

NEWSLETTER

THE OFFICIAL BASM NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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Dear Parents

I trust you are all well and enjoyed the half term break making wonderful memories. Time is moving quickly; it is hard to believe we are already halfway through Term 2! During the first half of term two students have participated in National Storytelling week, Children's Mental Health Awareness week, Safer Internet Day, and ended with a week of Random Acts of Kindness which also saw the launch of our Kindness Ambassador nominations! Each class from Year 2 to Year 10 will have a Kindness Ambassador, supporting our community. The students awarded this role will be announced on Friday, 3rd March, during our Celebration Assembly.



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the visit we also had the opportunity to deliver some activities for the young children in the village to enjoy, it was heart-warming to see their enthusiasm and happily participating in activities even on a Sunday! We held a non-uniform day on Friday 17th February, Random Acts of Kindness Day, we thank you for your donations, the total amount raised will be confirmed next week.

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Expectations

As you are aware we have set high expectations for all our students, encouraging active participation in lessons and enrichment activities. We also expect students to attend school fully throughout the year and as a school we have set a target of 96% attendance for students and research shows that poor attendance can lead to learning gaps. We ask your support to ensure your children are in attendance and to minimise absences, limiting holidays to dates which coincide with school holidays. Please try wherever possible to arrange medical or dentist appointments outside of school hours to limited disruptions to learning.

To maintain consistency and provide a keen sense of belonging at the BASM we request all our students wear the full school uniform. If your child has misplaced elements of their uniform, please check at reception in the lost property as we have many items waiting to be claimed. Please can you also ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name this will assist in returning items should they be left in school. As a reminder our uniform at BASM consists of the following:



EYFS and Primary

- White polo shirt
- Maroon jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- Dark grey or black skirt or trousers
- Socks or tights- plain grey or black
- Footwear- Black

Secondary

- School blazer with the school logo
- White shirt or blouse, not polo shirt
- School tie
- Dark grey or black skirt or trousers
- Socks or tights- plain grey or black
- Footwear- Black

We do have several items of uniform available should you need to purchase replacements; these are available from reception and the uniform shop. As a reminder for PE, we currently do not have a specific BASM PE Kit, however we do request that students wear, plain coloured items as indicated below:

PE

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black or grey joggers
- Plain dark coloured sweatshirt
- Appropriate footwear, trainers.

We thank you for supporting your child, taking pride in wearing their uniform and being part of a supportive community. Being prepared for lessons is as important as attendance and participation, please can you ensure you child/children are fully equipped for lessons by bringing to school a pencil case with the following items:

- Pens: Blue, Black, Green
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Glue stick
- Ruler
- Colouring pencils
- Highlighters

Additional subject exercise books are also available to purchase from the school office should your child need a replacement. As we head towards warmer weather, please be reminded to send your child to school with a refillable water bottle and sun hat. Enriching our provision at the BASM is one of our key objectives, Extra Curricula Activities, ECAs, play an important role in enhancing students learning experiences and we are proud to offer a variety of ECAs to students in years 2 to 10. We offer a range of clubs including Art, Music, Crafting, Science, and Sports such as Football and Basketball. Building on the ECA sports clubs we hope to create a BASM Football team for Primary and Secondary to promote leadership skills and the opportunity participate in school competitions with teams across the region. Please note ECA activities will take a break during Ramadan which is estimated to begin around 22nd March, confirmation will be sent out once we received the official confirmation.





PTA Update

Building community and working with families is at the heart of our aims and this year we welcomed the formation of the BASM Parent Teacher Association, PTA. This term we invited nominations for key roles in the PTA, we thank all who have offered their services and will send out further information regarding meetings on our return to school next week.



Events/Activities

Some Key dates for your diary:

- World book Day- Thursday 2nd March, Children to dress as a book Character- and bring in a Charitable donation, 20dhs
- Pop Up book fair-2nd and 3rd March, more details will be sent next week.
- Coffee Morning- Tuesday 7 March, join me for coffee and conversation at 9:30am
- Last day of term 2 Thursday 6th April @ 12pm

Teaching and Learning- Assessments

Ongoing teacher assessments take place throughout the term and measure student's individual progress. Towards the end of each term students will also take summative assessments, this combined with the teachers' assessments are reported in the end of term report, these will be distributed during the first week back after the spring break.





Key dates for your diary

Date/Time	Event	Notes
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day	Children to dress as a book character, 20dhs donation
2-3 March	Pop Up Book Fair	Brought to BASM by La Petite Librairie by Emma- open to parents from 2:30pm
Tuesday 7th @ 9:30am	Coffee Morning 9-10am	Parents invited to meet the Head, 9:30-10:30am. Bring a friend
8th March	International Women's Day	A global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women
10th - 19th March	British Science Week	Various activities throughout the week and beyond!
14th March	Pi Day	All things Pi, celebrating Mathematics and the circumference of a circle!
22nd March	TBC Start of Ramadan	Ramadan School hours will be adjusted
6th April, Thursday	Last Day of term	Student finish at 12:00

We thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure your child is actively engaged in their learning, is safe, happy and is provided with opportunities to develop as an individual and achieve their goals.

Kind regards

Nicola Bussetil
 Head of School