

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 9th February 2024



Happy Friday

Hello - it was lovely to see so many of you in school this week for **parent/carer** meetings. At this time of year, the focus of our meetings was to look at how **children** are **progressing** with their **learning** and their next steps. We're sorry to have had to **postpone** the **Year Four** meetings - new dates will be shared with you as soon as possible. If you have not yet made an **appointment** (or had to cancel) please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting. Today, lots of learning has taken place in **Early Years** related to **Chinese New Year** and it was lovely that one of our **Year Five** pupils came in wearing her traditional Chinese dress to brighten up a wet and windy Friday - **Kung Hei Fat Choi!** Just one more week to go of a very busy half-term. Until then, I hope you all enjoy the weekend. Mr Routledge



Yamaha Music School

On **Wednesday**, we welcomed **Steve** and **Michael** from the **Yamaha Music School** in **Blyth**. Children from **Reception** to **Year Six** were treated to **keyboard**, **guitar** and **drumming** performances by external music teachers (and some volunteers!) Letters went home this week for parents in case you are interested in signing your little ones up to music lessons at the music school in **Blyth**. Thanks to **Miss Andrews** for orchestrating it - hopefully we will have **drummed up** some interest and inspired **musicians of the future!**



Jiu-Jitsu

On Thursday, we welcomed Patrick from **Go Jiu-Jitsu** who delivered Jiu-Jitsu taster sessions with **Years One, Two, Three** and **Four**. The children were all very positive about the sessions and some seemed keen to take it up in their spare time! A big thanks to Mr Shepherd for arranging the sessions. For more information, email tucker.patrick@live.co.uk

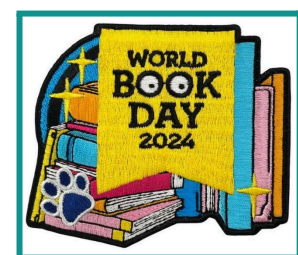
Safer Internet Day

This week we marked **Safer Internet Day**. This is an important day in our **safeguarding** calendar. Some of our older children looked closely at the potential **hazards of social media**. It is worth reminding you that **Whatsapp** has a recommended **minimum age of 16** in the UK. Some relevant parent guides were shared on Tuesday via our Facebook page so take a look if you get the chance.



World Book Day

Advanced warning that we will celebrate **World Book Day** on **Thursday 7th March**. Children (and staff!) are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite **character** from a **book**. If they'd prefer, children could also come to school in **brightly coloured clothes** - at this time of year, we could probably all do with a splash of colour!



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End of Term

Next **Friday** will be a **non-uniform day** to raise money for **school funds**. Children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform for a **voluntary £1** contribution. This year, we have used money raised by you to improve **teaching** and **learning**. We're planning to purchase a further **class set of iPads** to complement the set we purchased earlier in the year and this will help contribute towards that.

OOSC

On Tuesday we will celebrate **Shrove Tuesday** at **OOSC**. I have just put an order in for a couple of tasty toppings. We will have pancakes available **before and after school** so sign up via the **SchoolMoney** system! oosc@beaconhill.northumberland.sch.uk



Tiny Tasters

This week was our final **Tiny Tasters** session of the term. The children made some absolutely **delicious** looking ! Each week, our children and families have cooked **healthy, tasty** and **affordable** meals for the family. You can find the recipe cards on our Facebook page if you were interested in having a go yourself. We hope to run another cohort of **Tiny Taster** sessions in the **Summer Term** so keep an eye out for further information.



Family Hub

A reminder that we are hosting **Kathleen Rouse**, a Family Help worker, in school this half-term. Kathleen works with the **Family Hubs** and offers **Parenting Drop in Sessions** to support, with a range of common issues including **sleep, boundaries, routines, low-level anxiety, housing** and **attendance**. The sessions are confidential and can be arranged by contacting the **school office** or through discussion with your child's **class teacher**.



Attendance

Well done to **Year Three** for recording the **highest overall attendance** last week. **Mrs Stoddart's** class achieved **97%** attendance which is above our school target of 96% and in line with **Northumberland Council's** aspirational **target!** Credit also to **Miss Wilkinson's** class who were just behind with **96.15%** overall. Overall, attendance continues to be quite low with many **winter bugs** circulating. Please do what you can to support us in securing strong attendance.



On the Menu Next Week . . .

Beaconhill Primary School Winter 2023/2024 Menu



Week Three Homemade Dish

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Meatballs In Tomato Sauce Fish Fingers Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings	Roast/Veggie of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding Tuna Mozzarella Melt Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Cowboy Lunch Vegetarian Cowboy Lunch Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings	Roast/Veggie of the Day & Yorkshire Pudding Chicken Goujons Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Oven Baked Sausage Tomato and Mozzarella Pizza Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings
Potatoes Pasta/Rice	Oven Baked Potato Wedges Pasta	Roast Potatoes	Hash Browns	Creamed Potatoes	Chips Pasta
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Fruit Sauce	Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake	Chocolate Brownie	School Pudding of the Day

Fresh fruit and a selection of breads are available at every meal.
Drinking water is also provided on dining room tables.
Menus are subject to change.