

Beaconhill Primary School Newsletter

Week beginning 27th September 2021



October SMSC Theme – Fascination

Fascination is defined as an intense interest in someone or something.

The aim of this work is to develop children who are keen and excited to learn.

Children who are encouraged to be fascinated by the things they see experience feelings of awe and wonder. Do you remember that feeling as a child of seeing something so astounding that you said "Wow, that's amazing!"? That is awe and wonder. We believe this magical feeling should be fostered and actively promoted throughout the curriculum for all children and adults.

The world around us is a very special place and is something to be explored and celebrated at every opportunity. We will help children to develop their skills by;

- delivering a varied, interesting and exciting curriculum,
- letting them explore the local environment – particularly our local coastline,
- exposing them to interesting facts, images, discussions and experiences.

Natural curiosity and imagination lead to exploration and discovery in learners of all ages (Wonderopolis.org). Giving children opportunities to ask and find the answers to intriguing questions, explore natural phenomenon and question things that are around them every day develops their independent sense of awe and wonder of the world around them.

A useful website to generate opportunities for fascination at home is <http://wonderopolis.org>

School Harvest Festival.

The children are busy learning new songs and poems for harvest which will be shared on our Facebook page. As usual we are collecting for The People's Kitchen who support the homeless in our area.

Please bring donations to the school hall between Monday 4th October and Thursday 7th October. Their wish list is attached to this email.

The Daily Mile.

The children in Years 3 and 4 are going to trial running a mile each day at school – you may have seen this covered on the television recently. The reasons for trialling this are numerous; the main ones are listed below. Research has shown that The Daily Mile:

- Improves bone health and muscle strength
- Enhances fitness and improves heart health
- Reduces body fat
- Supports self-esteem and happiness
- Reduces anxiety and increases confidence
- Improves focus and concentration and can help improve classroom behaviour
- Improves memory function in maths and problem solving
- Supports improved academic attainment

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Key Stage 1 Disco

This will be held on Wednesday 20th October 2021 3:15pm to 4:15pm. (Bring your disco clothes to school that morning).

Tickets will be available to buy on the school payment system from Monday 4th October to **9am** Friday 15th October.

£2.50 entry includes – crisps, mix-up and a drink.

Children to be collected from their usual doors at 4:15 **Children must be collected by a known adult.**

PE days

If your child has PE on a very wet (snowy!) day, please use your discretion around footwear. We had a lot of soggy feet this week as some children had walked to school in canvas or fabric trainers. It is fine for children to change into trainers on arrival at school.

Fire Drill

We held a fire drill recently; our exit time was longer than usual. We hold drills regularly in school and usually evacuate the building in less than 3 minutes, but this drill overlapped lunchtime and some organisational aspects require a review. A repeat drill will be held to assess the impact of this.



Parents should note that should the alarm sound whilst you are in school, please leave the building in a calm manner and assemble on the playground by the pavilion, well away from the lines of children. Staff will take the children to their assembly points on the playground, and should not be disturbed whilst they account for all pupils.

Christmas...coming soon!

Design your own:

- ♦ Christmas Cards
- ♦ Mugs
- ♦ Wrapping paper
- ♦ Gift Tags



Design sheets and order instructions will be sent home soon with children.

Funds raised will be added to our school funds.

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Traffic Light Lanyards.

The School Council met to discuss our new coloured lanyards in school. We are using these to think about keeping safe in school. We had the help of our three teddy bears!



If a visitor has a green lanyard they can go anywhere in school and may sometimes want to speak to you.

If a visitor has an orange lanyard they can go anywhere in school and you can speak to them if an adult from school is with them.

If a visitor has a red lanyard they will probably be in school to do a job. It's probably best that you leave them alone and don't speak to them.

Safeguarding Tips for Parents

If you are worried about a child, you can call Children's Services directly and speak to a duty social worker. The number is 01670 536500

If you wish to report online, please use the NSPCC website- these referrals are always followed up.

Remember children are also at risk online- be vigilant about your child's online presence, and monitor their internet usage until you are confident in their understanding of risk.

Remember also that children of primary age should not be using Facebook, snapchat, Adult Tiktok or Instagram. The age limit for these sites is **13 years**.

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