

## Happy Friday!

Hello everyone! We are now just a week away from the end of term and what will be a well-earned rest. Despite being the shortest term in the school calendar, children still have an awful lot of work to get through! Over the last **10 school weeks**, our children have all been exceptionally busy in and out of school. This week, **Year One** and **Year Two** planned and made **mini pizzas** (I was more than happy to help out with the tasting session). They thought about the toppings that they could include and came up with some original and tasty sounding ideas! **Years Three** and **Year Four** had an exciting session on **Thursday** when they completed workshops around **software** and **marine** engineering. One group tested some boats for buoyancy while the other wrote an algorithm to create a lego model. Today, the children took part in **aerospace** and **structural engineering workshops**. It was fantastic to see nearly 60 children all working **purposefully** with **drive** and **focus** in the school hall. I hope you're able to follow the broad range of exciting and engaging activities that we share on Facebook. Our **School Improvement Partner**, Jane, who visited today was very impressed with how engaged our children were with their learning which is always wonderful to hear.

Enjoy the weekend, Mr Routledge

## Easter Egg Competition

Just a reminder that we will be running an **Easter Egg competition** again this year. To enter, children should decorate their own Easter egg using a **hard boiled egg** (or a craft egg if you'd prefer). Entries should be handed to class teachers and **must** be in school by **9am on Thursday 30th March**. A **winner** from each class will be chosen by me and members of the School Council on **Friday 31st March**. Chocolate eggs for the winning entry have kindly been donated by **Creative Management** who provide our school lunches. This Simpsons inspired egg is my entry (though it might be a conflict of interest as I am one of the judges!) Good luck!



## Bikes and Scooters

A reminder that **bikes** and **scooters** must not be used on the school yard before or after school. We are pleased that so many of our children choose to **cycle** or **scoot** to school but these **must be pushed** once children enter school grounds. Though not on school grounds, one of our children suffered a nasty injury this week after falling off her scooter. Her mam has asked us to share with you all the importance of wearing a helmet when out on a bike, or scooter. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back in school next week.

## World Book Day Design a Mr Men Character

A big well done to the children below for winning their respective year group entries for the World Book Day 'Design a Mr Men character' competition. They all came up with some creative ideas and I'd love to see some of these characters included in a story. **Mr Genius** and **Little Miss Multi-colour** were stories that were particularly intriguing! Well done to everyone for their fantastic ideas.

**Year 1** - Layla   **Year 2** - Amelia   **Year 3** - Erin   **Year 4** - Alfie   **Year 5** - Lacey   **Year 6** - Patrick

## Year Five Skipping

A group of our **Year Five** children went to **Newbiggin Sports Centre** with **Mrs Bradshaw** and **Mrs Deakin** on Thursday for a **skipping competition**. Mrs Bradshaw was beaming when she described how amazingly our children represented the school. She said that they were **polite**, **well-behaved** and displayed superb **team work**.

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The children took part in some long rope activities where up to eight children would simultaneously jump over a rope being turned by the two other members of the team. Although we didn't win the competition, I am thrilled with the feedback about how the children represented **Beaconhill**. A huge thank you to **Mrs Bradshaw**, **Mrs Deakin** and the children!

## Beach

We have had another busy week at the beach. **Nursery** learned how to stay safe and explore new surroundings at **Blyth** whilst **Year Two** created art related to **Andy Goldsworthy** at **Low Hauxley**. **Reception** had their first taste of **rockpooling** and learned how to stay safe near water at **St Mary's Island**. **Advanced warning** that we have altered one of the beach dates for next week. **Year Five** will be going on **Monday, Tuesday** and **Thursday** but **will not** be going on Friday as previously planned.

## Boxercise

Due to the **KS2 Disco** on **Wednesday 29th March**, our **Boxercise Club** will take place outside. If your child attends **Boxercise**, please can you ensure that they come to school prepared for an **outdoor session**. If it is too cold or if it rains, we will find a space indoors instead.

## TTRS 'Battle of the Bands'

A huge well done to **Year Four** who won the 'Battle of the Bands' event across **Key Stage Two**. Collectively, they earned well over **70,000 coins** which is incredible! It is worth noting the amazing progress made by **Year Four** with their weekly 'soundcheck'. In **September**, the class recorded an average score of **6/25** on their mixed multiplication and division questions. **This week**, the average score was **19/25!** 15 children recorded scores of 20 or above, nine of which were 25/25! Year 4 pupils across the country will complete a **25 question multiplication assessment** in June so we've still got lots of time to keep pushing instant recall of times table facts. The more you can do at home to support the better so please encourage your child to access TTRS frequently.



## Discos

A reminder that all disco tickets for next week need to be purchased by the end of day today. **Tickets** are available to buy on our **online** payment system. **£2.50** entry includes **crisps, sweets** and a **drink**. The discos will start at **3:15pm** and run until **4:15pm**. Children should **bring their disco clothes to school in a bag** on the morning of their disco **to change into** at the end of the school day.

**Nursery, Reception, Year One** and **Year Two** - Monday 27th March  
**Year Three, Year Four, Year Five** and **Year Six** - Wednesday 29th March

After the disco, **all children** must be collected from their usual doors by a **known adult**. Please note, children will not be allowed to walk home alone.

## Attendance

Well done to our **Reception** class who recorded the **highest overall attendance** for the week commencing 13th March. Their attendance for last week was an impressive **97.6%**! Special mention also to **Year Two** who finished

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second with **96.68%**. Please note that our whole school target is 96%. It is **vitaly important** that you help us to promote good attendance and ensure that your child is in school wherever possible.