

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 26th April 2024



Happy Friday

Hello, everyone. Despite the **heavy hailstorm** that cut lunchtime short yesterday, **Spring** is definitely on the way. We have had lots going on **before, during** and **after school** this week. Ten new **iPads** were delivered to fill up our 40 berth charging trolley. Every day, the **40 iPads** which we've purchased this year are used to **enhance learning**. Children across school are regularly accessing apps including **TTRS, Emile** and **Lexia** to develop their **basic skills**. As ever, a big thank you for all of your **support** with our various **fundraising initiatives**. Every penny earned goes back into school to **improve our provision**. It was great to see our **Reception** children back out at the beach this week. **Mrs Wharton** took the children to **Cresswell** to play games on the beach and develop their **coordination** and **gross motor skills**. For now, enjoy the weekend. See you next week, Mr Routledge

Ducklings

Today we had to say **goodbye** to our four lovely **ducklings** that have been in **Year Five**. They have been in school over the last two weeks and were **extremely popular** members of the class! The children have loved seeing them **grow** and have been so **curious** and **enthusiastic** about their development.



Mini Athletics

Taylor from **Mini Athletics** Newcastle is running **athletics** sessions in **Cramlington** every **Friday afternoon**. Taylor delivered a taster session to our Year One children earlier this year and it went down brilliantly. This may be something that would interest your little ones at home so, for **more information**, contact Taylor on: **07947188995** or **tmesiti@miniathletics.com**

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School Breakfast

As you'll know, every day, **all of our children** receive a **breakfast snack** (typically a **jam sandwich**) at the start of the day. To enhance this offer, we have recently purchased a **smoothie maker** to provide one class per week with a **breakfast smoothie** and a **cereal bar**. Our **strawberry** and **banana smoothies** went down a storm on Friday with **OOSC** and **Year 6**. This week, it'll be the turn of **Year 5** who will be treated to a **smoothie**. Over an **eight week period**, every class from **Year 6** down to **Nursery** will enjoy a strawberry and banana smoothie before we then choose a **new recipe** and start the cycle again.



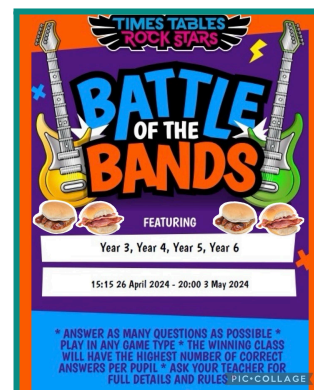
Makaton Movement

On **Wednesday** morning, **Nursery, Reception** and **Year One** children were treated to a fantastic **makaton taster** session. **Anna**, from **Loud Arts**, delivered a session which helped younger children to match **movements** with

makaton signs. Some of the tunes that accompanied the session were particularly good - **I'm Still Standing** was a personal favourite! The children then played a shopping game and learnt the signs for different food items. Unsurprisingly, the children picked up the sign for ice cream very quickly! Everyone really enjoyed the session and are looking forward to **session two next week**.

Battle of the Bands

It's that time again. The fridge has been stocked with **bread**, **butter**, **buns** and **bacon** (or a **veggie alternative**, of course!) for the latest edition of the **Battle of the Bands**. The **format** is a **simple** one. Children in **Years Three, Four, Five** and **Six** need to **answer as many questions** as they can over the next week on any **TTRS** game type. The winning class will be the class with the most **correct answers** (on average) **per pupil**. Last time around it was **Year Five** who came out on top and won a delicious **breakfast sandwich** courtesy of **Miss Luke** and **Mrs Walton**. I am still waiting for the Battle of the Bands where the staff are able to take on the children though . . .



Long Hair

A reminder that we ask that **longer hair** is **tied back** during the school day. This is for **health and safety** and **hygiene** reasons. It also ensures that their hair is not in their eyes and **obscuring their view** when they're working in school. We will offer children **hair bobbles** to tie their hair back during the school day if needed.

Early Years Yard

Branch and Bone have installed two new features on the **Early Years Yard** this week. Inspired by their trip to the **theatre** to see **The Gruffalo's Child** earlier in the **Spring Term**, the children now have a **stage** to **sing**, **dance**, **act** and perform in their own special ways! We also have **two new pallet dens** which provide an extra sheltered space on the yard for the children to explore. I'm sure you'll agree that the yard has been **transformed** over the last few months. The weather is slowly but surely starting to look more promising and the children will spend more and **more time outside** playing and learning.



Attendance

Well done to **Year One** who recorded the highest overall attendance for the last week. No classes were able to meet our target of **96%** though **Reception, Year One, Year Two** and **Year Six** were close. As you'll know, it is particularly important that everyone is in school, on time, every day. This term children will be working towards statutory assessments. Strong attendance is closely linked to academic achievement so please work with us to ensure that your child is in school wherever possible.



Reception - 94.33% **Year One** - 94.62% **Year Two** - 94.14%
Year Three - 91.61% **Year Four** - 92.33% **Year Five** - 88.89% **Year Six** - 94.52%

On the Menu Next Week . . .

Beaconhill Primary School Winter 2023/2024 Menu



Week Two

Homemade Dish

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Bangers Hot Pot Cheese Melt Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings	Roast/Veggie Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding Fish Fingers Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Mince and Dumplings Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings 	Roast/Veggie of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding Chicken/Quorn Nuggets Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 	Homemade Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza Breaded Fish Portion Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings
Potatoes Pasta/Rice	Jacket Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes Wholemeal Rice/Naan Bread	Creamed Potatoes Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes Warm Herby Bread	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	Marshmallow Squares 	Homemade Chocolate and Cinamon Shortbread with Milk 	Cheese and Biscuits with Apple and Grapes	Jelly with Ice cream	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.