Our favourite thing to do is make spaceships out of big card boxes! We also love Art lessons and could spend ages in the Art room creating all sorts of things. Last time, we made castles from shoeboxes and characters out of wooden spoons. It was so much fun.

