

### Students perform at Towngate Theatre

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, forty students from Years 7 & 8 performed at The Towngate Theatre as part of the Essex Year of Reading event, organised by Essex County Council.

This unique opportunity to perform on stage with a Youth Rock Band in front of 800 people was presented to the Basildon Lower Academy choir; they also met comedic author Michael Rosen.

Choir leader Miss Stoddard said "Our students at Basildon Lower Academy continue to surprise me with every event that we organise. Our students sang their hearts out and were praised not only by theatre staff on their impeccable behaviour, but audience members were amazed at how wonderfully they sang curiously wanting to know which school these amazing students were from. I couldn't have announced 'Basildon Lower Academy' with any more pride in my heart. They are an absolute credit to our school and I cannot wait for the next event to create even more memories for our students."

"The entire day was a good experience. Before performing I felt nervous but also excited. To perform twice and to such a huge audience was super good." Mia. K - Year 7

"It was a great experience. I got to meet Michael Rosen and shake his hand. I felt very excited to perform on stage. The audience and teachers were very kind." David.S - Year 8

"I had an amazing experience performing at the theatre. It was really good to perform in front of students from my old primary school. I love singing with the school choir and I hope this memory will last. We got to see Michael Rosen perform, which I loved and the band we sang with were amazing too." Kaci.C - Year 7

"It was an awesome experience to meet Michael Rosen and get his signature. The entire experience was brilliant." Jayden.D - Year 8



### Black History Month - October 2022

# B:IM2022

DIG DEEP, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

[www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk)

### Dates for the Diary

**Literacy & Numeracy Information Event**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

**Half Term**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Armistice Day**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Student Value of the Term

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

### 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 email:  
[remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk](mailto:remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk)

## Year 7, 8 & 9 Reading & Numeracy Information Event: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 4-5pm

Parents & carers are invited to the Lower Academy hall to meet with our dedicated Numeracy and Reading teaching teams. The teams will be giving a talk about what students learn at the Academy, how to support their Reading and Numeracy at home and, how we then assess for progress. There will be plenty of resources for you to take away!

Please do come along and bring any questions you may have regarding this crucial area of the curriculum. Students continuing to develop these foundation skills learnt in primary school is a cornerstone of later success in GCSE assessments in Key Stage 4.

The schools approaches to SEND provision and managing behaviour have been adapted to be consistent with the underlying principles of supporting wellbeing first. This is reflected in the schools' policies and the practice seen across both sites.



Wellbeing Award  
for Schools

2022-2025



unicef  
UNITED KINGDOM

GOLD - RIGHTS RESPECTING

Strong, supportive, and mutually respectful relationships were evident throughout the visit and young people said that the increased emphasis on rights, respect and dignity has added to this, "If you respect people's rights, you respect them as a person."

Unicef RRSR Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

## Netball Success for Year 7 Girls



Congratulations to our Year 7 girls' netball team, who recently beat James Hornsby School. It was the girls' first competitive fixture as a team & they all played really well. Player of the match was Denisa.O.

## School nurse drop-in

If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Thursday Breaktime

Location: The Lower Academy Wellbeing Centre



## Free Online Counselling Service

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-26, to ask for help from a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers.

Kooth is a well-established, award winning online counselling agency and is accredited by The British Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling (BACP).

## House Points - Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> October



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7,306

HAWKING



6,983

SEACOLE

## Attendance Expectations

There is a clear link between academic success and attendance and as such our expectations for attendance are that:

- Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends regularly.
- Students should have 100% attendance each year.
- Students with attendance below 95% are of concern.

# ATTENDANCE

*Every Minute Counts!*

89% & below

*Drastic effect on academic achievement*

95-90%

*Less chance of success. Harder to make progress*

100-96%

*Good chance of success and progress*

### Absence from school

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be above 95%.

### How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

## Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please email: [attendance@basildonacademies.org.uk](mailto:attendance@basildonacademies.org.uk)

- 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)

## 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.basildonacademies.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.basildonacademies.org.uk/safeguarding)

## Follow us on social media





To celebrate Black History Month, each Wednesday in October we will be serving authentic dishes in the Dining Hall

Dishes for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October:



*Jerk Pork Burger*



*Caribbean Vegetable Curry*



*Mango Fruit Cocktail*

## SPOOKTACULAR FOOD

To celebrate Halloween the Dining Hall will be selling 'fang-tastic' cakes & biscuits at break & lunchtime on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October



All cakes & biscuits will be 50p each

*Aspire - Believe - Achieve*

## Students Enjoy Cricket Taster Session



Last week our Year 7 & Year 8 students enjoyed a cricket taster session delivered by Grace from Essex County Cricket. Students learned the basic skills of catching & batting and they are really looking forward to this week's bowling session.



## Professional Footballer Coaches Students



Last week the Lower Academy welcomed Colchester United FC footballer Billy Cracknell who ran a training session with our Year 7 and Year 8 students.

## Uniform Exchange Scheme

We have been overwhelmed with the volume of donations we have been receiving of pre-loved uniform and this has already made a huge difference to the families of many students so, thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed so far.

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.



## DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM!

### Do you like the idea of:

- Learning a new skill? Building confidence? Making new friends?
- Being part of a team? Practicing after school?
- Practicing during lesson time? Experiencing new opportunities?
- Going on Trips outside of school to perform?
- Performing to an audience? Being the stars of the show?
- Singing with professional musicians?
- Meeting funny people like Michael Rosen?!



# JOIN THE CHOIR

Rehearsals will start after half term every Tuesday 3.30-4pm in the Music room. Collect a letter from Miss Stoddard or reception

## Year 7 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Shanila.Z
English Scholar of the Week	Martin.J
Super Scientist of the Week	Phoebe.R
Musician of the Week	Kiran.T
Historian of the Week	Scott.C
RE expert of the Week	Oskar.M
French Linguist of the Week	Luke.A
Engineer of the Week	Denisa.O
RSHE champion of the week	Emily.B

## Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Levi.M
English Scholar of the Week	Richard.K
Scientist of the Week	Oscar.U
Historian of the Week	Malachie.D
RE expert of the Week	Alaa.A
French Linguist of the Week	Rio.T
Engineer of the Week	Yanna.I
RSHE Champion of the Week	Roy.M

## Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Blessing.N & Olamide H
English Scholar of the Week	Silviu.Z
Scientist of the Week	Lennon.B
Historian of the Week	Joshua.H
RE expert of the Week	William.H
French Linguist of the Week	Amira.C
Performer of the Week	Nelson.E
Engineer of the Week	Landon.L
RSHE Champion of the Week	Lewis.F

## Attendance Ambassadors

# WE'RE HIRING!

Do you have:

- Good attendance?
- A positive ethos around attending school?
- The ability to support and help others?
- An understanding of why attending school is important?

If you are interested in becoming an attendance ambassador please come to see Miss Alger in the Wellbeing block by Friday 21st October.

# ATTENDANCE Ambassadors!

