

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 20th January 2023



Happy Friday!

Greetings from a **snowy** Beaconhill! I hope you've safely negotiated the **ice** and **snow** this week. I noticed a couple of you slipping and sliding during the school run so please take care when moving around school grounds. I am very grateful to Mr Luke-Green for patrolling the school grounds with the gritter to ensure there are no accidents. This week has been another busy one in school. We marked **Big Energy-Saving Week** where children **designed posters** advocating the importance of **saving energy**. Some children took part in a **gymnastics competition** while others enjoyed our first **Boxercise session**. We've had cricket coaches in and also practised our French with **Madame Taylor**. It has been a long week for the children as we have struggled to get outside due to the ice. Fingers crossed we have better weather next week but before then, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks, Mr Routledge



Big Energy Saving Week



This week we marked **Big Energy Saving Week**. To celebrate the week, we spent time in class and in assembly to discuss ways of being 'green' and planning for a sustainable future. As part of this, **Barratt Developments**, who are in the process of building new homes in Cramlington, invited our children to take part in a competition. They asked our children to **create posters** to encourage people to **save energy**. Children across school took part in the competition and they were so impressed with the ideas that the children generated, that some of our work will be published in the **Northumberland Gazette**! A winner and two runners up were chosen from each class from **Years 1 to 6** and these children each earned a certificate and their work will be displayed in the school hall.

Year 4 Gymnastics

On **Wednesday**, Mr Gray and Mrs Richardson accompanied a group of seven **Year 4 children** to a gymnastics event including children from **schools across Cramlington**. Miss Smith from the Cramlington Schools Sports Partnership has been working with Year 4 in their PE sessions and selected a group to represent Beaconhill. They worked incredibly hard and represented our school beautifully. Well done to everyone involved.



Times Table Rockstars

We are excited to launch a new school **TTRS competition** which starts next week. Each class from **Years 3-6** will have a separate boys vs girls **Battle of the Bands** which will run from Monday to Friday. The winning band from each class will earn a treat such as an extended play time. We encourage children to access TTRS on a 'little and often' approach. Children in Year 4 have worked really hard since September on their tables and it has made a massive difference to their quick recall of key number facts. Watch out for challenges from me as well!



PE Kit

I have noticed that an increasing number of children are coming to school on PE days without the correct PE kit with them. Children must come to school on their PE days wearing:

- Trainers
- Black/blue jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts
- Blue school hoodie or school sweatshirt

If you are unable to purchase unbranded clothing, please ensure that any logos are discrete. As a rough guide, we'd expect logos to be no bigger than a large coin. If you are struggling to get hold of the correct PE kit, please get in touch with the school office and we will be able to point you in the right direction.

Beach

This week **Year 1** visited the **RNLI Lifeboat Station** in **Blyth** where children learned about beach and general water safety. The children loved having the opportunity to sit in the lifeboat though, thankfully, it was still safely stationed on dry land! Next week, **Year 3** will be going to **Howick** to visit a **Stone Age** site. Please, please ensure that you send your child to school on their beach day **wearing something warm!** Advanced notice for Year 5 parents that we have made a slight alteration to one of their dates. We will be taking a group of children to the beach on **Tuesday 31st January** instead of **Wednesday 1st February**. Mrs Williams and the Year 5 team will remind you children closer to the time.

Lunches

Yesterday we had to make a change to the lunch menu at short notice due to a product recall. A big thank you to **Miss Luke** and **Mrs Walton** for swapping the menu at such short notice! Our kitchen also received an **unannounced inspection** from the local authority this morning. The inspector checked a number of elements including hygiene and cleanliness as well as the paperwork. I am delighted to tell you that we received a five star rating so a massive well done to Miss Luke and Mrs Walton.

Boxercise

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed their first **Boxercise** session this week. I popped in for a short while and the children were really getting stuck in and **working on the pads** and **developing their fitness**. If you think your child might be interested, please contact the school office. For those of you who are already signed up, please note that due to **Parents Evening** on **Wednesday 15th February**, the session that week will take place on **Tuesday 14th** instead.