

# Baston House Weekly Newsletter



Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

## Primary Spotlight

### Amethyst Class

Amethyst students have been exploring a project in Art called Line, Light, and Shade. They have practised continuous line drawing, discussed Pablo Picasso's art, and shading techniques and they have put this into practice using white pencils and chalk on black paper to create a different effect. I am sure you will be as impressed as we are with their work. Just wow! Well done boys.



## Key Stage 3 Spotlight

### Art Club

Key Stage 3 students have been creating some fantastic work in the lunch time Art club. Some of the pieces of work are now up on display, showcasing their creativity. Well done all. 😊



## Key Stage 4/5 Spotlight

### Art Showcase

KS4 students have been working on their screen-printing skills. The work that the students have produced is fantastic; the masterpieces are currently displayed in the main office. What a great achievement and, if you do go to reception, look out for these incredible pieces of art.



### Joke of the week

Why was the broom late for school?  
Because he over-swept.





## Activities and Celebrations

### GCSE English

Students studying for their GCSE English language have been focusing on Language Paper 2 this half-term. They have been learning about how to apply the PEE (point, evidence, explain) format to exam questions, which will help them hit the assessment objectives specified by the exam board. It's been so rewarding to see them studying hard and honing their analytical skills.

One way you can support students with this at home is by directing them to study sites such as BBC Bitesize and Seneca. These sites contain a wealth of resources and are free for students. Just make sure they are looking at resources for the Eduqas WJEC exam board specification.

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.

This week, we spoke to Sapphire class, who explained about the rocket competition that took place in Primary:

*We were very excited to create rockets for a competition. We sat in Diamond class and showed off what we did.*

*There were colourful rockets, rockets with spiders and rockets with lots of engines.*

*I loved seeing all of the different ideas. We all got a certificate and a sticker.*

*I was very proud of what I did and can't wait to take it home.*

### Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Over the week, form groups will be completing activities to help support this year's topic: **Your Voice Matters.**

The Baston Mentors will also be setting up activities for students to do to support their wellbeing at lunch time.

### Vocal Coaching

A KS3 student is making great progress in their third singing lesson by learning and using new techniques.

Well done 😊



## 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 a website that gives in-depth information and key advice for parental controls online. This is a good way to help understand what you can do to help children access age appropriate materials and resources: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/>

### 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.



## Important Dates

**5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Safer Internet Day 2024

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Last day of the school term



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