# **Beaconhill Community Primary School**

Newsletter - Friday 19th April 2024

## Welcome Back!

Hello and welcome back after the **Easter break**. It has been lovely to see our children and hear about the lovely things they have been up to over the last couple of weeks. **Mr Luke-Green** has been busy and lots of work has taken place over the Easter break ready for the **Summer Term**. The field is still somewhat boggy but it is clear that summer is on the way. This will be a **busy half-term** which will culminate in the very popular '**FAST Week**'. **Mr Shepherd** has already booked in some brilliant **PE** and **sport** opportunities for the week commencing the **20th May** which we're already looking forward to. At some point, we hope to get the very talented **Jaron** back into school for more **breakdancing**. (see below). For now, I hope you all enjoy the weekend! See you next week, Mr Routledge

#### Yamaha Music School

Earlier this week, we shared a letter about **music opportunities** provided by **Yamaha Music School** in Blyth. **Musicians** from the music school came to **Beaconhill** last term to provide a free **taster session** and I am delighted to hear that some of our children have started lessons. The **feedback** from some parents has been very **positive** so if this is

something you think your child may be interested in, **get in touch** using the details below. More information is contained in the letter in the news section of our website. **Email:** YMSnorthumberland@outlook.com WhatsApp: 07874 479 481

## Year Six Swimming

I am pleased that our **Year Six** children have started their swimming lessons this week. These lessons are ordinarily offered in **Year Four** but we are still playing catch up post **Covid**. As part of the national curriculum, all **primary schools** must provide **swimming lessons** so pupils are taught to **swim competently** and **confidently** over a distance of **at least 25 metres** using a range of strokes e.g. **front crawl** or **backstroke**. Our plan is that next year, children in **Years Four** and **Five** (current Year Three and Four) will be provided with swimming lessons. This is so the current Year Four children don't miss their entitlement.

## School Breakfast

As you may know, we offer our children a **breakfast snack every morning**. We are always looking to **extend** and **improve** this offer so this term we will be trialling a **breakfast smoothie** every week. This week, it was our **Year Six children** who were provided with a **banana** and **strawberry smoothie** as well as a **cereal bar**. They went down well with most of our children though some may need a bit of persuasion next time!

### **Break Dance Workshops**

On Wednesday, Year Three and Year Five were treated to a fantastic break dancing workshop delivered by an expert dancer, Jaron. The session was fun, interactive and brilliantly delivered. The feedback from children and staff was extremely positive. It was amazing how quickly the children picked up the routines and everyone seemed confident enough to get involved and show off their moves! Well done, everyone!







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#### **Ducklings**

On Tuesday, five duck eggs were delivered to school. I had barely placed the incubator down when the first little duckling began to force his way out! Our Year Five children have loved watching them take their first steps into the world. They are quite a noisy bunch despite their size! It has been lovely to see how caring and enthusiastic the children have been this week. They will remain in school until next Friday so keep an eye out on Facebook to see how they grow and change.

#### Attendance

Well done to **Reception** with a weekly attendance of **96.33%**. We have had a slight dip this week post Easter. Attendance this term is particularly important as all of our statutory assessments including End of Key Stage SATs, Year One

Phonics Check and Year Four Multiplication Tables Check will be taking place. The prize for all those who record 100% attendance this half-term will be a bonus slot on the inflatable assault course that we have booked in for Friday 24th May! This was hugely popular last year and the children (and staff) are already looking forward to it.

**Reception** - 96.33% Year Three - 94.52%

Year One - 95.38% Year Four - 95%

Year Two - 90.71% Year Five - 85.19% Year Six - 95.16%

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