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BELSIZE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Newsletter



29th September 2017

Dear parents,

It was lovely to see you all at our Halloween party last Friday, the children looked fantastic! Thank you to FAB for helping to organise the event. I have also included a picture of our Key Stage 2 library. This was all funded by your donations, and we can't thank you enough for your incredible support. The children absolutely love using this area which in turn has created a real buzz around reading – a real pillar to learning. Next week, I will be sharing our new Reception outdoor equipment with you which has already had plenty of use!

I will be keeping the donations on Parent Mail open as we would also like to use this to raise money for our outdoor learning weeks and trips. These can be pricey and we often cover the remaining costs through our curriculum budget. I'd like to get the children out and exploring as much as possible! Next Friday in school, we have some more upcoming events – I will send out a separate email about this.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell

Acting Headteacher

Reception

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all had a fantastic week. This week in reception, we have learnt the sounds for k and e. We have been writing lots of labels for pictures in the classroom. In Maths, we have been adding. We have been adding together numicon pieces, as well as cubes using the part part whole method. In our topic work, we have been discussing stars, what a star is and what a constellation is. We have had a great time discussing stars, and we have even made our own constellations on the iPad and sugar paper.

We have a new addition to the classroom. His name is Mon Mon, he is an alien from out of space and he helps us during carpet time discussions. From this week onwards, Mon Mon will go home with one child over the weekend, and take part in any activities that they do. That child, then has to complete a diary entry for Mon Mon, during the time he is with them. Every child will get to have a turn over the year.



Home work is being sent via email and books are in bags.

FAB

Thank you for joining us for our FABulous Halloween Disco party last Friday! It was a success! We had amazing time dancing, and crafting thanks for the monetary donations, food donations and for helping out with setup, cleanup if you would still like to make a fundraising donation please see bank details.

FAB bank details: Terry Wongstedt

Acct# 58706372

Sort code: 601437

We hope you enjoyed the music, the face painting, temporary tattoos, nail painting, pumpkin decorating and mask making that FAB organised for your children's enjoyment have a lovely weekend! - FAB team

Year 1

Hello! We've had a busy week in Year 1. We've been working really hard talking about the meaning of what we are reading and how characters are feeling. If you ask your children about the meaning of what they are reading in their reading books, you will be amazed! In maths we have been looking at all the different resources we can use to help us add single digits together. We've used part-part-whole mats, tens frames, beadstrings and numberlines! Martian Milo is often stuck, and we've really been looking at explaining our understanding to help martian Milo understand how to add! We've also had a go at writing the Beegu story, and I'm really looking forward to changing our story next week with everyone. I am very excited for our trip to the Planetarium next week, and I'm sure your children are too! Please ensure that your children are wrapped up warm for our trip, now that winter weather is upon us! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

We have had a great week exploring space! I hope you have all heard wonderful things about our trip on Tuesday. The children were extremely sensible travelling all the way out to Greenwich and thoroughly enjoyed investigating the galleries, having playtime in the park, participating in the workshop and taking photos of the meridian line. Thank you also to Rixt's and James' mummies for their help and support on the trip!

In maths this week we have been investigating tool-kits to help us subtract. In literacy we have been looking at time conjunctions and using these to help organise our writing.

As you can see, homework this week has been emailed. We would like to move forward with paperless homework in an effort to reduce waste and help the environment. If there is anything the children will need (a template etc) this will be printed in books. You do not need to print the sheets but simply do the homework in homework books. Please let me know if this causes any problems for you.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

Year 3

Hi Everyone!

This week we have looked into the features of a biography and we have worked on our new talk for writing class text which we will practice over the weekend in preparation for our Big Write on Monday. We've also been looking at strategies to improve our writing generally. We've started our new topic of multiplication in maths and we have been deriving multiplication and division facts from arrays. We learnt a funky new dance in PE and we continued our scientific investigations into light and dark.

Have a great weekend!

Year 3, Miss Hamer and Jessie

Year 4

Dear Parents,

Another busy week has raced by. In Year 4 we've been busy learning and writing our key text – a non-chronological report about Vikings. Now that we are very familiar with the key features of reports, we will be writing our own about Viking longships next week. In maths we've moved into learning about multiplication and division, using 'anchor facts' that we already know to derive new ones. For example if we know that $6 \times 7 = 42$ we know that $60 \times 7 = 420$, $60 \times 70 = 4200$, etc. You will find more examples of these in homework this week, please have a go with your child. On that note –homework will be emailed and not printed from now on in an effort to save paper across the school. If this causes any problems please let us know. Many thanks, have a lovely weekend.

Lucas Motion

Year 4 Class Teacher

Maths Subject Leader