

# Baston House Weekly Newsletter

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## Primary Spotlight

### Diamond Class

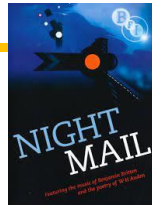
This week in Diamond class we have been reading the story Duck in the Truck. The children have loved joining in with the story and are able to predict what happens next. We have also been playing lots of games in class to support communication and language, Diamond class particularly love Hedbandz.

Keep up the super work!

## Key Stage 3 Spotlight

### English

During National Poetry Day, students worked in their English lessons on writing their own poems and reading discovering some classics. Ms Sammy-Jo Shaw tells me that Topaz students were particularly enthusiastic and creative, whilst Ruby students read Auden's *The Night Mail* and Frost's *Stopping By The Woods On A Snowy Evening* brilliantly. Even the Inclusion Team found time to celebrate the day by writing a poem!



## Key Stage 4/5 Spotlight

### Food Technology

We may only be weeks into the new academic year, but four Key Stage 5 students have already passed their Basic Food Safety course. This is a nationally recognised course that they can add to their CV and helps to prepare them for part-time or full-time employment in the catering industry. Well done 😊



FOOD SAFETY



## Joke of the week

Who is the King of school equipment? *The Ruler*



## Activities and Celebrations

### Baston Rabbits

We welcome 2 new rabbits to our animal enclosure (names to be confirmed).

Students can visit the rabbits every lunchtime in Animal Club.



## Mental Health Advice of the week

### World Mental Health Day

This week, we celebrated World Mental Health Day. We dressed in yellow to show support.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Young Minds.

The link this week is "A different kind of homework" designed to help ease our stress and reduce our anxiety by asking what's on our minds:

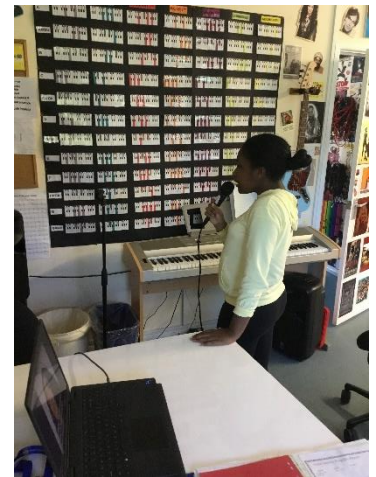
<https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/>

### Vocal Coaching

Miss Sabrina Hilaire has started vocal coaching for students to participate in. It has been a successful first term of 1:1 sessions and the students have really enjoyed it.

Here is what one student said about their session:

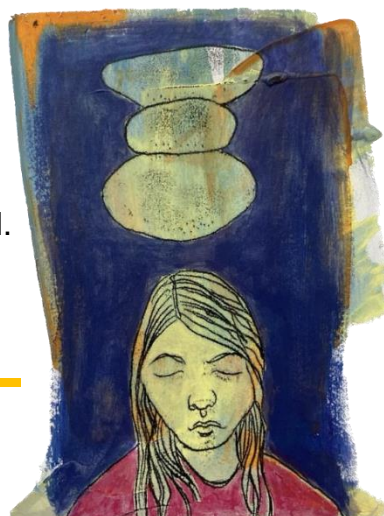
*Vocal coaching is helpful with my confidence. It boosts my self-esteem and helps me get the voice I always wanted.*



### Mental Health Art

During Art Club, students have been making mono prints about mental health. The art teacher, Ms Tracy Mitchell, is putting a display together within the school.

This is one example called **The Weight We Carry**. Fantastic work everyone 😊



## Important Dates

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
Last Day of Term

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**  
School Starts

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
Parents Evening

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