

Baston House Weekly Newsletter

Date: 26th January 2024



Primary Spotlight

National Handwriting Week in Primary
This week in Primary, we have focused on our handwriting as it is National Handwriting Week.

The children in all classes have had opportunities to use their handwriting skills in games and activities, as well as practice and learn styles that suit them.

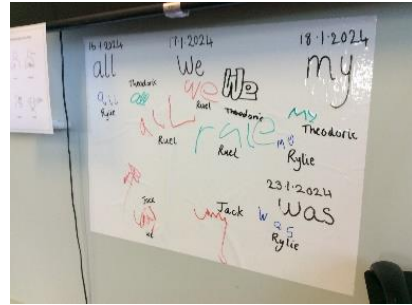
Keep up the fantastic work Primary 😊



Key Stage 3 Spotlight

Typesy in Ruby Class

Ruby class have been working really hard with their typing skills over the course of this academic year. They use the Typesy programme, where they practice how to touch type and earn stars as they progress. Ruby class team are extremely proud of the fact that even though they have time to complete it weekly, they have really enjoyed it and use it everyday in tutor time/when they have free time to spare 😊



Key Stage 4/5 Spotlight

Amber Class Trip

On Tuesday 23rd January the Amber team had a wonderful day in London. After taking the train to London, we walked through Covent Garden to the London Transport Museum. Sean certainly impressed the younger visitors at the museum with his knowledge of public transport. We are sure they thought he worked there!



This was followed by a tour of London sights, lead by our honorary Amber member, Andy. The tour included seeing and hearing information about Leicester Square, the 'actual' centre point of London, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament and a secret bunker!



Joke of the week

What is a snake's favourite subject at school?
Hissstory



STUDENT CORNER

What better way to celebrate, than to hear achievements from the students themselves. This is the **Student Corner**, where a child in the school creates a piece for the newsletter, whether it is a lesson that they have really enjoyed, a trip that they have been on OR something else creative! We can't wait to see what the children come up with over the weeks.

Here's this week's student piece, from Mason, who created a winter poem:

*Winter is as...
 Chilly as lemonade with ice.
 Cosy as a cabin with very hot cocoa.
 Fun as jumping 100ft in the air of a trampoline.
 Blustery as a giant tornado.
 Frosty as a really cold, below freezing slushy.*



Mental Health Advice of the week

Online Safety and Mental Health

Due to this term's Safer Internet Day, the advice over this term 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, I have found some guides and tips for different social media apps. Within this website, you can find access to safety advice and tools for each social media app, as well as other useful information:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>



Activities and Celebrations

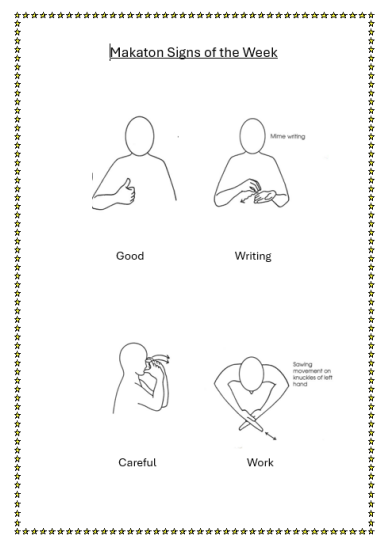
Foodbank

Following a Whole School Collection arranged by Student Council and DoFE for Bromley Foodbank, leading up to Christmas, we have made a fantastic donation of 149.95kg of food. Massive thanks all the families at Baston House.



Makaton

This term, we are implementing Makaton into the school by having a 'sign of the week'. Have a practice of the sign at home.



AAD team and TIP champions

We now have an AAD (Ask, Accept, Develop) Team and TIP (Trauma Informed Practice) champions, who are involved with supporting and improving our Autism Provision following the Ask, Accept, Develop accreditation. The team will be wearing rainbow lanyards and are available to support children, staff and parents to promote neurodiversity and an AAD ethos within the school.



Ofsted

We received some great news that we have been rated "Good" by Ofsted. Well done to staff and students, and thank you to parents/carers for your continued support.



Important Dates

31st January 2024

Parent Workshop- Autism and Me Know How (*Garnet, Jade and Moonstone parents*)

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

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