

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 6th October 2023



Happy Friday

There has definitely been a buzz in school over the last couple of days after the epic **Champions League** match on **Wednesday** night. On this occasion, the late night is one that I happily endorse as these games don't come around very often! It was lovely to welcome a number of **parents** and **carers** into school on Friday to learn a bit more about our new **spelling** and **grammar** scheme. A big thank you to **Miss Dobson** for putting it all together for us. We hope that these **workshops** will



allow you to be even **better equipped** to support learning at home. We have looked at research which demonstrates the **massive boost** in **attainment** that can be made when **children**, **families** and **school** work closely together. It has been great to hear about the **wider success** that some of our children have **enjoyed**. A big **congratulations** to **Jude** who recently competed in the **Scotjam UK Championship**. Jude is now ranked **8th** in the **world** for his age group and, equally as impressive, has raised nearly **£900** for charity in memory of his Gran. What an achievement - we're all very proud of you. Mr Routledge

Collins Big Cat Workshop

It was great to see so many of you at our **Emile Workshop** this morning. We are looking forward to hosting the next session on **Wednesday morning at 09:00**. **Mrs Carrick** will be delivering a session related to **Early Reading** with a focus on the **Collins Big Cat** resources which are available to our younger children at school as well as at home. Parents/carers of children in **Early Years**, **Year One** and **Year Two** are all encouraged to attend if at all possible to pick up some early reading advice and ideas and see some of the **functions** of the **Big Cat** resources.



Lucky Tray Day

Our **Lucky Tray Day** was a big success and the kitchen served **more school dinners** than ever before! A big **thank you** to **Miss Luke** and **Mrs Walton** for working so hard to get everyone served. The **Newcastle United** themed **prizes** were even more popular than I had anticipated so we will use them for other in **school initiatives**.

Out of School Club

Our **out of school club** continues to grow and is getting busier by the session. I spent some time with the **school council** this morning to discuss what they'd like to see being served at **breakfast club**. They came up with some brilliant ideas (though not necessarily all practical ones!). Our breakfast provision runs from **07:45** until **08:45** and is **£3 per session**. After school club runs from **3:15** until **5:15** and is **£4** for the first hour or **£7** for two hours. For more information, please follow the links below.

Registering and Booking <https://trinityyouthassociation.ipalbookings.com/>
Email beaconhillloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk



Bicycle Helmets

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A reminder that we **strongly recommend** that children who **cycle** or **scoot** to school wear a **helmet**. One of our children suffered a **serious head injury** after a scooter fall at home last year and we would hate something similar to happen to anyone else. It is great to see so many children still **cycling** and **scooting** to school but want to ensure that they do so safely.

Harvest Collection - Friday 20th October

This year we are going to collect **food** and **hygiene** items to deliver to our colleagues at the **Cramlington Food Bank** (at the **Hope Centre**) to **support local families**. If you feel that you are able to donate any items, they are currently in need of the following items -

Indian and Chinese sauces, tins of spaghetti or macaroni cheese, tins of minced beef/beef bolognese, tins of chicken curry, tins of tuna/sardines, tins of vegetables/red kidney beans/potatoes, tins of fruit, bottles of fruit squash, long life milk, tea, coffee, sugar, instant mash, tins of custard/rice, instant custard, gravy granules, jellies, sponge puddings, jam, pot noodles, cup a soups, angel delight, porridge, crackers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hand wash, soap powder, toilet rolls, small bottles of washing up liquid, sanitary items (tampons and towels), deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and shaving gel.



They politely let us know that they **do not need**: baked beans, pasta, tinned soup or tinned tomatoes. Thank you.

Fidget Toys

We have noticed that an increasing number of children are bringing **fidget toys** into school from home. We realise that, for some children, a 'fidget toy' has **huge benefits** and they can enable them to **access the curriculum** more **successfully**. However, we ask that children **do not bring** in their own fidget toys from home. We have a range of **sensory equipment** that children can use whilst in school that can be organised with **discussion with their class** teachers.

Halloween Raffle

A reminder that we will be holding a Halloween raffle on **Monday 23rd October** to raise money for **school funds**. **A strip of raffle tickets** will be sent home with children on **Friday 6th October**. Tickets are **£1 each** or a strip can be bought for **£5**. Please write a **name** and **telephone number** on the reverse of each sold ticket. Sold tickets and payment should be returned to school in an **envelope** by **Monday 23rd October**. All money that is raised will contribute to school funds and go towards purchasing further **iPads** and enhancing the children's **outdoor learning environment**.



TTRS

A quick update on some of the fantastic work going on in **Year Four** on **Times Table Rockstars**. The average score for the **weekly soundcheck** has gone up from **7.7 correct answers** out of 25 to **10.4 correct answers!** The ultimate aim is for all children to reach 25/25 by the end of Year Four. If you'd like to know more about TTRS and the different gaming options, why not come along to our **TTRS Workshop** on **Wednesday 25th October** at **9am**. The image on the left shows how quickly children were able to answer times table questions at the start of term. The image on the right shows where the class, on average, is working now. Although it is subtle, you can already see more greens (**quick**

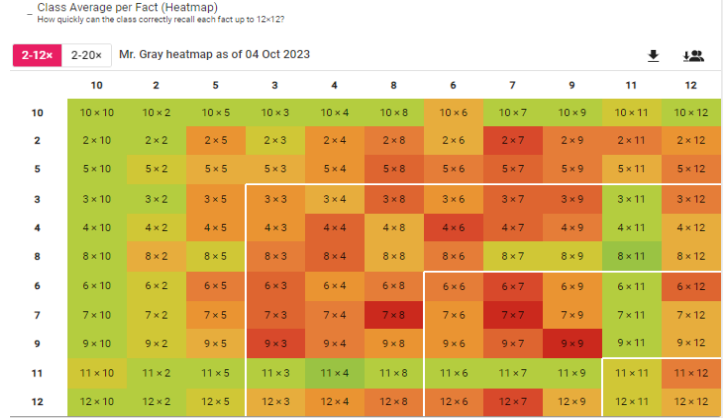
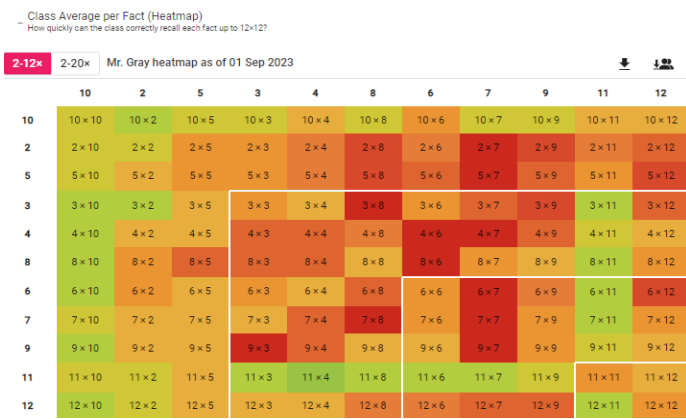


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answers) than reds (slower answer speeds). Keep working on this at home to help your child to improve their quick recall of times table facts.



On the Menu Next Week . . .

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Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	♥ 🌾 Chicken Curry & Wholegrain Rice (may CG) Mini Naan Bread (CG, M) Mixed Vegetables	♥ Pasta Bolognese (M, CG) Garlic Bread (CG) Side Salad Green Beans	Meat Pizza (M, CG) Side Salad Sweetcorn	Baked Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding (CG, E, M) Mash Potato (may M) Vegetables	Crispy Chicken (CG) Chips Baked Beans
Option 2	✓ Cheesy Pasta (CG, M) Mini Naan Bread (CG, M) Mixed Vegetables	♻️ ♥ ✓ Vegetarian Pasta (CG) Garlic Bread (CG) Side Salad Green Beans	✓ Cheese Pizza (M, CG) Side Salad Sweetcorn	✓ Baked Vegetarian Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding (CG, E, M) Mash Potato (may M) Vegetables	♻️ ✓ Vegetarian Nuggets (CG) Chips Baked Beans
♻️ ♥ Jacket Potato available every day with the following fillings: ✓ Cheese, ✓ Beans					
Desserts	✓ Ice Cream (M)	✓ Homemade Biscuit (CG, may M)	✓ Chocolate Cake (E, M, CG) & Chocolate Custard (M)	Fruit Jelly	✓ Iced Carrot Cake (E, M, CG)
Fresh Bread, Mixed Salad and Fresh Fruit available everyday					



FOOD ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES
Before choosing your meal, please speak to a member of the catering staff about your requirements

Celery **C**, Cereals containing Gluten **CG**, Crustaceans **C**, Eggs **E**, Fish **F**, Lupin **L**, Milk **M**, Molluscs **M**, Mustard **M**, Nuts **N**, Peanuts **P**, Sesame Seeds **SS**, Soya **S**, Sulphur Dioxide **SD**

♥ Healthier Option ♻️ Vegan ✓ Vegetarian
🌾 Contains Wholewheat/Wholegrain