

Baston House Weekly Newsletter

Date: 10th November 2023



Primary Spotlight

Sapphire and Amethyst Class

Following Primary assembly this week when we learnt all about Armistice Day, Sapphire and Amethyst class enjoyed creating Poppy day inspired art using natural materials during their Outdoor Learning lesson.



Key Stage 3 Spotlight

Food Tech

Topaz had their first Food Technology lesson this academic year. I was so impressed not only by their enthusiasm for learning, but also the way students showed kindness and helped each other as well as the final outcomes. They made delicious fruity muffins.

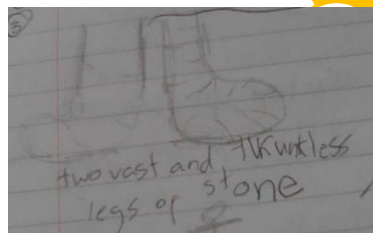
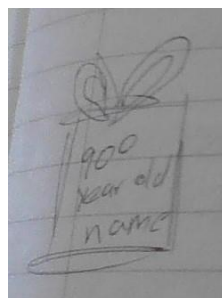
I hope they are looking forward to the lesson next week as much as I am when they will be making their own pizzas!

Key Stage 4/5 Spotlight

English

It's been a full week for KS4 and KS5. Many students have had English Language GCSE exams.

We have had some brilliant and creative work as students look at Language Paper 1. Star students include Chloe and Shaun from Coral class and Kaiden from Emerald who came up with some excellent and well-crafted fiction. And a special mention for Michael who has been diligently learning quotations for his English literature GCSE by drawing pictures of quotations.



Quote of the week

The beautiful thing about learning is that no-one can take it from you.



Activities and Celebrations

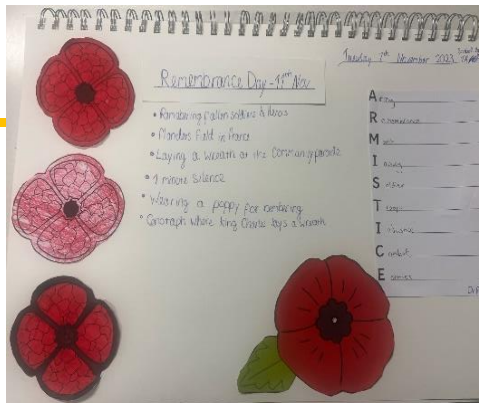
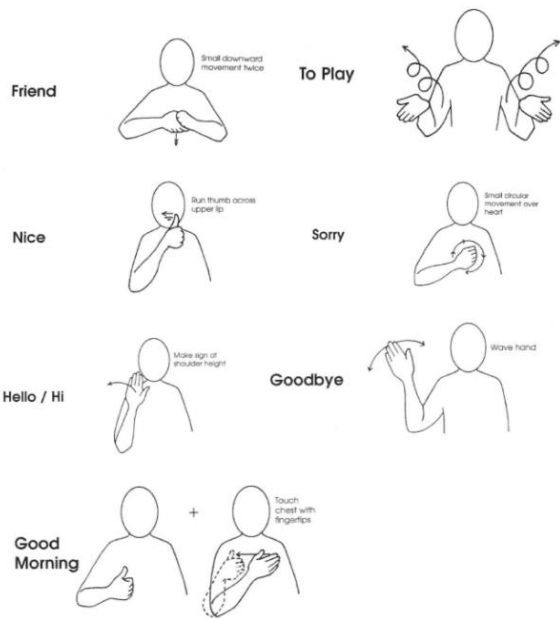
Makaton in School

We are implementing Makaton into school. Lizzie Godden will be working with staff to help with learning Makaton.

Makaton is a communication tool, using signs from British Sign Language.

We are also very excited that our first student Makaton Ambassador is Ethan 😊

Below are some examples of some Makaton signs, as it is "World Kindness Day" on Monday.



Remembrance
Jade class completed some great work, on the topic of Remembrance Day.

Other classes have also been sharing information and words about the topic. Children also had a chance to wear their uniforms and we held a 1 minute silence on Friday.

Exams

A massive well done to the students who completed their re-sits.

Also, a huge thank you for all the staff that have helped with exams this week: Sarah Kleist, Tamika Harlow, Erin Casey, Sally Leplar and Karen Davis. Also, big thank you to Andy for preparing students for the English and getting them in the right



Bake Sale

Emerald class did an amazing job with their tuck shop on Thursday.

These aspiring entrepreneurs managed to raise £60.00!

Baston Mentors

We have 3 fabulous new Baston Mentors: Alfie, Ianna and Harrison.

It is a chance for students to help others in the school with wellbeing and friendship.

Their **first** meeting is this week and we look forward to the support from them. 😊

Mental Health Advice of the week

Mental Health Apps

This week, the free app **Clear Fear** is for young people to learn to reduce the physical responses to threat, as well as changing thoughts and behaviours and releasing emotions.

Please find the link here:

[Clear Fear DL 6pp leaflet v43.pdf \(stem4.org.uk\)](#)



Important Dates

Wednesday 15th November 2023
Parents Evening



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