



abacus
BELSIZE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter



7th July 2017

Dear parents,

It was lovely to have so many of you join us for Sport's Day this year – we were very lucky with the weather! A huge well done to Year 1 for their fantastic assembly on Thursday, we are so proud of their fantastic progress and thank you to all of our parents for coming to watch. Reception had a lovely visit to the Museum of Childhood on Thursday too – I'm sure they've told you all about it! Thank you for getting back to us regarding the seaside trip. Unfortunately for safeguarding reasons, we need to ensure children arrive and leave together – just like they would on a normal school trip. Therefore, if parents are happy to travel down to meet us in Southend, we ask that your child travels with their class on the bus. This applies to the return journey too. We are very lucky to have been offered another exciting opportunity here at Abacus – Miss Chandler will be representing our school at the Discovery Education Network in San Diego who are pioneering cutting edge technology in schools. We hope to develop this next year in our school and this will give us the platform to do so. Miss Chandler leaves for San Diego on Monday 17th July and so her last day before the summer will be next Friday. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Vicki Briody
Headteacher

Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell
Assistant Headteacher

Reception

Hello everyone, I hope you have had a brilliant week.

This week in Reception we have been continuing to revise subtraction. Next week we will be revisiting halving, using counters and pictures. In Literacy we have had a go at describing a rose using similes. One of our favourite similes was, 'The stem sucks up water like an elephant'.

This week in our topic work we have been continuing to look at traditional British toys, we have looked at how traditional toys have changed over the years. We have also been to the Museum of Childhood this week. We are taking inspiration from our trip to make our own toys next week.

We have also had sports day this week. Well done for everyone taking part, we had a great day.

Have a brilliant weekend and see you all soon.

Mr Owens and Jackie

FAB

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

Friday, 14th July 2:00-4:00pm Summer Fair FAB fundraiser

Where: School playground, parking lot

What's planned: organised games, donations for games, bake sale, face painting, balloon animals, stalls including jewellery, henna tattoo, makeup, and a raffle!

For more info: please contact FAB organiser Mary Sheppard directly to help out on day of the event- setup, clean-up and to help approach local businesses for raffle prize vouchers over next 2 weeks for the event mary@colinandmary.com

Thank you on behalf of FAB and Abacus Belsize Primary School

Year 1

Thank you to all parents who came to our class assembly, it's always a great turnout and fantastic to see so much support. I hope some of the learning sounded familiar to you and that it's been coming home gradually over the weeks!

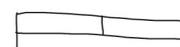
In our topic work this week we have been thinking about our place in the world—drawing and writing about our house, our city, our country, our continent and our planet—in stages! We have really enjoyed this project and they will be going home at the end of term for you to share with your child. In English we have been writing our own non-fiction texts about different animals and in maths we have been learning to do column addition and subtraction. Have a lovely weekend.



Year 2

Hello! We have had a great week in year 2! This week we have been planning our invention story— using a circle plan, box-up plan and story map to support our writing. We are using spine poetry to add extra descriptions and have been thinking carefully about the picture we give a reader when we choose certain words. In maths we have been looking at problem solving and trying to solve in a more systematic way rather than trial and error. We talked about the importance of mathematical thinking and explaining what we are doing.

I can use a bar model to solve problems.



We have been working hard on our topic project and hope to show the finished product in our assembly next week. We have been looking forward to sports day (especially the running races), finally it's here! Have a lovely weekend and we will see you at our assembly on Thursday or the fair on Friday!

Year 3

Happy Friday!

We have had another busy and fun week in year 3!

In English this week we have planned our innovated piece of writing based on our key text, Eton Mess. We have all picked from either: raspberry trifle, pavlova, scones or Victoria sponge to write a persuasive piece about why it is the best British dessert. We have taken our plan and story map home this weekend to practice. Please remember to bring this on Monday ready for Big Write!

Maths this week has involved us learning how to add and subtract fractions. We learned that when the denominators are the same, they do not change, only the numerators are added. Some of us even started looking at mixed and improper fractions! In Topic this week we studied floor maps of the school and then created our own Abacus underground. Some of the line names are: the Hall line, Briody line and Toilet line!

We also said bye to the amazing Miss Dilks on Wednesday- we will miss her so much!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Dates for your diaries

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:

Year 1: We are going to do Gold stars on Monday, as it is not possible to give names now.

Year 2:

Year 3:

Attendance

★ Target: 98%

★ Reception: 98%

★ Year 1: 96%

★ Year 2: 92%

★ Year 3: 87%

