## **Beaconhill Community Primary School**

Newsletter - Thursday 28th March 2024



### **Happy Easter**

We've made it! In what seems like the blink of an eye, we're at the end of the Spring Term. So much progress has been made by children from Nursery up to Year Six and it is a pleasure to see. This week we welcomed our School Improvement Partner, Jane Kennedy, back into school to see our Reading and Writing provision. As ever, the feedback was very positive:

It is lovely to walk around the classes and see the warm, positive relationships between the staff and pupils. There is always such a calm, purposeful atmosphere with lots of happy smiling faces - adults as well as children! I see your pupils being constantly and consistently supported, encouraged and enabled to succeed.

It's lovely to hear such **positive feedback** and I am grateful to all the staff for their **hard work** and **commitment**. I am so proud to work with such amazing children who make me smile every day. That said, we will certainly enjoy the **Easter break** and I hope you all do too. For those of you in our school community who are celebrating Eid over the next couple of weeks, Eid Mubarak. See you all soon. Mr Routledge





#### OOSC

This week has been another busy one at OOSC. On Monday, children enjoyed the, now traditional, Mario Kart Monday. On Wednesday, children had fun with some Easter crafting. After the Easter break, every Wednesday at After School Club will have a craft focus so sign up on SchoolMoney to secure your child's place. This morning at Breakfast Club, our



children enjoyed a lovely Easter themed breakfast courtesy of Mrs Walton and Miss Fox. Thanks very much to both for putting it together - it looked delicious!



## **Early Years Disco**

Our youngest children enjoyed their Spring Term Disco this morning. The children all looked fantastic in their party gear. They've all worked so hard this term so definitely deserved an end of term treat! A big thank you to the Early Years staff for making the disco so much fun and also to Miss Wilkinson for orchestrating all three discos. The money raised is always put to good use for various school improvement initiatives so thank you all at home for your continued support.

## **Year Six Football**

On Monday, Beaconhill was represented in a football tournament. A team of Year Six girls travelled to Ponteland with Mr Shepherd and Mr Wright on Monday afternoon. The girls put in a committed and determined display but were sadly on the losing side in their three games. However, Mr Shepherd and Mr Wright were both very impressed with the performance and the girls enjoyed their opportunity to represent the school (despite the

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weather). Sadly the Boys' match was **postponed** due to a **waterlogged pitch**. A new date will be shared in the coming weeks.

#### **Easter Raffle**

Our Easter raffle was a huge success this year. The hampers all looked magnificent and (if they've not been eaten yet!) will make lovely gifts. Members of the school council performed the draw for the raffle in assembly on Tuesday under the watchful eye of Miss Wilkinson and I. Very well done to all those who won a prize - I must confess to being ever so slightly jealous! Thanks to everyone who took part - the raffle raised over £500 for school funds which is a fantastic sum. All children received an Easter treat this morning as part of the traditional Easter Egg hunt. A big thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising the trail - the children loved it!



## **Easter Egg Competition**

We had some amazing entries to our **Easter Egg Competition** this year. Yesterday, **Mr Watters**, our **Chair of Governors**, and I judged the competition entries. It was very difficult to choose just one winner per class as they were all brilliant so we just had to select multiple winners! A big well done to the **winners** who all took home an **Easter Egg** thanks to our friends at **Asda**. Special mention to **Mrs Cragg** who arranged the competition - thank you. We had around twenty winners in all so this picture is just a selection of some of our older winners. Credit to **Mrs Wilson** and **Mrs Thompson** for their entries too!



## WhatsApp Safeguarding

We have been made aware of a **WhatsApp group** called "everyone you know x" which is circulating in **North Tyneside**. It is aimed at **Year Six students** and the group encourages members to self-harm. Whilst there is no suggestion that this is currently active in **Cramlington**, it is clearly very worrying.

Three young people (two from Gateshead and one from Northumberland) are in hospital following an overdose and they have disclosed that there is a social media trend whereby young people are being encouraged online to take overdoses. Please continue to be vigilant if you allow your child to use Social Media platforms. Be mindful that WhatsApp, for example, has a recommended minimum age of 16+ in the UK.

#### **Attendance**

Well done to **Year One** for recording the best **overall attendance** this week. **Mr Shepherd's** class recorded a superb **98.56%** for the week. This half-term has been brilliant from an **attendance** point of view. **123 children** recorded **100%** 



attendance and, in the process, earned a chocolate egg as a prize! We appreciate that we can't always guarantee 100% attendance so we aim for 96% over the course of the year. If your child didn't quite manage 100% this time around, don't worry - there is a prize every half-term for those who manage 100%. Next half-term is a longer one (six weeks) but the prize will definitely be a popular one . . .

**Reception** - 94.58% **Year One** - 98.56% **Year Two** - 95.54%

Year Three - 95.56% Year Four - 92.92% Year Five - 94.91% Year Six - 95.56%

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On the Menu after Easter . . .

