

Baston House Weekly Newsletter

Date: 1st December 2023



Primary Spotlight

Sapphire Class

This week, the children in Sapphire class have been practising their reading with a special guest: Oscar the dog. It was fantastic to see everyone enjoying their stories. Oscar definitely looks comfortable too! 😊



Key Stage 3 Spotlight

English

It's beginning to look a bit like Christmas! In Year 8 English lessons this term we are reading the Charles Dicken's classic 'A Christmas Carol'. We are delving beyond the dramatic and timeless storyline. This has led to some interesting and thought-provoking discussions about ghosts, the afterlife and how society treats its most vulnerable people. Of course, (spoiler alert) the novel is at its heart a story of redemption; showing that even those who have fallen the lowest may still rise again, given the right stimulus. Humbug, anyone?



Key Stage 4/5 Spotlight

Travel Training

Travel training students ventured on a train and DLR to Greenwich. They then took a footpath under the river Thames to East London, before returning on the DLR.



Quote of the week
Education is the key to unlocking the world.



Activities and Celebrations

Bikes

Students had a great opportunity to practice their bike riding this week. Great work everyone 😊



Duke of Edinburgh

KS4 students ventured around Keston Common this week. Great navigational skills 😊



Makaton

Please find some more Makaton, this week which you can practice. This is for busy communication tools such as: **help, yes and no.**

Busy Communication Tools

The poster features several hand-drawn icons representing Makaton signs. At the top is a person with one hand on their chest, labeled 'Important'. Below are signs for 'Yes' (hand to the side), 'No' (hand to the forehead), 'Help' (hand to the mouth), 'speak/talk' (hand to the mouth), and 'Later' (hand to the ear).

Baston House School
Christmas CONCERT
 Join us for a morning of Carols, Christmas songs, Rhythm play along and Mince Pies!
19/12/2023
11am-12pm
 in the Hall
 All proceeds will go towards the Music department.

QT Robot

QTrobot has arrived in school. QT is an expressive little humanoid designed as a tool for therapists and educators. It uses facial expressions, gestures, and games to teach children with autism spectrum disorder about communication, emotions, and social skills. We plan to use this in the first instance with our Primary Students. Watch this space for more information and updates.



Mental Health Advice of the week

Mental Health Apps

This week, the free app **Worth Warrior**. The free app helps young people to manage self-worth and body satisfaction. Please find the link here: <https://stem4.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/WorthWarrior-6pp-web-8.pdf>

BUILD YOUR SELF-WORTH
 To hit a target of worth takes practice and courage. Believe you can do it, keep trying and you will get there.
 The stem4 Worth Warrior app is available as a free download.
 Available on Google Play and the App Store.
 www.worthwarrior.co.uk
 #worthwarriorapp #worthwarrior #buildselfworth
 Developed by stem4
 Registered Charity Number 114406
 stem4 supporting teenage mental health

Important Dates

Friday 15th December 2023
 Christmas Jumper Day
 Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 19th December 2023
 Christmas Market
 Christmas Concert
 Last day of the school term-
 Finish at 12.30pm