

Abacus Primary School

Newsletter 528

10/5/24



It has been lovely to finally see the sun shine and the children enjoying their lunchtimes on the school field...long may it continue. It's been another busy week at Abacus, on Tuesday evening we met our September 2024 families for an online meeting to talk through induction opportunities before their children start at Abacus in September, these have all been added to our school website and can be found here: <https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/new-intake-sept-2022>. On Wednesday afternoon we invited all local Foundation Stage teachers and preschools, nurseries and childminders to an exchange of information session to share information in preparation for the children starting Foundation across Wickford. Reverent Jonathan and Reverent Sue came into school on Wednesday and Thursday to lead key stage assemblies.

Next week our Year 6 children will be taking their SATS tests, we look forward to seeing them bright and early to enjoy breakfast before their tests, this always seems to be a highlight of their year!

Please remember that all father's day gifts must be ordered from FAPS by the end of today...see details on flyer later in the newsletter.



With the Year 2 sleepover fast approaching (Friday 14th June 2024), we invite parents of children in Year 2 to a meeting on Thursday 16th May 2024 at 2.30pm to discuss the rationale and organisation of the sleepover, this will also give you an opportunity to ask any questions that you might have.



Next week we are on Week 3 of our revised menu. Which you can view on our website:

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



Mrs Penfold and Mrs Grahame will be moving on to new jobs before the end of this half term.

Mrs Penfold has worked in our school for over 16 years and is moving onto a new role outside of education, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for all that she has contributed to our school during her time here and wish her all the very best in her new job. Her last day will be Thursday 16th May 2024.

Mrs Grahame leaves us on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 and moves onto a new position in a nursery. I'd like to thank Mrs Grahame for all her contributions during her 8 years at Abacus and wish her every success in her new position.

Recruitment is well underway for these positions and I will update you on the staff who will be taking on these positions once all the final arrangements have been completed.



Well done to Elyssia and Mollie for their amazing achievements in swimming and gymnastics this week!

Keep up the great work!

Well done!

sports news

Quad Kids



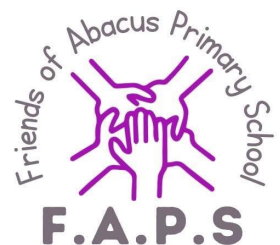
On the 9th May 2024, 16 children took part in a Quad Kids Athletics competition with 5 other schools from Wickford, Billericay and South Woodham.

Quad Kids is a small team event where each athlete competes in 4 events: 50/75m sprint; 400/600m distance run, howler throw and long jump. They children were in 2 teams of Year 3/4 and 5/6. On what was a very hot day, they all put in their best performances in each event. Our 3/4 team finished in 2nd place and 5/6 a close 3rd.

Thank you our parents for transporting the children to the event as without this support the children would not have had this opportunity.



We are very excited that we will soon have our own clothes and shoes recycling bin on site.



In here you can recycle all types of clothing, accessories and household fabrics, including shoes, bags, belts, hats, gloves, bed linen, towels and sleeping bags are accepted. We are waiting for a delivery date and will keep you updated.





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BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!



Children and young people are invited to book onto fun-filled half term holiday clubs and enjoy free activities run by locally trusted club organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer free, club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible or receive pupil premium, benefit based free school meals or income-related benefits, also children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation. Clubs may offer discretionary paid places and paid for places, so there is something for everyone at an Essex ActivAte club!

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs offer different engaging activities such as sports and games, crafts, colouring, dance, baking and more! They also provide nutritious meals and snacks, as well as food education, helping to engage young people and support parents during the half term holidays. Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs will also be available to book onto, offering further support for children.

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

You will not receive or book on with your HolidayActivities voucher code for half term holiday clubs. To book onto a local club, head over to the Essex ActivAte website, find the area that you live in and book on with the link, email or contact number provided by the club organisation directly.



[Find out more about Essex ActivAte half term holiday clubs and book here.](#)



ASD /ADHD

Parent workshops / support program

To be held at **The MegaCentre, Brook Road, Rayleigh SS6 7UT**
10-12 unless stated in session

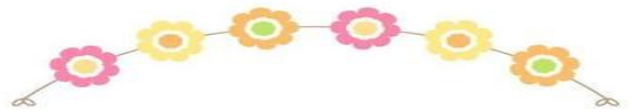
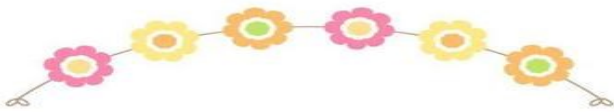
Booking essential – please email epunft.Lighthouse.adhd@nhs.net or
epunft.Lighthouse.ASD@nhs.net

- 15/05/24 Week 1** To be attended by all parents wishing to complete the course – handouts and register for the following sessions face to face **10-11**
- 22/05/24 Week 2** What is ASD, what is ADHD – **Face to Face 10-12**
- 29/05/24 Week 3** Zones of regulation – covering how to manage those meltdowns **face to face 10-12**
- 05/06/24 Week 4** Sleep virtual session 10-12 **link to be sent**
- 12/06/24 Week 5** Restrictive feeding in children **Face to face 10-12**
- 19/06/24 Week 6** Sensory issues – Lead by Lighthouse Occupational Therapist **face to face 10-12**
- 26/06/24 Week 7** Practical advice – EHCP, routines, house rules, clear instructions, diet and exercise SN service also present H4L Programme **face to face 10-12**
- 03/07/24 Week 8** Toileting – Lead by the continence team – **virtual session (Link to be sent)**
- 11/07/24 Week 9** Anxiety joint with CAMHS/Jigsaws team **face to face 10-12**
- 17/07/24 Week 10** Preparing for adulthood/ transitions the ready steady **go over 11s**
Only, preparing for school holidays – face to face 10-12
- 24/07/24 Week 11 & week 12** Groups that can support – helpful agencies
Session evaluation / completion - life after diagnosis **face to face 10-12**

Summer Bounce



FAPS are busy organising the Summer fete which is taking place on Friday 28th June 2024. If you are happy to have a Temme English board at your home advertising the event please send an email to FAPS@abacus.essex.sch.uk by 31st May 2024.



Schools in Bloom
2024



We are excited to be taking part in the schools in Bloom competition this year...keep an eye out at the front of the school where Mr Draper, our site manager is busy planning some flower creations!



Our Curriculum



Early Years Foundation Stage

This week might have been 4 days- but still lots of business going on. We have been enjoying the story of Mrs Armitage and her bike. She made lots of adaptations and we drew what we would put on our bike. We have been working hard on number 10 - finding different ways of making 10 and finding different ways of saying this. Ask us if we can remember at home. In PE we had more practise for Sports Day- this week it was long distance. It is quite a way to go round the track, fortunately Mrs Smith was able to show us the way!. We are trying to improve our garden area and have begun planting some herbs and seeds. We are excited to see how they grow.

Year 1

We have been working super hard in Year 1 this week. In English we have been focusing on capital letters; making sure they are written correctly and in the right place in a sentence. In Maths we have been learning about position and direction, starting off with left and right turns. In Science we learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Ask us what the difference is. Being able to do PE outside in the sunshine has been fun too. We have been perfecting how to jump correctly and safely. In Art we had a go at observational drawing.

Year 2

We've had another busy week in Year 2 this week, even with the Bank Holiday Monday! It's been lovely to be outside on the field at break and lunchtimes and we have enjoyed having both PE sessions in the sunshine as we work on our fitness and fielding and striking skills. In English, we have started our new unit which is persuasive texts - are your children using any of the techniques we have been learning? They are trying to persuade Mrs Mugford and Mrs Lee to let them know what is in the Mystery Box but they haven't succeeded yet! In Maths, we are continuing to practice fractions and have been working on finding a half, third and quarter of an amount. Knowing that the denominator means how many equal parts we need to divide our whole into is something we are trying really hard to remember each time! Next week we will be having our 'Abacus Has Got Talent' first round which we are all really excited for!

Year 3

This week, we have been learning more about Ancient Egyptians. We learned about some of the many gods/goddesses they believed in and we looked at some artefacts and what they may have been used for. We also made some Egyptian paper in Art. In Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time. Please encourage your children to tell you the time often using an analogue and digital clock to support them with this. In GPS, we have been recapping word classes - noun, adjective, adverb and verb.

Year 4

English: We have started looking at our new text. It is a 'Suspense Tale...' The book we are linking our text to is called 'Escape to Pompeii' by Christina Balit. The children are really enjoying it so far. On Thursday the children wrote a poem about a volcano while thinking about the 5 senses. Maths: We have been using our decimal knowledge and linking it to money. We've been converting pounds to pence and ordering money. Science: The children had great fun on Tuesday watching a real-life demonstration about the digestive system and what happens as the food travels around the body. Spellings: Our focus for this week has been about words containing 'sol' and 'real'. Ask your child if they remember any of them and can they spell them correctly? Reading: The book we are studying at the moment is '100 Facts about Vikings'. Can your child recall any information that they have read?

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been we have been writing an innovation of the text 'Anglo Saxon Boy' focussing on adding detail and description to interest the reader. In Maths we have been finishing off our topic of decimals and will be moving on to perimeter and area. In Science we dissected a plant to find out how plants reproduce. Ask your child if they can tell you the ways that seed dispersal happen. And in History we will be looking at how Anglo-Saxon Britain was ruled.

Year 6

It's been another busy week in Year 6! We've been enjoying reading more of our class book and discovering whether our predictions are correct as we reach the climax of the story. We've had fun doing more active Maths revision as well as playing fraction, decimal and percentage top trumps and competing against our peers with an arithmetic Kahoot! We've practised answering 3 mark questions when reading, ensuring that we back up our points with evidence from the text. In GPS, we've completed murder mysteries and played different TV quiz shows such as Pointless and Deal or No Deal! We look to seeing everyone for a delicious breakfast at 8 am on Monday!

FATHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP

7TH JUNE

£3.50
Per gift



www.pta-events.co.uk/faps-abacus

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED
BY 10TH MAY

