Date: 1st December 2023

Baston House Weekly Newsletter



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?



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 (3)

Duke of Edinburgh

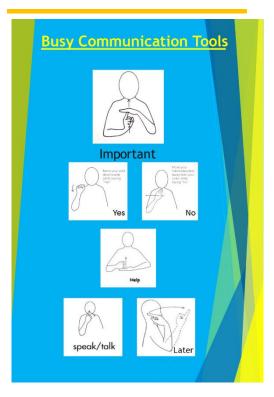
KS4 students ventured around Keston Common this week.

Great navigational skills (3)



Makaton

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





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

Christmas is fast approaching. There are a number of Christmas activities that will be happening over the next few weeks. Watch this space for pictures and celebrations.

Christmas

Important Dates

Mental Health Apps

This week, the free app Worth Warrior. The free app helps young people to manage selfworth and body satisfaction.

Please find the link here:

https://stem4.org.uk/wp-

content/uploads/2023/05/WorthWarrior-6pp-

web-8.pdf



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









