



abacus
BELSIZE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week here at Abacus! We are delighted that our new reception class have settled in so well! It has also been wonderful to see Key Stage 2 enjoying their own library upstairs and a big thank you to Year 4 for taking charge and looking after all of our lovely, new books. We'd love to fill the shelves with books (they've been a big hit!) so if you'd like to help us to do so, please get in touch. Just a reminder about buses: We ask that parents do not board the bus in the mornings. This leads to delays and means all children miss the start of their learning time. We understand that it can be difficult to leave your child, but rest assured that our staff are experienced and will look after your children extremely well. Please respect them when they reinforce this message with you as they are following school procedure. Keep an eye out for our upcoming elections – FAB chair and class representatives. I will be sending out an events schedule for the Autumn term too so keep an eye out for this over the next week.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell
Assistant Headteacher

Reception

Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a great week. This week in Reception we welcomed our new group of friends, they arrived on Monday and we have also had some new starters throughout the week. We are now a full class of 30. We have been continuing to get to know everyone.

In Literacy we have been looking into initial sounds in words in preparation for starting our phonics next week. Phonics is very important and all about the sounds that letters make. As we get to learn more sounds, we can use them to read and write.

In Maths we have been counting and recognising numerals to 10. Next week we will develop on this skill by ordering cards with 1-10 objects on.

We also had our first Mandarin lesson this week which we all enjoyed.

Have a brilliant weekend and speak to you all soon.

Mr Owens Miss Jackie and Miss Anna.

FAB

Dear Abacus families,

Welcome back to school! :-) FAB, Friends of Abacus Belsize, our school Parent group, will be hosting a Back-to-school family picnic in the park next Sunday, September 24th 2:00-4:00 pm. Location is Downshire Hill small fenced in playground (just past Freemason Arms pub) near corner of willow Rd and Downshire Hill and across from Heath duck ponds near Hampstead overground station. It will be a Teddy Bear picnic theme, so bring your family and your favourite cuddly toy and picnic lunch and beverages, hope to see you there! Feel free to bring your own futbol, toys, bubbles, sand toys for your children. In the event of inclement weather, we will cancel and postpone for a later date via whatsapp. Please watch for messages. FAB, Friends of Abacus Belsize Primary

Year 1

This week, we have been really getting used to life in Year 1 and a new way of learning. We have learnt about a number of superheroes and have been thinking up our own and unique superpowers. We've had some fabulous ideas. We've been having fun making up superhero stories and working as a team to create superhero vehicles in choosing time. Next week, we will begin our 'show and tell Fridays.' Don't forget to bring in something related to our topic of 'Superheroes' to show the class when it is your group's turn. Next week it will be the Bees' turn! We had great fun in our first PE session of the year, too. Don't forget your PE kits next Wednesday!

Year 2

WOW! What a great week we've had in Year 2! We have been investigating our topic further and have looked at what it means to be a superhero compared to a super-villain and even created wanted posters for super-villains. We also investigated parts of the body in science and decided on what body art we thought was the most important.

In maths we have been comparing numbers and looking at the steps needed to compare 2,3 or even more numbers. We started looking at the symbols greater than and less than by making them practically with the dienes and rules.

In literacy we went on a Treasure Hunt to find clues for and predict what our new text might be. After much hunting we found clues for our new story 'Traction Man'. We have worked hard this week to clarify unknown words in the book and learn the story with actions.

Have a lovely weekend!

Melissa Chandler

Year 3

Year 3 have settled in nicely to the new school year. We've been working hard on place value in maths and have been using dienes to make 2 and 3 digit numbers. Our homework this week is a number hunt – I wonder how many 2 and 3 digit numbers we can find lurking around our homes or out and about this weekend!

We had fun in our PE and dance lessons and we investigated flowering plants in science.

We have been looking closely at rhyme in some of Lewis Carroll's nonsense poems and we made up our own stanzas which we put together to make our own entirely new nonsense poems.

Have a great weekend!

Year 3, Miss Hamer, Sanara and Jessie

Year 4

Dear Parents,

Another busy week has flown by in year 4! This week we went treasure hunting to find out about our new topic. We completed missions on the app 'goosechase' to find clues hidden around the school. Our topic is 'a tale of two countries' and we will be exploring India and the UK! In our English lessons we have been internalising the story of The Peacock (Michael Rosen) and looking at key features of the opening, build up, middle, resolution and the end. In maths we continue to investigate the place value of 4 digit numbers, using the > and < symbols to compare numbers. Have a lovely weekend everyone!