



Weekly Newsletter



29th September 2017

Dear parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful half term. The children have had a wonderful week of learning and their behaviour has been exemplary! We've had some great news here this week at Abacus. Firstly, we received confirmation that our Reception class results are ranked 2nd out of all Camden primary schools! There are 45 primary schools in Camden to give it some context, so we are incredibly proud of our achievements. By sheer coincidence, we also received a letter from Nick Gibb, the education minister, congratulating us on last year's Year 1 phonics results. He confirmed that this places us in the top 3% of schools in the country. We are so proud of all our children and we will attach to this week's newsletter a copy of the letter we received.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell

Acting Headteacher

Camden rank	
2015	31
2016	10
2017	2

Reception

Hello guys,

I hope you all had a fantastic half term holiday. We have been discussing in the class, what everyone did for their holidays. This week, we have kicked off our first topic, which is Space. We have lots of new Space themed role play in the classroom, as well as Space themed activities in our funky fingers. We have painted our own planets, with space paint, made from flour and shaving foam.

In Phonics we have learnt the sounds for c and g. It is clear that everyone has been practicing hard over the holidays, so a very big thank you for all your effort. In Maths, we have been separating numbers. We have been focusing on different ways of making numbers up to 10. Next week we will start talking about adding.

Homework and reading books are being sent home.

Have a brilliant weekend and see you all soon.

FAB

First of all we would like to thank all those who attended our Halloween disco!

FAB would like to remind parents to join us at the first official FAB Annual General Meeting (AGM) next week on 8th November at 6.30 PM (hoping to finish by 8:00 pm). We will be voting on becoming a formal Parent Teacher Association (PTA), a constitution, on taking on a charity status as well as voting in the committee roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. As well as discussing adding Classroom reps to work with the committee to oversee events and fundraising for the school. For those of you who submitted your Chair application to the school in September, do come along to the meeting as this is where the voting will take place. FAB is a vibrant organisation dedicated to supporting Abacus Belsize Primary and building our Abacus community. Please join us!

Year 1

Hello! We've had a busy week back in Year 1. We've been having a look at different ways of making ten, but this time in three parts! We've started our new Talk for Writing book, Beegu! Don't forget to ask your children about it! We're really excited to learn our new story. We've also been getting very excited about our new Topic- Space! I've really enjoyed seeing the lovely space books that you've brought in. We've created a space book display in the classroom to keep your books safe. Don't forget, homework books are due back on THURSDAYS and guided reading books need to be back by the latest FRIDAY. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1 Class Teacher

Year 2

Welcome back to term 2! The children have enjoyed their first week back and are starting to settle back into the routine. This week we have been investigating our new text 'Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob)' and have been using a thesaurus and other word cards to support word choices. In maths we have started to look at subtraction- we are exploring number lines, using concrete materials and dienes. In science we are exploring materials and their properties and we used the i-pads to explore our new topic space. The children were fascinated to find out that the sunset on Mars appears to be blue! We had a spooky Halloween party today- thank you to all who joined!

Year 3

Hi Everyone!

This week Year 3 have been busy getting to grips with a new sPaG concept of fronted adverbials and investigating key features of a few different biography texts in preparation for next week when we'll be starting work on our class text for this half term.

In Maths we've been working hard on column subtraction, using our concrete > pictorial > abstract approach to help us gain an in depth understanding of why column subtraction works. We used place value counters and charts to help us.

In topic we got to the root of the words 'invade' and 'settle', using our ipads to research similar words, which helped take our research into Invaders and Settlers to a whole new level.

Library books will go home next week as Sanara has been off sick. (Please return library books that need to come back.)

Have a great weekend

Year 3, Miss Hamer and Jessie

Year 4

Another busy week had flown by! We're loving our whole class guided reading text Why the Whales Came. It's such a treat to see us all enjoying the same text and answering high level comprehension questions. I will include these in homework from time to time so please talk to your child about them. This week you will see some character description work in homework books. We look forward to seeing you all at our class assembly on Wednesday next week when we will be sharing more of our learning so far this year. Have a lovely weekend!

Lucas Motion

Year 4 Class Teacher

Maths Subject Leader

