

Abacus Primary School News

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Well done to Harley and Bella who came along with Mrs Keeley and I to Chelmsford football club on Thursday afternoon to receive our KS1 Active Essex School Sport and Activity award.

This award recognise excellence in delivery of school sport and physical education at Key Stage 1.

Thank you to Miss Dooley for all her hard work in putting the evidence together for this award.



Well done to Silver class for such an enjoyable class assembly this week. It was wonderful to see you enjoying your class text so much and to see how much learning has already taken place this term. Thank you to all the family members who came along to watch.

Next week we will be on WEEK 3 of our school menu



LET'S CELEBRATE!



Well done to Miley and Harriet for their achievements in football and dance outside of school this week.

PLEASE HELP!

Bella Day (Year 5 Purple Class) is having her hair cut off at the end of the month and donating it to the Little Princess trust charity. The charity provides real hair wigs to children and young people with hair loss, and funding vital research into childhood cancers. If you would like to donate, please follow the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/](https://www.justgiving.com/BellaDay)

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On Friday 7th February 2020, we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number day as part of our Maths week. We are inviting children to come to school in their 'Maths outfits' this could be dressed as a calculator, a famous Mathematician or T-shirts with numbers on. We will be holding a cake sale during the week and all donations raised will be donated to the NSPCC.



Abacus Striders

To kick start the New Year, 20 children from KS2 have signed up to a 6 week programme of walking . Each Monday lunchtime, the group (Abacus Striders) will walk a distance of 1.92km (1.2miles), 2,500 steps around the top part of the Wick. This week they did it in just under 21 minutes and their aim is to get quicker each week.

Thank you to our Sports Ambassadors, Bella and Keira who are supporting the running of the group.



Swimming Gala

This morning children across Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be taking place in Heat B of the Wickford swimming gala.



A space has become available for Guitar lessons. If you are interested then please see the office for details.



FAPS (Friends of Abacus Primary School) would like to invite you all (parents only) to a cheese and wine meeting on **Wednesday 12th February 2020** at the school from 7pm, to share ideas, new and old, for FAPS events for the rest of this academic year. We'd love to see as many of you as possible attend to continue their great work. Current members would love to see some new members join the committee to bring along some fresh fundraising ideas.



There will be a meeting for Year 4 parents and children at Wat Tyler on Thursday 24th January 2020 at 4.15pm. This will be held at The Wat Tyler centre by the residential staff.



Spotlight on our Curriculum



In music this week we looked at different instruments. We sorted them into groups according to what sound they made.



This week we have been concentrating on our story writing based on "The Tiger Who Came to Tea." We have been finding the difference between two numbers in Maths. Busy, busy, busy!



This week we have been continuing to work with money by finding change. We have begun to write our own story based on "The Wild Things" and in Science we have been looking at things that are dead, alive and those which have never been alive.



In PE this week we were creating group dances with a machine stimulus. We used levers, cogs and piston movements. In Art we were thinking about warm and cool colours. We mixed water colours to create different warm and cool shades.



This week Year 4 have started learning the Ukelele in music and will be learning to play "Shotgun." They also made seasonal fruit tarts in DT, which probably didn't last the journey home!



This week we have really been enjoying immersing ourselves in the book War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. We have talked about different character traits and discussed how the author has used powerful verbs to engage the reader. We look forward to finding out what is going to happen next in this action-packed story!

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