Baston House Weekly Newsletter



Date: 23rd February 2024

Primary Spotlight

Diamond Class

We have been introducing Spring in Diamond Class. There have been a number of activities over the week: maths, art, cutting skills and sequencing. These are now proudly up on a fabulous display in the classroom.

Excellent work everyone (3)



Key Stage 3 Spotlight

KS3 Music

Students in Onyx class did exceptionally well in their music lesson this week. Each student learned how to play three chords along to the song 'Happier' by Marshmello.

Big shout out to a student in Ruby class who also overcame barriers and played three chords on the keyboard in his music lesson.

There is no doubt music makes us all feel HAPPIER!

Key Stage 4/5 Spotlight

KS5 Trip

KS5 Duke of Edinburgh students went on a trip to Go Ape at Leeds castle. This trip was thanks to MiTh (stardust) who won Jack Petchey last year and chose to spend the money on this trip. The students had a great time completing all 5 high ropes courses, including two zip lines that were over 250m long!











Joke of the week
What is a witch's favourite subject at school?
Spelling



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 visited a student in Diamond who was really excited to share his arts and crafts: a fantastic "grumpy" fish:



empathetic bunch, and we'll do everything in our power to help make this a success for every student. The ability to express

Activities and Celebrations

Speaking & Listening assessments On the front cover of our English Department handbook are the words: To be Understood and to Understand. We have begun preparing many year 11 and P16 students for their formal

Speaking & Listening assessments which reflect that core value. You may have happy memories (or unhappy nightmares) about these milestone assessments from your own school experience.

Some students thrive in the spotlight whilst others find it very

challenging. Either way, the English Team are a caring and

yourself - to be fully understood - is a vital life skill. To fully

consider, evaluate, respond - is perhaps even more so.

understand the messages we constantly receive - to synthesise,

6th formers have been enjoying their dodgeball session for games this week and seemed very motivated to attend particularly when I told them that they could have the opportunity to throw balls at other students and staff! A great time was had by all and I look forward to our next game.

6th Form Dodge Ball session

Student Shout outs

From next week, we will be doing a student shout out part of the newsletter. This is a chance to celebrate the children that have achieved a shout out in assembly for a variety of reasons. We can't wait to hear what students have done.



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

Have a practice of the sign at home.

Makaton Signs of the Week School

Parent Support

Mental Health Advice of the week

Mind is a charity that supports individuals, professionals and parents with information, resources and helplines that help those who need mental health support. Over this term, I will be pointing you to some pages that will support you as parents.

This week, the link takes you to support on how to talk to a young person about their mental health: https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/informationfor-parents/talking-about-mental-health/

Important Dates

28th February 204 KS4 & KS5 Options Evening

> 7th March 2024 World Book Day Parents' Evening

> 28th March 2024 End of Term





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