

## Dates for the Diary

**Pride Month**  
June 2023

**Year 8 Residential Visit to Paris**  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Year 9 AP 2 Assessments**  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**School Production of Matilda Jr**  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023: 6:30pm-8pm

**Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy**  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Student Value of the Term

**LOVE IS LOVE**

## House Points - Week Ending 26<sup>th</sup> May



29,480  
HAWKING



29,409  
ALI



28,997  
AUSTEN



26,677  
SEACOLE

## Spotlight on... UNICEF Ambassadors

Lower Academy UNICEF Ambassadors attend focus meetings once a week as part of the school's continued commitment to promoting children's rights.

One of the main purposes of the group is taking action to support children's rights in the community and globally; This is achieved by discussing and deciding relevant content to be included in 'whole school' weekly briefings. Students also fulfil this objective by organising and delivering charity events, which help promote awareness and raise money for various children's charities.

"Representing the school as an ambassador is a great opportunity to help raise money and support children."  
James.W – Year 8

"Part of being a UNICEF Ambassador means that we support children of all backgrounds." Lucy.P – Year 8

"Being an Ambassador means understanding and respecting values of others and to learn about children's rights." Rubie.F – Year 7



"At the Basildon Academies, we value children's rights and apply them to everyone. No-one is treated unfairly." Jake-James. N – Year 8

"It is a pleasure to be an ambassador. I am so grateful for this great opportunity and love working with the group." Declan.P – Year 7

"The role of UNICEF Ambassador makes me feel good knowing that people can talk to me about children's rights." Evie-May.S – Year 8

"Being part of the UNICEF group is a fun and educational way to learn about the different rights. It encourages young people to know and understand what their rights are." Kaili.R – Year 9

The Basildon Academies are proud recipients of the UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School Award. [Click here](#) to read the full accreditation report.



## Home Learning

If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, to celebrate the work your child has completed at home, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for Home Learning/Homework.

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link [www.escb.co.uk](http://www.escb.co.uk) which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your own child or another student at the Academies.

[www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding)

## Lemon Drizzle Cake Day



TO CELEBRATE LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE DAY  
ON FRIDAY 9TH JUNE, THE DINING HALL WILL BE  
SELLING SLICES OF LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE FOR 50P

## Volunteers for Educational Visit Chaperones

In order to support our ambition to get every learner onto an offsite visit this academic year, we are looking to create a team of parent and carer volunteers to be chaperones for our trips.

Each volunteer would be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS) completed through the school and, would undergo onsite safeguarding training with a view to being called upon when we need additional support with ratios of parents to students for school trips.

If you would be interested in registering for this support service and have availability during school time, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

## Uniform Exchange Scheme

If you have uniform that your child has outgrown, please bring it in and see if there is something in the exchange shop that has been donated that you can simply swap your item for. We are still gratefully receiving donations of blazers, shirts, trousers and PE kits that are in pre-loved condition and these can be donated via the reception office on either site.

Please remember, the Uniform Exchange shop is located at the Lower Academy, is open from 8am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday and is accessible via the school office.

# HAPPY PRIDE MONTH

## LGBTQIA+



## Year 7 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Alfie S
English Scholar of the Week	Ava R
Super Scientist of the Week	Finley H
Computer Scientist of the Week	Frankie W

## Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	George C
English Scholar of the Week	Alfie B
Scientists of the Week	Annie R, James C & Mario K
Sporting Legend of the Week	Alfie B
French Linguist of the Week	Tevin U
Performer of the Week	Jesse-Lee I
Engineer of the Week	Albie X

## Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematicians of the Week	Arina B & Jeremiah A
English Scholar of the Week	Micheal Roberts-Hall
Scientist of the Week	Charlie McCarthy
Sporting Legend of the Week	Ellie Phillips

## Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for Attendance.

- Parents/carers should contact the school by 8.30am each day their child is absent.
- If no reason has been received for a child's absence, the Academy will initiate first day calling.
- Parents/carers must provide medical evidence to support all absences due to illness or medical appointments.
- Wherever possible parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours but if this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.
- If no appropriate medical evidence is provided then the Academies cannot authorise an absence. (ie. medical appointment card, prescription, doctor's letter.)

For further information and guidance regarding attendance and absence please visit our website:

[www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance](http://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance)



# Supporting your neurodiverse child

Does your child or young person have any of the following issues that worry you?



## [Supporting your neurodiverse child resource pack](#)

Written by Essex Family Forum, MyOTAS and SEND the Right Message, this information pack is to help families navigate the support that is available and includes practical interventions, resources, hints and tips based on the lived experiences of local families. Available both online and in hard copy, simply scan the QR codes opposite, or visit the Essex Family Forum website.



View a digital copy here

## [About Essex Family Forum](#)

Essex Family Forum (EFF) is the parent carer forum in Essex for families whose children and young people have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). We need to hear your views and experiences to represent your voice. Visit our website at [www.essexfamilyforum.org](http://www.essexfamilyforum.org) to find out more about what we do, to access the resource pack and to share your experiences and feedback via our virtual graffiti wall.



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## [Support for children and young people with SEND](#)

The Local Offer gives children and young people with SEND, and their families, information about what support services are available in their local area. You can access the Essex Local Offer at [www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk)



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