



abacus
BELSIZE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Newsletter



29th September 2017

Dear parents

I'd like to start with another big THANK YOU this week, as we have raised a whopping £1,125 to update Receptions outdoor area and KS2's library. I can't wait to show you our 'after pics' and the children in KS2, who have already enthusiastically begun reading their new books are extremely thankful to you all.

They have done such an incredible job of organising the books, taking care of the lending side and are now designing their own displays they wish to put up to make the area more inviting. It's given them such a sense of responsibility and we are so proud of the maturity and care they show for these books. Above all, they ALL love reading! This week, we had an incredible sport's festival where the children took part in athletics and cricket matches. This is to coincide with the Ashes tournament which starts up next month. We hope to inspire them all to take up new sports this way.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell

Reception

News letter

Hello everyone, I hope you have had a great week. This week in Reception we learnt the sound for the letter p. We also started to blend the sounds we already know together to make words. Mr Owens will be talking more about this in parent meetings next week.

In Maths we have been perfecting our skills in estimation. Next week we will be looking at more and less and counting to compare amounts of objects.

In our topic work, we have started our new story 'Supertato'. To celebrate our new story, we have been talking about healthy eating and the importance of fruit, vegetables and a balanced diet.

Next week we will be discussing how else we can keep our bodies healthy through exercise.

Have a brilliant weekend and see you all next week for parent meetings.

Mr Owens, Jackie and Anna.

FAB

FAB would like to invite all Abacus parents to the FAB AGM on 8th November at 6.30 PM. We will be voting on becoming a formal PTA, a constitution, on taking on a charity status as well as voting in the committee roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. 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

We've had an exciting and busy week in Year 1 this week. We really enjoyed taking part in the Sports Festival on Monday with Elliot and Michael! Having learnt how to keep healthy, and the importance of exercise, we made up our own cat dance routines with Becky, with lots of movement! We've been learning how to represent numbers as dienes this week, as well as putting our new superheroes and villains into our supertato story! Don't forget to bring your homework and reading books in before Friday. Next week, it will be the grasshoppers' turn for Superhero show and tell on Friday!

Rachel Newell

Year 2

We have had a SUPER week in year 2.

In English this week we have finished innovating our stories- swapping Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush for our own superhero/action figure and sidekick. We have had lots of fun thinking about new adventures our characters could have around the house.

In maths we have been looking at addition and what happens when you have more than ten ones (FAIR SWAP). We have worked from small numbers to demonstrate that once we know the system we can solve any problem in the world!!! The children have been working hard adding in different ways.

In science we have continued to discuss how to stay healthy- ask your child about what is happening with the bread experiment. For our superhero topic work, we have finished planning a comic, looking at the background and foreground and will use this to help us make our final projects!

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 3

Hi Everyone!

This week in Year 3 we have been innovating our class text – 'Peacock' from 'How the Animals Got Their Colours' by Michael Rosen. We've focused in on synonyms, and did a bit of thesaurus work to up-level some common adjectives.

In maths we've been rounding 2 and 3 digit numbers to the nearest 10 and the nearest 100, and have also looked at some number pyramid puzzles.

Topic this week has taken us from Indian mountains to big cities. We've discussed human and physical features of cities and have looked at number patterns using tabla music (traditional Indian drum) beats! We even made up our own 'talas' (beat patterns).

Have a great weekend!

Year 3, Miss Hamer, Sanara 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!