

The Beacon Primary Academy Newsletter

Monday 24th September 2018





Well done to all of our award winners this week.

Reception News

This week in Reception the children have continued to look at the topic 'Superheroes'. We had a special message delivered by the 'Cheese Monster' and the children had a great time discussing and coming up with a plan to save the moon! The children have even been making special potions to give them their own superpowers.

We are continuing to work very hard with phonics and the children are showing their resilience by beginning to blend simple words. Don't forget the phonics information session after school on Thursday 27th September at 5:30pm. The children are







developing their counting skills and are working hard to count,

Year 2 News

This week, have been thinking about Florence Nightingale and creating a new medicine for a cold. From this we have listed our ingredients and we have written instructions to show other people how to make it. Some of our medicines may not be nice though, judging by the ingredients included!

In Maths, we have been looking at our addition and moving our learning away from the number line by applying what we know when solving problems. This has proved tricky but we persevered.

In other areas of the curriculum, we have used one of the artists from the previous week and created a piece in their style (Art), planned an investigation (Science), completing algorithms (Computing) and found out a little bit more about some of the Hindu gods (RE).





Year I News

In English, we have been looking at adjectives and how these can make our sentences more interesting. We have used these to describe pictures and Miss Fear and Mrs Porter have been amazed at some of the vocabulary that the children have been using.

In Maths, the focus has been addition and the different ways that we can use it to help us add two numbers together.

During our music lessons we have been focusing on rhythm and to compliment this Mrs Hall has also been teaching us country dancing – after a few more weeks of practice I'm sure we will have mastered a whole routine!







Mini Police Programme

Beacon Primary Academy has been invited to join the Lincolnshire Police's Mini Police Programme. The engagement programme is aimed at children aged 9-11 years with benefits for the whole school and the surrounding communities. The pupils will be offered guidance and taught subjects relating to crime prevention along with Lincolnshire Police initiatives that would be both useful and have impact. The children will be given the tools to feedback to their peers and communities through a platform of blogging, posters, assemblies, statistics, graphs and conversations in person. A few topics within the programmer would be available to be delivered to the whole school community i.e safe strangers. As well as creating ambassadors for the individual schools, local communities and Lincolnshire Police there is also an element of career building. Each school will have ten Mini Police Officers with designated Lincolnshire Police staff offering their support. The programme falls in line with local and national crime prevention concentrating on local and national aims and supports schools with elements from the PSHE, SMSC and fundamental British Values education curriculum.

Our Year 5 pupils have been given the opportunity to take part in this project and will undergo a series of recruitment activities. More details will follow once the Mini Officers have been appointed.

Year 3 News

This week, we have continued looking in detail at Matilda. In English, we had a debate about whether or not the Chokey should be allowed in school. We then looked at persuasive letters and wrote our own to Miss Trunchbull. In Maths, we have moved on to subtraction and have been applying these skills whilst problem solving. During our afternoons, we have enjoyed finding out more information about Quentin Blake, learning a song from The Lion King with Mrs Taylor and learning some new exercises with Mr Parker. What a busy week we have had!





Year 4 News

The Lemurs have had another great week of learning. We have been applying our writing skills to our harvest poems, information texts and persuasive letters as well as investigating the spelling of verbs ending in the '-ing' suffix. In Maths, we have been counting in many different multiples as well as taking on the 'IO minute challenge' of mixed questions, and 'Beat the Clock' times table test. We will try to improve our scores and speed each week! We have been learning about the roles in our school community in PSHE and internet safety in Computing. We cannot wait to see the results of our Science enquiry; please ask us all about it! Amazingly, the illustrator Quentin Blake liked one of our tweets about our drawings of his characters on 'Roald Dahl Day'. This really made our week!





Year 5 News

This week in English the Leopards have been busy learning about Macmillan- the Leopard's charity for the year. We have been writing letters, and practising our baking skills, ahead of our coffee afternoon which will take place on Friday 28th September, where we are hoping to raise lots of money. In Maths, we have looked at negative numbers and counting forwards and backwards through zero, as well as rounding numbers. In Spanish, we practised having conversations with each other, building and revising our skills learnt in previous years. We also had a visit from the Lincolnshire Police, who invited the Year 5's to join the Mini Police program. The Leopards learnt about the different equipment that members of the police carry around with them, how they use them and were able to ask them about their jobs.





Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 28th September 2018

Join us to help make it the biggest one yet by joining us for refreshments and cake in the hall on Friday at 3:20pm onwards!

Please bring in any donations (bought or made) on Friday morning.



The new Student Councillors got off to a flying start this week, the children spent some of their lunchtime litter picking around the school playgrounds. They did an amazing job (on a windy Wednesday) and really enjoyed using the 'pickers' and gloves. Well done Councillors!





Harvest Festival – Tuesday 25th September

Please show your support with donations of tinned or dried food, which will be distributed by the food bank to families in need. This can be brought in to school no later than 25th September.

If you would like to support the food bank with donations.

Please consider donating any of the following:

Tinned Potatoes ~ Instant Mash
Tinned Vegetables ~ Tinned Soup
Tinned Fruit ~ Rice Pudding
Dilute Juice ~ Tinned Beans
Dried Pasta and Pasta Sachets
Long Life Milk ~ Cereals
Tea Bags ~ Pasta Sauce ~ Tinned Meat

Beacon Babies

Miss Short will be starting her maternity leave on Friday (28th September). We would all like to wish her every happiness as she prepares to welcome her bundle into the world - it is such an exciting time for her and her family. We will certainly keep you all posted about any baby news as we get it along the way.

As some of you may know, Mrs Johnson is also expecting with her first baby due to arrive in the New Year. She will start her maternity leave at Christmas. We are delighted for both Mr and Mrs Johnson and wish them every happiness with their bundle to be.

Both Miss Short and Mrs Johnson will return to us after their maternity leave, with final dates yet to be confirmed. Plans are being implemented to ensure that a high quality replacement for both members of staff is arranged, ensuring a smooth experience for our children.

We are also looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Foxwell on 29th November following her maternity leave.

Reminder

Please remember, children are only allowed healthy snacks such as fresh or dried fruit for their break time snack. Biscuits/crisps etc are not permitted.