

Baston House Weekly Newsletter

Date: 15th/22nd March 2024



Primary Spotlight

Amethyst and Sapphire Farm Shop Trip

The students in Amethyst and Sapphire have been learning all about farming, sowing and growing. They had the chance to see a working farm, Hewitts in Orpington. They were able to see what was being grown, and asked questions to the owners. They were also able to buy items from the farm shop, using their understanding of money that they have also been learning this term.



Key Stage 3 Spotlight

Know-How Sessions

KS3 students who have been doing Know-How sessions have had the opportunity to focus on the sense of taste, by completing Jellybean Factory activities.

Sounds tasty 😊



Key Stage 4/5 Spotlight

International Women's Day Art

Well done to Chloe for creating an amazing piece of art for International Women's Day.

This is such a great use of colour and shape.



Joke of the week

Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?
Because she couldn't control her pupils.



Activities and Celebrations

Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March, it was Comic Relief and Baston House School took part in a number of different activities to celebrate. Students and staff dressed up in red and donated what they could to the cause. There were also opportunities to create jokes, complete quizzes and complete a scavenger hunt. Students enjoyed the day and we raised a fantastic £100. Thank you Jack Southwell for organising.

Science Week

Schools across the country have been celebrating National Science week! British Science Week is a celebration across the whole of the UK with the aim of celebrating science, engineering, technology, and maths. At Baston House, our science week this year has an emphasis on Autism Heroes in Science. It is believed that many famous people throughout history may have had some form of Autism but were not officially diagnosed. Students identified famous scientists that they recognised, all of which had suspected ASD. These included Albert Einstein, Sir Isaac Newton, and Charles Darwin to name a few. It is not science week at Baston House without a few fireworks, so students were invited outside to participate in an experiment, which rounded the week off with a bang!

Mock Exams

Well done to all students who have been completing their mock exams. This was a good opportunity for the pupils to get an idea of where they will be sitting their exams and how the exams are going to be run. We are very proud of how the students have behaved and worked this week and hope this has helped them to understand what they need to do in anticipation for their exams in the summer term.



Makaton

It is Neurodiversity Week this week, so have a practice of these makaton signs 😊

Diamond Class

Diamond class have been learning about the days of week and which order they are in. They worked really hard and have done so well 😊



Amethyst Class

A big shout out to the children in Amethyst class who have really worked hard this term on our Typesy Programme. Students have really progressed with their speed and accuracy. Well done all 😊



Makaton Signs of the Week
NEURODIVERSITY WEEK

Everyone

Index fingers move apart with upward hand

Is different



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Well done to Jazzmin for creating such a powerful piece of writing and wanting to share it in the newsletter 😊

Good people

There are some people in life who brighten up your day by just being a part of it, they are bubbly, energetic, happy and an amazing person to be around! Those people are rare, but you always find some if you look hard enough. It's funny how one person can manage to lighten up an entire room by just smiling! Those type of people are special, they come, they go, but if you meet one you'll never forget them! These kind of people deserve the world. They will help you when you're down, always try and cheer you up when you're down and make sure you're okay! ❤️

Someone with a heart of gold! ❤️

I have a couple of those people in my life, yes they may not have been a part of my story for years, but they have shown me some people do genuinely care about you! It's not only because "they're paid for it".

Some people are just good people and I don't know how to describe it to you, but as you find "your people", you'll just know! They care about you with no strings attached, you don't have to beg them to stick around, they just do because they care!

To me, that's priceless! ❤️

It's not about how rich people are, where they are from, their background, what they've been through and not what they look like from the outside, it's what's on the inside that matters.

They are one in a million! ❤️



Student Shout Out!



Here, you can find the student shout outs for the last 2 weeks:

Shout out to Taylor for helping a younger student with pool, by showing them skills and how to hold the pool cue.

They then gave them a game and shared the rules with the student.

Well done Taylor 😊 From: Ruby Class Team

Shout out to Sam for his hard work in all his maths lessons. Sam has had the greatest improvement in maths this academic year and has done really well in his maths mocks. Well done Sam! Fantastic achievement! From: Eliverta Zylyftari

We would like to give Josh a shout out for his incredible motivation and increased confidence. Josh has come so far since September in his work and social skills and has had such a positive influence on those around him! From: Emily Hayes

Shout out to William for helping a younger student stay focused and do their work in their maths lesson. Really helpful 😊 From: Sarah Kleist

Shout out to Dilan for a fantastic term. He has completed his work every day and has made right choices 😊 From: Jo Desanges

We would like to shout out Charlie for being a positive role model, supporting and mentoring younger students in difficult situations and managing this during mocks week! Well done Charlie! We are super proud of you! From: Behaviour Team

Well done Zach for challenging himself to take part in the mock exam week. From: Sam Chilton-Higgins

Shout out to Tyreek for his high determination and commitment in his maths lessons. Tyreek works immensely hard on all his Maths lessons. Well done Tyreek! From: Eliverta Zylyftari

Goodbye and Good Luck

This week, we are saying goodbye to Eliverta Zylyftari who has been an asset to Baston in the maths department as the Maths Lead. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the students and support to the staff throughout the 6 years she has been here, and wish her luck for the future. Here are a few words from her:

It has been an honour and privilege to be part of Baston House Team. I have really enjoyed teaching Maths and seeing students growing in confidence and progressing steadily throughout all these 6 years. I am very proud of the students' achievements. I will miss teaching them Maths and I wish all the students and their families all the best for the future.



Mental Health Advice of the week

Parent Support



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 all the support and contacts that could help you and your child in a variety of ways:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/information-for-parents/useful-contacts/>



Important Dates

28th March 2024

Easter Concert (11-12pm)
End of Term (Finish at 12pm)

16th April 2024

Students return