

Weekly Newsletter – 19.04.2024

The sun is beginning to shine through the clouds as we begin our summer term and the students are bustling and ready to go. We've an exciting term ahead with lots of activities for our students to get involved with from Sports Day to students taking their exams. Exams start on 10th May – study leave letters have been sent home today by email.

It has been a busy week back. We have officially opened our new classroom called 'The Heart', in doing so we welcome Laura McNally who is the teacher.

Amethyst Class have busy in music lessons learning the G chord. During the DofE walk this Wednesday morning, students took a public footpath adjacent to Charles Darwin School on Jail Lane, Biggin Hill and came across a beautiful spring scene in the woodland of bluebells.

We have 5 new students (Harry, Elliott, Mason, Ellis and Guransh) starting at Baston House this term. They will be having a gradual transition and we are really excited to have them. Our students are fantastic at making them feel welcome and they are looking forward to being part of our school community.

To ensure the students at Baston have the best possible support we are opening up another 2 classes, which will mean our class sizes are smaller. Pearl Class, and The Heart class will start welcoming children from Monday.

The students have really helped out getting the new classrooms ready. This shows that they can really step up and help out the school when the need arises. Thank you so much.

We have created a lovely new bright space for our students and staff to chill out and socialise. We hope this will be a space that all can enjoy.



As many of you are probably aware Wayne Attwood has recently started working at Baston House School as our new Horticulture Teacher. This is a message from him.

“we are currently busy putting together the plans and resources to offer practical lessons across all age groups, and award-based qualifications in this subject. I have many ideas on how we can use the great spaces and resources we already have here at Baston House to teach and inspire our students about sustainability, the environment, growing our own food, and how working and being outside dramatically increases our health and well-being.

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As part of being sustainable and the start of our journey to become an 'Eco School', I am looking for any gardening donations that may help get us started. Specifically, as we enter spring - if anybody has any spare plants they have propagated, seeds/seedlings that are coming up in the garden and not required, or plants they are dividing and are willing to donate and could send them in to school – they would be most gratefully received. Also, any tools or other small gardening items you may no longer require and that are suitable for us to recycle and reuse would be a great help. We are looking to encourage our native wildlife in the school, so any materials such as pinecones, natural nesting materials, etc. or items to use to construct wildlife habitats or fill bug hotels to encourage birds and insects would be much appreciated too.

I'm excited to help our students enhance and develop our school grounds. If you are able to help – please contact me by email, wayne.attwell@bastonhouseschool.org.uk”

Special shout outs go to:-

Victor for excellent engagement, communication and trying new things.

Oscar for fantastic progress in all lessons and participation in class! As well as keeping a positive attitude throughout each day.

Leighton for being so stellar in Maths and being entered for FS2 already!

Chloe for completing BTEC Level 1 Home Cooking Skills! She made homemade pasta with arrabiata sauce. It looked as good as anything you would get in a restaurant, if not better! Well done, Chloe!



What a successful first week back at school! Have a lovely weekend!!