



**abacus**  
BELSIZE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter



19th May 2017

Dear Parents,

We've had a great but soggy week here at Abacus! Well done to Year 2 for completing their SATs 'quizzes' this week. Surprisingly, they've really enjoyed themselves although that may have more to do with the snacks they were allowed after their paper! We are so pleased and so proud of them all!

A huge thank you for all your generous donations in helping us break the World Record this afternoon. At the last count, we had raised £628! However we have to say we are also disappointed that a number of families withdrew their children from our walk this afternoon. As well as the record attempt, this is also curriculum time where children will be in a nature trail round the Heath and makes up part of our outdoor learning. As with all outdoor learning, we will be out in all weathers and it is not acceptable for parents to assume they can 'opt out' of parts of their child's curriculum. As long as children are appropriately dressed, it will not make children ill or contribute to minor ailments. In the future, if any parent plans to remove their child from learning time they must seek direct permission from a senior leader in the school. Our school is committed to outdoor learning and therefore it is part of the agreement as families when you accept a place at Abacus that this is also part of your vision for the children's education too.

Thank you to all of those parents who completed the travel arrangement documents on time too as we would like to run more of these but can only do this when we have the information back from parents.

We look forward to sharing the muddy photos with you all next week!

**Mrs Vicki Briody**  
Headteacher

**Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell**  
Assistant Headteacher

### Reception

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. This week in reception we have been busy creating our own Gruffalo out of different animal body parts. We had a go at labelling our new Gruffalo as well as writing facts about them. We ended up with some very interesting creations.

In Maths we have been learning about measuring. We printed our hand using paint and measured it using different objects. We also had a go at measuring our whole body by drawing outlines then measuring them with stones.

In our topic work we have finished making our Terracotta warriors. We made them out of clay and then painted them with homemade paint to make them look like the real warriors.

This Friday we went up to Hampstead Heath to participate in the Walk4Wildlife event.

Have a fantastic weekend and see you all soon.

Mr Owens and Jackie.

### FAB

#### SAVE THE DATES!! FAB UPCOMING SUMMER TERM EVENTS!! Join us:-)

**Sunday, 11th June 2:30-4:30pm FAB FAMILY EVENT** Teddy Bear picnic, Abacus families and staff invited (Same location as the Back to school Teddy Bear picnic in September) Hampstead Heath, Devonshire Hill fenced in playground at corner of Downshire Hill and Willow Rd. across road from Heath Duck pond and just past Freemason Arms pub

**Friday, 16th, June 4:15-6:00 pm Movie Night, SCHOOL EVENT** Pajama party/popcorn and movie afternoon, school, big hall. Fundraiser, (5 pounds per ticket, non-abacus siblings free, popcorn and drinks included in ticket)

**Friday, 23rd June 7:00pm-10:00 pm FAB hosted dinner** for Abacus parents and staff, @ Oliver's Village Cafe, Belsize Village (15 pounds per ticket, includes 5 piece dinner and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages)

**Friday, 14th July 2:00-4:00pm Summer Fair FAB fundraiser** School playground, parking lot, organized games, donations for games, bake sale, face painting, balloon animals, stalls including jewelry, henna tattoo, makeup, and raffle items from local businesses, contact Mary Sheppard directly to help out [mary@colinandmary.com](mailto:mary@colinandmary.com)

### Year 1

What a busy week we have had! On Monday we were so excited to meet PC Tracy, ask lots of questions about being a police officer and learn about how to keep safe. We particularly enjoyed looking at all the different police hats!

In English we have been continuing our work on our Willow Plate story and have been sketching our new stories in our special art books. We have also been looking at real and alien words in phonics and even had a go at making our own alien words! In maths we have been looking at measure, starting with balancing scales and non-standard units and moving to using the measuring scales to make more accurate measurements. Maybe over the weekend you could use these new skills for some cooking?

We enjoyed our Walk4Wildlife in Hampstead Heath (although a little wet) to try to break the Guinness world record and raise money to support a local charity! Have a lovely weekend.

### Year 2

We have had a great week in year 2. We are so impressed with how the children have tackled our SATS quizzes and really shown-off all that they have learned in their time in KS1.

In English we wrote our innovated 'Stonecutter' story and have started planning our very own fable with a moral ready to write next week. In maths we have been looking at sorting data using diagrams. In science we used our senses to investigate tea and we really enjoyed meeting PC Tracy to learn about keeping safe!

We will continue with our SATS into early next week so please make sure your child is well-rested and has had a good breakfast. Have a great weekend.



### Year 3

Hello Hello!

In English this week we invented and wrote our own fable stories. Some of us wrote about a reliable dolphin and jellyfish who couldn't keep his promises. Others wrote about why we shouldn't trust strangers and some wrote about why it's good to embrace difference. Next week we will be moving on to Information Texts and doing some non-fiction writing.

Maths this week has involved us exploring capacity and its units of measurements. We learned how to estimate and measure accurately using millilitres and litres. We also reviewed the measurement of length in the context of perimeter this time.

In Science we have been learning about balanced diets and all the different food groups. We then made our ideal balanced meal using unusual items like sponges and dish cloths. Have a super weekend!

#### Dates for your diaries

**Friday 26th 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

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**Reception: Lucas**

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**Year 1: Ethan, James,  
Mekhi, Sasha, Violet, Leon,  
Bello**

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**Year 2: Akari**

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**Year 3: Aiman, Siena,  
Mira, Adrian, Harvey,  
Estelle, Amelia, Ben Zeno,  
Carlota, David, Sophia,  
Alexia, Aya, Saul, Janek**

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**Attendance**

★ **Target: 98%**

★ **Reception: 90%**

★ **Year 1: 94%**

★ **Year 2: 95%**

★ **Year 3: 95%**

