

## The Basildon Lower Academy Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### **Dates for the Diary**

**Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy** Monday 10th July 2023

**Sports Presentation Evening** Thursday 13th July 2023

**Inflatable Rewards Day** Friday 14th July 2023

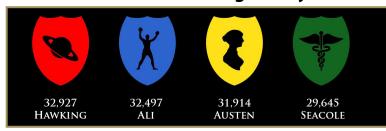
**Last Day of Summer Term** Thursday 20th July 2023

**First Day of Autumn Term** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### Student Value of the Term

# LOVE IS LOVE

#### House Points - Week Ending 7th July



#### **Matilda Jr Wows Audiences**



Congratulations to the cast and crew for their wonderful school production of Matilda Jr!

Throughout last week our students gave phenomenal performances to primary schools, staff & parents, and have received incredible feedback;

- "I thought this show was really funny and I thought the characters were amazing."
- "That show was one of the most brilliant things I have ever seen."
- "That was a really good show, you could make more and invite me too please."
- "It made me feel really happy when I watched it."
- "That show was brilliant and I was smiling the whole time."

The Willows Primary School Students

"The children were amazed and inspired by the professionalism and confidence of your pupils and are now desperate to put on their own performance at school. A big well done to all involved." Leanne Neicho, Assistant Headteacher - Ryedene Primary and Nursery School.

#### Matilda Jr





































#### **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 <u>Contact Us</u> 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 <a href="https://www.escb.co.uk">www.escb.co.uk</a> 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

## **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 <u>Contact Us</u> page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

### **Aspire - Believe - Achieve**

The schools support for mental health and wellbeing is well led and the school have invested significantly in training and additional staff within their wellbeing centres and wider pastoral teams over recent years to build capacity and expand what they can offer.



2022-2025

#### **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.

#### **Student 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



#### **Absence Procedures**

To report a student absence please visit the <u>Contact Us</u> 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