

Abacus Primary School

Newsletter 532

14/6/24



What a wonderful couple of Sports Days we had this week and we are all so proud of the children for their efforts across the mornings in their races, behaviour and sportsmanship. A huge well done and thank you to our Sports Ambassadors and Miss Dooley for their sterling efforts across the Sports Days.

Thank you to all the family members who came along and supported these events.



Next week, we are on Week 3 of our new menu which you can view on our website:

<https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/school-meals>

Swimming

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Monday	Gold Class	Silver Class	Blue Class
Tuesday	Purple Class	Teal Class	Pink Class
Wednesday	Green Class	Lilac Class	Orange Class
Thursday	Black Class	White Class	Red Class
Friday	Turquoise Class		Yellow class

We are really excited that swimming lessons will begin on Monday. Thank you to everyone who has paid for this opportunity and given us your child's swimming ability. Please see above the schedule for classes to swim.

There will be one change for next week (due to Year 1's trip) Red Class will swim on Friday and Yellow class will swim on Thursday.

For Health and safety reasons please read and adhere to the following:

Hats must be worn

No Jewellery

1 piece swimwear or shorts above the knee

Goggles allowed but children are encouraged to try without.

No nose clips or ear plugs (unless medically advised)

Your child will be swimming in a pool with a constant 30-32 degrees being taught by 2 qualified swimming teachers with a maximum of 12 swimmers. Those children that need a little more support or have additional needs are also likely to have additional support staff from school, will be in smaller groups where possible and often one of the swimming teachers will be in the water with them.

For those children than are already in regular lessons and have good ability we will be focusing on technique and improving stamina. Some of our top classes may swim over 200m in each session.

Swimwear

Appropriate one-piece costumes should be worn, or shorts above the knee. Underwear is not appropriate for lessons. We appreciate some religions may need to have more coverage than usual but excess fabric can make it harder for your child to learn to swim so please take this into consideration when selecting your child's swimwear.

Goggles, Nose Clips and Ear Plugs

Did you know most people who drown never actually intended to be in the water! Swimming without goggles is an important part of the lessons. We understand there may be some children who want to wear them in lessons, but we will be encouraging all children to attempt at least part of the lesson without them. Nose clips & earplugs are not needed in lessons unless medically advised.

Hats

It is **VITAL** that all children come to the pool with an appropriately sized hat. There are several types and sizes available online and please take your child's head size and amount of hair into account when buying one.

Wearing hats in the pool whether fabric or rubber will help to keep the pool clean and hair out of the filters. Even short hair will get stuck in the cleaning mechanism of the pool and makes it less efficient which in turn will reduce the temperature and clarity of the pool.

Jewellery

No jewellery is to be worn in the pool at any time. Not only will the chemicals in the pool affect the jewellery but from a safety perspective we do not want it getting caught in the filter or causing the wearer or other swimmers any harm. This includes stud earrings.

Children will have a short walk from the changing rooms to the pool so if they want to bring flipflops they are more than welcome.

Swimming Gala Final

On the 13th June 2024, 14 children from years 3 and 4 represented Wickford in our Area Swimming Gala against schools from Billericay, South Woodham and Maldon.

This was a very competitive event attended by 8 schools in total and our team did very well to complete all their races and finish in 6th place overall. We sometimes forget that when we learn to swim it is a life skill and very different to racing, so everyone should be proud of themselves.

Thank you to the family members for transporting the children to and from the event, your help was very much appreciated.



The children in Year 6 are participating in the Virgin Money Make £5 Grow Programme. They have been busy researching business ideas, developing their teamwork and problem-solving skills, and acquiring financial and risk awareness. Having each received a £5 loan, the children have pooled their money to design and develop a product or service which they will be marketing at an **Enterprise Day, Wednesday 26th June**. We're sure you'll love the range that our market stalls will have to offer.

MAKE
£5
GROW

Year 6 parents can arrive at 2.45pm; parents in other year groups are welcome to collect their children from 3pm at the normal collection doors. The stalls will be on the school field. Children who attend KellyCare will be taken to the stalls by class teachers.



Essex Fire Museum Open Day

Sunday 30th June 2024

10.30am to 4.00pm

(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:

museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

**Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS**

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Well done to Pearce and Louie for their achievements in triathlons and football.



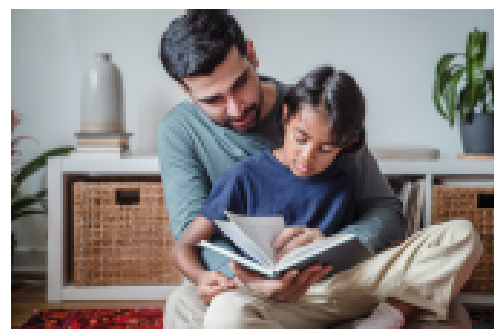
Multiply Maths



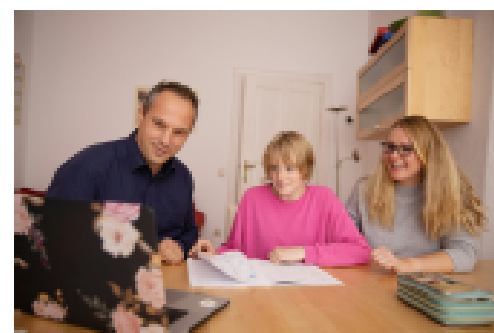
for parents of children in Year 6
(Key Stage 2)

Want to support your child as they transition
from Year 6 maths to secondary school Year 7?

Including an overview of the
curriculum at Year 7, common
challenges and concerns,
strategies to support children
and exploring useful resources.



Claim a **£10 celebration voucher**
on completion of the course!



**Abacus Primary School,
Tresco Way, Wickford, SS12 9GJ**

The transition course consists of one session:

11th July - 9.30am to 11.30am

Book your **FREE** place today! [Click here](#) to book online

Contact the school office or email: info@tiegr.org





SEND



Meet & Greet with Miss Tutty (SENCO)

Meet parents of other SEND pupils over a coffee & cake

An opportunity to ask questions

Get a feel of the school

Parents/Carers only



Please use the Book Now button to
secure your slot on either 21st or 28th.
There will be sessions available (9-11am,
12.30-2.30pm or 3.30-5.30pm)

Book your slot
now

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