



abacus
BELSIZE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Newsletter

5th May 2017

Dear Parents,

Another great week at Abacus which culminated in nearly the entire school going on a trip to the Victoria and Albert museum on Friday. It was very quiet in school but I believe all of the children thoroughly enjoyed their outing. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who accompanied us on the trip. I hear that the children were impeccably well behaved and members of the public mentioned to both staff and helpers who polite and considerate the children were. It always makes me feel proud to hear this about our school out and about in the community.

I'm pleased to say that we have been holding interviews for the teacher vacancy in September. I have been really pleased with the calibre of the candidates applying to our school and I look forward to sharing more information about this soon with you all.

As always please have a look at the dates for your diaries section at the end of the newsletter. Hopefully you will have all received more information about the Walk for Wildlife already but if you haven't please contact the office who will send you the email again.

Mrs Vicki Briody
Headteacher

Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell
Assistant Headteacher

Reception

Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a lovely week? This week in Reception we have story mapped our Gruffalo story. We have made our own story maps and have been learning it off by heart. The story map that we made as a class will be sent home for you to practice with.

In maths we have been investigating capacity by filling containers and discovering how much they will hold. We have also been investigating weight, so we have been busy weighing items from around the class to look at heavier, lighter and equally balanced items.

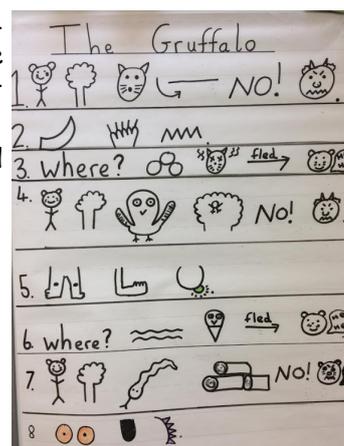
In our topic work this week we have finished our Chinese dragon puppets and have learnt some traditional Chinese games for the playground.

In our writing session this week we have been describing the Gruffalo using our talk for writing story map.

Home work is being sent out today with new reading books. Keep up the fantastic work at home.

Have a brilliant weekend and speak to you all soon.

Mr Owens



FAB

Tuesday, 9th May 8:00-10:00 pm

Parent mingle Pub Trivia night PARENT EVENT at The Washington, Belsize Park, 50 England's Lane, London NW3 4UE.

Fundraiser £2 to play trivia, fundraiser with a suggested donation.

Year 1

It's been another busy week at Abacus. On Friday we had a great time going to the V&A Museum. We took part in the V&A voyage workshop all about China. The children visited the galleries, looking in detail at artefacts and learning about emperors and the significance of the dragon!

In English this week we have been learning The Willow Pattern story by heart and we have created a story map to help us learn the text. You'll find this attached to homework this week to help you support your child. Next week we will be entering the next Talk4Writing stage: innovation. Children will be using the structure of the story but changing key parts.

In Maths we have been measuring using non-standard units (cubes, paper clips and our hands and feet!) Next week we will be making our own rulers and then measuring in cms. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

Well, that was a fun week! In English this week we have been working on our class version of The Stonecutter and began writing this in big write on Thursday. We have been thinking about little changes we can make to our class text to make it more our own. Next week we will finish writing the story and begin planning our innovation. In maths this week we have focussed on measuring. We then found the total of two objects or the difference between two objects as well as looked at missing box problems where some of the symbols were missing. In topic we began our 'visiting China' topic and wrote a diary entry about how to get to china. In science we looked at healthy eating and why exercise is important. We investigated what happens to our heart rate when we exercise and rest. We had a great trip to the V&A museum today, exploring artefacts and looking in the museum galleries. We are so lucky to have such an amazing resource on our doorstep! Have a great weekend.

Year 3

Hello everyone! We hope you had a great week and weekend! A short but busy week last week!

We have been learning all about length and the different units of measurement for it. We have looked at how to convert between metres, centimetres and kilometres both without a context and with.

In English we completed a Big Write where we imitated our key text 'The King of Beasts'. This week we will be looking at innovating our key text by adding a brand new event.

On Friday we went to the Victoria & Albert museum and had a chance to look around different exhibition. We had a look at the jewellery exhibition where some of us were fascinated by the swords and tiara. The portrait room and stained glass windows exhibits were also some of our favourites. In the afternoon we had a guided, interactive tour of the China Exhibition where we learned all about why pottery is called 'Chiba', the symbolism of dragons and the influence Chinese cultures had on the other countries.

Have a great week!

Miss Bell, Fred and Miss Dilks

Dates for your diaries

Friday 5th May - Years 1, 2 & 3 trip to the V&A

Friday 19th May—Wildlife walk (whole school, more details to follow)

Friday 25th May—INSET Day (school closed for children)

Week beginning 12th June—Year 1 Phonics check

Friday 14th July—FAB Summer fair and Community tea party

Friday 7th July—Sports day and summer picnic

Thursday 13th July—End of year reports for parents

Friday 21st July—End of Term (No afterschool clubs on this day)

Gold Stars of the Week

Reception: Bruce, Solveig, Umar, Uri

Year 1:

Year 2: Isabella, Luca, Harry

Year 3: Elvis, David, Mira, Aiman, Amelia, Piotrek, Harvey

Attendance
Target: 98%

Reception: 93%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 97%

