

## Dates for the Diary

### World Poetry Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Year 9 Progress Review Event

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 - 3:45-6:30pm

### Staff Inset - Non Student Day

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Easter Holidays

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS  
ARE HUMAN  
RIGHTS**

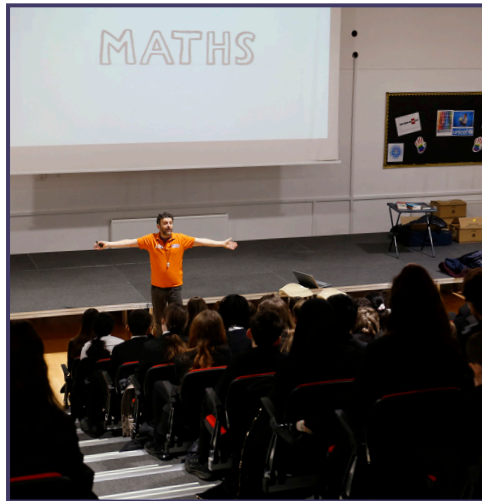
## Author Alex Bellos shares his passion for reading & writing

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March the Lower Academy welcomed author Alex Bellos to work with our Year 7 students.

Alex is the author of the popular Football School series and he demonstrated the processes of writing using football as a stimulus involving Geography, Maths and Drama to show different ways of looking at writing materials.

Students engaged in creative writing workshops and Alex shared extracts from his books, which our students thoroughly enjoyed. The day ended with a Q&A session where students had the opportunity to ask questions. Students discovered fascinating information about Alex, including when he met Pelé and wrote the World-famous footballer's biography; a book which has sold over 200,000 copies.

"The workshop was very enjoyable and entertaining. I especially enjoyed the story about Mo Salah, which was actually a request of mine for Alex to read to the class, this made me very happy." Maisie.G



"I think Alex is amazing, he has a great personality and I love his books, they are super cool. The talk he gave was very inspirational." Declan.P

Alex kindly donated 8 of his Football Series books to our Year 7 library which are now available for students to borrow.

## Gender Action Supporter

We are proud to announce that we are an official Gender Action supporter. The Basildon Lower Academy is committed to promoting gender equity & making sure no child's choice is limited by gendered stereotypes.



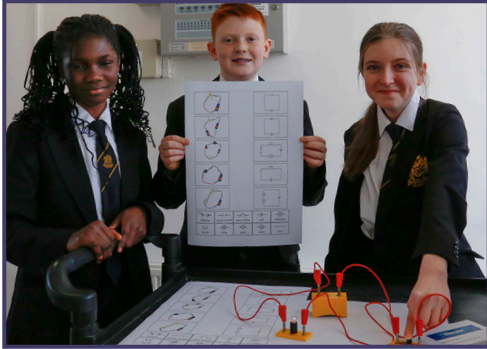
## Students Engage in British Science Week Activities

To celebrate British Science Week, Lower Academy students enjoyed taking part in a variety of different experiments and workshops of scientific discovery.

The theme of this year's event was 'Connections' and the fun activities including making an electric circuit, an erupting fizz experiment, creating sugar crystals, a treasure cell hunt and speed tests.

"I found the science week activities really interesting and exciting." James .W

"Taking part in the science experiments was a lot of fun." Rubie.F



## House Points - Week Ending 17<sup>th</sup> March



## 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.

## Free Afterschool Teatime Club - Years 7 & 8

In order to support families with the cost of living, we are delighted to offer an after-school Tea Time Club **free of charge** to our Year 7 & 8 students.

The club is available from 3.30pm – 5.30pm (Mon-Fri) and will provide students with **Active Fun**, enrichment activities including drama and cooking. **Each student will receive Free Hot food and refreshments.**

Spaces are limited and the club will only be able to accommodate students who are pre-booked. This allows us to staff accordingly, and to provide enough hot meals for each student.

Each week, you will be able to log into your ParentPay account and book the days you require your child to access the club for the following week.

If you wish to utilise this club for the week ahead, please log into your ParentPay account and follow the steps listed below.

1. Log into [ParentPay](#)
2. Click on 'pay for other items'
3. Click 'view' next to the Teatime Club payment item (this is a free club, no payment is actually required)
4. Tick the consent box and click on 'Book Meals and Places'
5. Select the drop down 'After School' and the date of the week you wish to book for
6. Scroll down the page and click on 'Book a session' for each date you wish to book and it will turn green. You will need to scroll right to reveal the whole week
7. Scroll down and click 'Confirm bookings'
8. Your bookings have been confirmed

If you need to cancel a session please go back to step 6 and click on 'clear day' on the dates that you wish to cancel and save your changes.



## 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.

## 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)



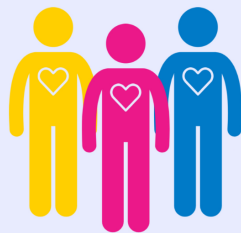
The academies have built very strong links with external partners which enhances the wellbeing provision they have available to students. Much of this provision is delivered for them on site by external partners through the wellbeing centre.



Wellbeing Award  
for Schools

2022-2025

## Young Carers Club



Thursdays

3:30pm-5pm

Venue: The Wellbeing  
Centre

Various activities each week including board games, cooking, photography, arts & crafts.

Refreshments provided. Talk to others, relax & have fun.

## WAFFLE DAY

To celebrate International Waffle Day The Dining Hall will be serving waffles in addition to the regular dessert menu options on **Friday 24th March**



## Year 7 Students of the Week

English Scholar of the Week	Denisa O
Chef of the Week	Muhammed A
Engineer of the Week	Daniel M

## Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Kelsey D
English Scholar of the Week	Emily-Rose M
Scientist of the Week	Harry B
Historian of the Week	George C
Geography Genius of the Week	Porcha P
RE Expert of the Week	May G
Chef of the Week	Alya A
Performer of the Week	Bonnie P
Engineer of the Week	James W
RSHE Champion of the Week	Regan C

## Year 9 Students of the Week

English Scholar of the Week	Kaliah B
Scientist of the Week	Jeremy A
Historian of the Week	Michael J
Geography Genius of the Week	Charlie P
RE Expert of the Week	Cristian G
RSHE Champion of the Week	Jayden A

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