

Abacus Primary School

Newsletter 375

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Today we close for the summer break.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our end of year outdoor events. It was so wonderful to see you all and to see everyone enjoying being back in the school grounds. I think these events highlight that we can still do things but in different ways. Thank you for your positive feedback on these events and also your comments on how much you enjoyed

meeting and interacting with the staff. We will definitely be reflecting on the last few months and seeing what will become our new normal.

On behalf of all the staff can I please pass on our thanks for all your generous gifts, cards and kind words. This has been a very challenging few months for everyone and seeing you all at these events has made us even more excited for September. I always knew Abacus was a special community to be part of but now I realise just how lucky we all are. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic summer break and thank you all for your support throughout this academic year.

Please remember that there are some slight changes to the arrangements for September 2020 and we will be bringing the children back on a phased return. Please ensure that you make yourself aware of which day your child/children return in September.

Thursday 3/9/20- Years 5 and 6

Friday 4/9/20 - Year 4

Monday 7/9/20 - Year 3

Tuesday 8/9/20 - Year 2

Wednesday 9/9/20 - Year 1

To ensure that our site is not too busy we will be introducing staggered starts and pick ups, giving each keystage a 15 minute window to arrive each morning and leave the site each evening.

Years 1 and 2 will be in school from 8.45am to 3.15pm and Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be in school from 8.30am to 3pm.



Today we said Goodbye and Good luck to an amazing group of Year 6's. We're sorry that Year 6 didn't end as we would all have liked, we wish you all the very best for the future as you continue your learning journeys at Bromford's, Beauchamps, De La Salle, Southend and Sweyne Park.

As we say Goodbye and Good Luck to our Year 6 pupils, this also means that we bid farewell to 19 families, some of whom have been part of our Abacus Family for a number of years.

We say Goodbye and Good luck to Rosie A and her family, Samiyah and her family, Lily and her family, Wiley and his family, Freya

and her family, Elliott and his family, Lucy and her family, Harry C and his family, Samuel and his family, Isabelle and her family, Sofia and her family, Isla and Bella and their family, Dylan and his family, Ashley L and her family, Rowan and his family, Jake and his family, Alexi and her family, Rosie V and her family and Omar and his family. We wish you all the very best for the future.

Thank you to the Year 5/6 for ensuring that many of our end of year traditions have still taken place this year including photo story, end of year messages and memory videos. We look forward to sharing these with you via our website very soon.

<https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/year-6-leavers>

Well done to Bella Day (Year 5) who donated her hair and raised money for the Little Princess Trust. She raised over £500



Our new reduced menu will start upon our return in September. Please see the website for the new menu.







Abacus School Summer 2020 Maths

Challenge: Maths in Nature

Hello Abacus! We have a challenge for you for the summer. Since you are all such great artists, we thought we would combine Art and Maths.

How you ask?

Get your thinking and creativity hats on!

Your challenge is to find maths in nature.

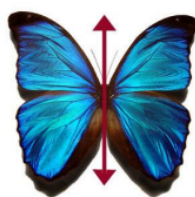
As we know, maths is all around us and we use it all the time. However, have you ever thought of looking into nature for maths?

Think of the shapes you can see, the patterns, the numbers on a flower.

When you go out for a walk during the Summer, take a camera and have a look around at all the maths that you see.

Take a picture of it and send it to school. Try being as creative as you can.

You will look at the world in a different way once you start exploring maths and nature.



Q: How is this linked to maths?

A: Symmetry: The butterfly wings are symmetrical.

Please send all entries to:

summermathschallenge@abacus.essex.sch.uk