

Abacus Primary School News

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THURSDAY
5 MARCH
SAVE THE DATE



Next week we will be on WEEK 1 of our menu

LET'S CELEBRATE!



There's lots to celebrate this week in swimming, gymnastics and football. Well done to Sienna, Mae, Max, Samuel, Arthur and Albert.

SPORTS NEWS

Tag Rugby Final

On the 28th February 2020, our 5/6 Tag Rugby team represented Wickford in our Area Final.

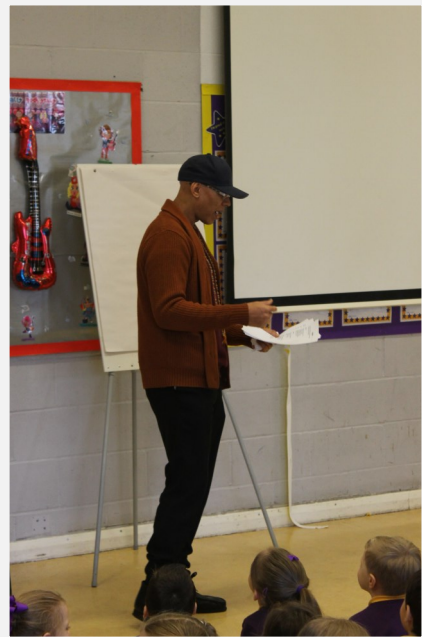
They were presented with challenging weather but this did not deter the team who all showed great determination as they played their 7 games. They finished 6th overall out of 8 teams which is a great achievement.

Well done to all the children that took part and thank you to the families who came along to support.



This week at Abacus...

Thank you to all our Abacus Families for supporting us with our Vocabulary Parade to celebrate World Book Day 2020. The children and staff looked fantastic and we were amazed by the creativity of the costumes. We appreciate everyone's efforts and the children had a great day learning new words and meanings, as well as sharing books with other year groups.



Today, Kurly visited our school. Kurly is a poet from Birmingham. He started the day with a whole school assembly where he performed a poem which included some of our children. Throughout the day all the classes got to work with Kurly on poetry and performing poetry and the day concluded with a showcase where we got to see everyone perform.

Thank you to Miss Mitchell and Miss Maskell for all their efforts and enthusiasm in planning the last two days.

Next week is Sports Relief, we have made the decision as a school that we will not be taking part this year, as we feel there have been a number of 'theme' days recently this term.

Instead we have decided to take part in a school Race For Life later on in this academic year- information and date to follow. We will still talk to the children about how Sports Relief helps others and our Sports Ambassadors will be leading a Sports Ambassador challenge (weather permitting).



Women's Engineering Society
100 Violets Challenge



How do we predict the weather, use power in our homes or recapture carbon from our factories? How can we help people who have been injured, how does a microscope work and what's involved in building a motorway?



Meet real engineers and find out these answers and so much more at our free interactive family-friendly exhibition.

11am – 4.30pm Saturday 21st March, Brunel Museum, London (SE16 4LF)



Spotlight on our Curriculum



We have written a recount about the book "Whatever Next?" We used our phonics knowledge to help us. We enjoyed dressing up as a word on Thursday.



We finished planning our letters, wrote them and sent them to different adults in school to tell them all about our learning, we wonder if we'll get any replies?



In Maths we have been working with 2d and 3d shapes. We can name them and their properties, including faces, edges and vertices. For English, we are innovating our own folk tale. We loved dressing up as words and reading with Purple class for World Book Day. We're aiming to use the new words we have learnt.



In Computing, we have started creating a scratch coding project. We added sprites, then tested and debugged our codes. In Geography we were comparing the geographical features of coastal tourist destinations in the world.



This term we are learning about the history of Wickford. We had a guest speaker introduce the class to how Wickford has developed over the past 100 years with photographs of then and now. We also learnt about the Wickford floods.



We have been experimenting in Science. We asked the question: How can an astronaut land safely back on Earth? Using eggs as our astronaut, we designed rocket ships that would allow a safe return for the travellers. It was very interesting and fun.

Now that the colder weather has arrived, please can all children ensure they have an outdoor P.E kit in school.