

BASILDON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



This week we have celebrated all things STEAM. We started with a visit from Sublime Science, where the children were shown a range of experiments that explained everyday phenomena. On Tuesday they stepped into the Science Dome to explore the realms of dinosaurs and the solar system. We also welcomed some more familiar faces, as Lizle Guise, Rachel Helanor and Brett Best came to explain how Science and Technology makes a difference in their lives. I'd like to thank Mrs Simmonds and Mrs Howard for arranging all the extra events across the week; there has definitely been a Science 'buzz' within school.

We have carried out our first attendance review this week. I am pleased to say that across the school, we currently have an average attendance of 97.2%. Huge congratulations go to Leopards as they have the highest overall attendance, with no pupil lower than 92%. As a result of this monitoring, and in line with the government's focus on attendance, we will be sending out letters to specific families.

Mr Uphill took a team of year 5 and 6 to participate in a football tournament at Francis Baily. Despite the horrendous weather, he commented on their excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Next term we will continue to participate in competitive events, including some girls football.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a restful half term, and remind you that Monday 30th October is an INSET; we are open for children again on Tuesday 31st.

Please visit our website: www.basildonprimary.org.uk

Photos from the week



BSA News

From the BSA

Thank you for all your support this term, we hope you enjoy the half term break.

We will be hosting a bingo evening on **Friday 17 November**, please note the change of date. This will take place in the school hall, doors and bar open at 7pm, game starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 which includes a drink. To book please email bsa@basildonprimary.org.uk.

Our Christmas wreath making evening will be held at Basildon village hall on **Saturday 25 November**. Doors open at 6.30pm and wreath making will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets are £35 and include a drink on arrival and nibbles. Please see the poster for more details and email bsa@basildonprimary.org.uk to book your place.

If you have any Christmas clothes for children or nativity costumes that they no longer use, we would be very grateful if you can donate them to our Christmas sale which we will be holding throughout November. This is a fantastic opportunity to recycle any clothes that you have and raise money for the school. Please leave any donations at reception.

We are beginning to contact local businesses to ask for prizes for our Christmas raffle. If you work for or know anyone who may be willing to help us please contact Caireen or email bsa@basildonprimary.org.uk with your suggestions. Please do let us know before contacting anyone directly so we can avoid duplicate requests. Also if you know of any businesses who may be interested in having a stall at our Christmas fair please let Caireen know. All external stalls at any event are asked to either donate a prize for the raffle or pay £25 to the BSA.

Please help us to fundraise by signing up to easyfundraising, an app and website that means when you shop with over 7,000 brands online we get a donation. You can set up an automatic reminder which pops up to tell you if the company is part of the scheme which makes it really easy to donate. Find out more at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bsareading>.

Dates for your diary

Friday 17 November Bingo evening (please note this date has changed)

Saturday 25 November Wreath making evening

Friday 8 December Christmas fair

You can follow us on Instagram [@basildonschoolassociation](https://www.instagram.com/basildonschoolassociation) to find out more about all the things we are doing to fundraise for the school.

Please contact us at bsa@basildonprimary.org.uk if you have any questions or comments.

We are really pleased to finally be able to say that work will begin soon on the changes to the playground for the creation of the outdoor forest zone. This has been a long term aim of the school who asked the BSA to fundraise for it but has been much delayed for various reasons, including the pandemic and lockdowns, increases in the cost of materials and a long, complicated planning process. The BSA have now approved the invoices for the work to prepare the ground and the installation of the play equipment and we hope that work will begin in November.

The forest zone will be in the corner of the playground closest to the footpath where there is currently a fenced-off overgrown area. Work will be undertaken to clear and prepare the ground and then the outdoor forest zone will be installed, which will provide a variety of low height apparatus for imaginative play, seating for group learning activities and storytelling, as well as a moveable fire pit and dens. This area will enable the school to provide additional learning and supervised play opportunities. It will mean that children can learn outside the classroom in a natural environment, enabling a wider and more versatile curriculum to be delivered, benefiting all pupils at the school.

If you have any questions about the work please contact office@basildonprimary.org.uk.

Basildon C.E Primary School - Area One - Forest Zone

helping you create an amazing new space

Quote Ref | 22/07/23 | Date | 16/09/23 | Designer | Only/Date | Sheet | 1/2 | Drawing | 3

Inspired by nature

Other Wild Wood Products Available

Willow Log

Mountains & Mines

Hive

Raised Woodland Hut

Rubber Mulch Surfacing

Please note: All works are subject to a further site survey to take final measurements of the area. The school are responsible for clearing the area and planting any wildflowers/shrubbery etc. Plants/shrubbery have been shown for illustration purposes only.

Wild Wood

Learning Outdoors

Nature Physical Exploration

Ropes Imaginative Unique

Forest School

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2023/24 Academic term dates



Term 1	Wednesday 6th September 2023 - Friday 20th October 2023
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 23rd October 2023 - Monday 30th October 2023</i>
Term 2	Tuesday 31st October 2023 - Wednesday 20th December 2023
<i>Christmas Holidays</i>	<i>Thursday 21st December 2023— Friday 5th January 2024</i>
Term 3	Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 9th February 2024
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024</i>
Term 4	Monday 19th February 2024 - Wednesday 27th March 2024
<i>Easter Holidays</i>	<i>Thursday 28th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024</i>
Term 5	Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024</i>
Term 6	Monday 3rd June 2024 – Wednesday 24th July 2024

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Key Dates for 2023/24

Autumn Term			
Date	What	Who	Additional Notes
23 rd -27 th October	Half Term		
Monday 30th October	Inset Day	School closed to Students	
Tuesday 31st October	Individual school photos	Whole school	Please ensure children have full uniform
Wednesday 8th November	Flu Vaccinations	Students in classes Tigers to Eagles	Complete link to be sent in letter
25th November	BSA Wreath making	All Parents and Friends	Village Hall
8th December	BSA Christmas Fayre	Everyone	Village Hall
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch	Whole School	

Future school trips

When	Who	Where
Tuesday 7th November	Year 3	Stonehenge
Tuesday 14th November	Years 1 and 2	Winchester Science Museum
Tuesday 21st November	Year 4	West Berkshire Museum
Thursday 30th November	Years Foundation—Year 6	Watermill Theatre Pantomime

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH



JOIN US FOR
**CHRISTMAS
WREATH
MAKING**

BASILDON VILLAGE HALL. BETHESDA ST. RG8 8NU

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM - WREATH MAKING AT 7.30PM

TICKETS £35 TO INCLUDE DRINK ON ARRIVAL & NIBBLES

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SECATEURS & GLOVES. SOPHIE
(MABEL & MERLIN) WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST. PLEASE
FORAGE FOR BITS TO SUPPLEMENT FOLIAGE!

PLEASE CONTACT BSA@BASILDONPRIMARY.ORG.UK TO BOOK YOUR TICKET
BSA CHARITY NO. 296624

 **BASILDON SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION**

BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
SCHOOL HALL

Doors & Bar open at: 7:00pm
Game starts at: 7:30pm

£15 PER BOOK
INCLUDES A DRINK

TO BOOK, CONTACT
BSA@BASILDONPRIMARY.ORG.UK
BASILDON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (CHARITY NO.
296624)





From November 2023

School Administrator and lunchtime support

11 hours per week

Embracing our core principles of excellence, resilience and respect, our thriving rural primary school prioritises the personal development and well-being of everybody in our school.

Our small rural primary school is looking to appoint an admin assistant to join our team.

The successful candidate will:

Have strong communication skills with parents, children and colleagues

Proficient in Word and Outlook

Able to multi task and prioritise workload

Demonstrate professionalism

In return you will:

Be welcomed by a caring team, who prioritises well being

Work with children who enjoy being at school and behave exceptionally well

Have the opportunity to engage in professional development

Visits to the school are welcomed by appointment only.

Please contact the school by email at office@basildonprimary.org.uk

for further information and an application pack.

Interview: By arrangement

To find out more about our school: www.basildonprimary.org.uk

Basildon C.E. Primary is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The school is an equal opportunities employer.

Appointments are subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks and the successful applicant will be required to apply for an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

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From November 2023

Classroom & Lunchtime Support

Pay Grade B

25 hours per week

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Our small rural primary school is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and calm teaching assistant to join our team. We are incredibly proud of our school, including the inclusive nature that we have developed. We welcome children with a range of needs and adapt the provision accordingly.

The successful candidate will:

- Be able to demonstrate suitable qualifications for working in a school
- Be highly motivated in supporting children to make excellent progress
- Be able to adapt the learning according to the children's needs
- Be flexible and work on their own initiative

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