

# Abacus Primary School News

## Newsletter 347

### 29/11/19



Today we celebrated our first Saint's day with St Andrews house invited to wear blue to school. Well done to Billy (Team Captain) and Liam (Vice Captain) for leading two assemblies today about who Saint Andrew is and how people celebrate Saint Andrew's day. Thank you for your support with wearing Blue today.



Tickets have gone home today for all the Christmas productions. If you have not yet received or applied for your tickets please see the school office as soon as possible.

**Extra tickets for all productions will be on sale on THURSDAY 5th December 2019 at 9am in the entrance hall.**

Next week, we will be on WEEK 2 of our new Winter menu.

Copies of this can be found on our website or from our school office.

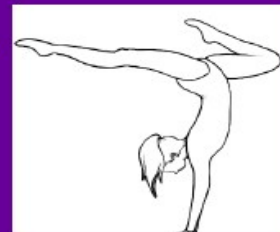


# High Flyers

On the 26th November 2019, 17 of our gymnasts from years 4–6 took part in a High Flyers event. This is a yearly event hosted by Bromfords School to showcase dance and gymnastics from Bromfords and local Primary Schools.

Our gymnasts put on an amazing show in both the afternoon and evening performance, showcasing their gymnastic skills. They made everyone very proud!

Thank you to Jen, our gymnastics coach, for choreographing the routine and training the children.



# Sportshall Success

On the 21st November 2019, our team of athletes from Years 5 and 6 competed in the Wickford Schools Sportshall Athletics Competition at Bromfords School against 4 other Wickford Schools.

They all put into practice their training as they competed in their field (jumping and throwing) and track (running) events.

There was great team spirit and support within the team as well as towards other schools.

They all performed exceptionally well and were rewarded with a 2nd team place. A big thank you to Holly, who stepped in at the last minute due to illness and enabled us to compete as a full team. They will now go on to represent Wickford in the Partnership Final on the 11th December.

Go Team Abacus!



# Sports Ambassador Challenge

On the 21st and 22nd November, our Sports Ambassadors held their first challenge this year. The event had been originally planned to take place during the Rugby World Cup but due to heavy rain had to be postponed.

Children were invited to see how many times they could run across the astro pitch placing a rugby ball down at each end in 30 seconds. Our Sports Ambassadors organised the children into phase groups and recorded their scores. Certificates were awarded to children in each phase who had completed the most runs. Well done to our Sports Ambassadors for giving up their lunch time to run the challenge and to the 86 children who got active and involved.



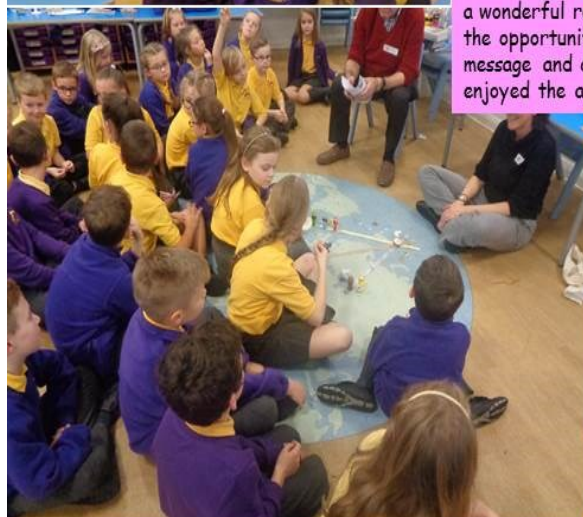
**LET'S CELEBRATE!**

Well done to Alfie and Sofia for their out of school achievements this week.



## Nativity Talk 26-11-19

Year 4 had the opportunity to meet with local Reverend Trevor and Janette Stevens from Christ Church in Wickford. They shared a wonderful retelling of the Nativity story. The children then had the opportunity to create a bauble to spread the Christmas message and cheer. The children had a lovely afternoon and really enjoyed the activities.





# Spotlight on our Curriculum



We have carried out our first scientific experiment. We used different objects to see if they would float or sink. We talked about the scientist Archimedes.



This week it's all about facts! Learning about non-fiction books, sorting out the fact from fiction. We also learnt the truth about how germs are spread and how to wash our hands. Did you know there were 5 steps to washing our hands properly?



The children have independently innovated a plan for their journey story and written up their story using interesting vocabulary. We have also created self portrait in the style of pop artist Romero Britto.



The children enjoyed a visit from Christchurch. They made Christingles and learnt what each part represents. They also sung songs about the Christingle. Ask your child what each item means.



The children enjoyed a visit from Reverend Trevor and Janette Stevens this week to discuss the Nativity story. The children were able to make a Christmas bauble too. The children were very engaged and enjoyed the chance to meet with a Reverend.



This week we have extracted DNA from a strawberry as part of our inheritance & evolution topic in science. We discussed how adaptations happen when mutations occur in our DNA.

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