



abacus
BELSIZE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter



9th June 2017

Dear Parents,

What a busy, productive first week back! The children have settled back extremely well and have all begun their new topic 'We Are Britain'. It seems to be a particularly relevant topic given the current political climate and the school has been buzzing about the election over the last couple of days. KS1 voted in our own mini elections and are eagerly awaiting the results to see if they match the excitement of last nights! We are also currently in the process of organising our whole school trip to the seaside – a reward for excellent behaviour for each class and will keep you posted on dates and location. This term, each class will have their assembly so check the dates section for these.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Vicki Briody
Headteacher

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Assistant Headteacher

Reception

Hello everyone

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term, time really does fly. This week in Reception we have kick started our new topic 'Our Britain', by investigating Queen Elizabeth. We looked at some facts about the Queen, such as how old she was, how long she had been Queen for and where she lived. We have also been looking at other things that are British, including pop art, which originated in Britain. We decided to make our own pop arts pieces of the Queen.

We have started to investigate the British values, starting with democracy. We spoke about team work and discussing ideas with each other when carrying out group activities. We put this into practice by working in groups to build a paper cup pyramid.

In literacy we have started a new story, 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels'. We will be story mapping and learning it off by heart next week.

Home work is being sent out in bags and there is an activity on it which will be used in future lessons, so please take note of it.

Have a fantastic weekend and see you all soon. Mr Owens

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



Year 1 & Year 2

It's been a busy election week in KS1!

Here we are, on election day, learning about Great British Values; why we vote, who can vote and what it means for our future. We have been exploring the democracy and talking about how not all countries follow the same processes.

We wanted the children to take part in the General Election by investigating simplified versions of manifestoes and deciding which big ideas were important to them.



In addition, Year 1 had a go at allocating funds for different areas as if they were in charge (schools/ hospitals/ social care/ unemployment/ policing) whilst year 2 debated different sides of an argument (when and how fidget spinners should be used)! We had a fabulous time being part of such an important day and found it was a great way to kick off our summer 2 topic 'We are Britain'!



Please keep an eye out for our curriculum maps (emailed with the newsletter) for more information about our learning this term.



The Labour Party



The Conservative Party



The Liberal Democrat Party



The Green Party

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Have a lovely weekend- we hope to see many of you at



movie night next Friday!

Year 3

This week in Maths we have been learning all about the different parts of a fraction (numerator and denominator) and equivalent fractions. We have learned how to use fractions strips to find fractions that are the same and also how we can use multiplication and division to find equivalent fractions too.

In English, we innovated our Key Text, The Tree Giant by creating our own giants and planning our own information text about them. Some of us created Diamond Giants, Fire Giants, Wood Giants and even a Zombie Giant! Next week we will be completing a Big Write, where we will write an information text about our own giants.

Our new topic is 'We are Britain' with a focus on our great city, London. This week we learned all about what democracy is and what it means in Britain. We learned what a 'motion' is and the language we use when debating. After, we held an amazing debate about the motion 'All zoos should be banned' and the result with 17 votes was that zoos should be banned. However, we all listened to each other and showed respect for one another's opinions. Have a great weekend!

Dates for your diaries

- Week beginning 12th June—Year 1 Phonics check
- Friday 16th June - FAB Movie Night
- Thursday 29th June— Eid al Fitr party 1 – 3pm
- Thursday 29th June— Reception Class Assembly
- Thursday 6th July — Year 1 Class Assembly
- Friday 7th July—Sports day and summer picnic
- Thursday 13th July— Year 2 Class Assembly
- Thursday 13th July—End of year reports for parents
- Friday 14th July—FAB Summer fair and Community tea party
- Tuesday 18th July— Year 3 Class Assembly
- Friday 21st July—End of Term (No afterschool clubs on this day)

Gold Stars of the Week

Reception: Ibrahim

Year 1: LouLou, Kizzie, Mekhi, Logan, Sasha, James, Ben

Year 2: Navya, Oskar, Paige

Year 3: Amelia, Adrian, David

Attendance

Target: 98%

Reception: 94%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 94%

Year 3: 100%

