

Baston House Weekly Newsletter

Date: 12th January 2024



Primary Spotlight

Sapphire Class

This week, Sapphire Class became teachers. They wanted to create presentations about something they were interested in, and share them with their classmates.

They did so well that Alvaro Rios, Deputy Head, came and saw it for himself. He was impressed by the knowledge and ICT skills of the children.

Well done Sapphire class 😊

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- Oh no he bite the page!



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- The buses was created in 1901
- Right now the buses are sleeping



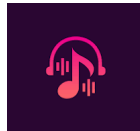
Cats are crazy they can jump from a tree into a pond in a double scratching pose



Key Stage 3 Spotlight

Music

Well done to Jade class for a positive start to the new term in music. They are working on compositions and podcast production. Any suggestions for interests for podcasts, please send them in 😊 Keep up the positive work!



Key Stage 4/5 Spotlight

Key Stage 5 DofE

On the 9th January, the Duke of Edinburgh group went to the dry ski slopes for a three hour session at Bowles Activity Centre in Tunbridge Wells. They learned new skills and had an amazing time.



Joke of the week

Why did the science teacher read the book about helium so fast?
They couldn't put it down.



Activities and Celebrations

Moonstone Reward Jar

Adam Maloney has begun a reward system for Moonstone class, in anticipation of a reward trip at the end of term to VRNEXT in Bromley.

This is just one of the many reward systems in place across the school. Keep up the positive behaviour everyone! 😊



Vocal Coaching

Last term was a great success for those students, with most of those attending vocal coaching sessions performing at the Christmas Concert.

Spaces are now available for new students for the Spring term. Please email Sabrina Hilaire if your child is interested:

Sabrina.hilaire@bastonhouseschool.org.uk

English

To quote the great Christina Rossetti, we are in 'the bleak midwinter', where those animals that hibernate seem to have got the right idea. However, into the new year and new term we go. Whether it's Travel Writing in year 8 or Non-Fiction Reading in year 11, Creative Writing in year 10 or Phonics in year 5, there's always more to learn in English - the journey never really ends.

It seems that we are often glued to our screens (I'm doing just that as I type this) but please try to find time for a chat, discussion or debate. We live in a world where we are often at polar opposites, without any middle ground - all talking and little listening. Social media seems to just be a competition to see who can shout loudest.

As adults, we can model empathy, the ability to listen and accept that other views exist. It's not always easy, but, as we move into 2024, we can work on the ability to be civil and thoughtful when dealing with views opposite to our own. And our young people can learn that from us.

Important Dates

5th- 9th February 2024

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Tuesday 7th February 2024

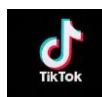
Safer Internet Day 2024

Friday 9th February 2024

Last day of the school term

Thursday 7th March 2024

Parents' Evening (this is a change of date from February)



Note from the Editors

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas 😊

Spring Term is well under way and we hope to share with you lots more celebrations and activities as the term progresses.

If you have any out of school celebrations, please send them to us at the following emails:

Jemma.sewell@bastonhouseschool.org.uk

Sabrina.hilaire@bastonhouseschool.org.uk

Have a fantastic term everyone!



Mental Health Advice of the week

Online Safety and Mental Health

Due to this term's Safer Internet Day, the advice over the next few weeks will focus on online safety and support for children and parents. Mental Health plays a big part in this, as it can have an impact based on what is being searched or used online.

This week, we would like to direct you to a blog all about TikTok, which has grown a lot over the past few years. Although fun for some, it can also have some serious implications. This is an informative blog that discusses the dangers and gives support on how to help children with ensuring that privacy settings are appropriate and some helpful hints for making sure that children are safe on TikTok:

<https://besecureonline.co.uk/Blog/entryid/92/the-trouble-with-tiktok>



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