

Abacus Primary School

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Year 6 Leavers, 2020/2021

As we come to the end of another academic year, we say farewell to our Year Six pupils. The children have so much to be proud of as they complete their “Primary Adventure” and as sad as it is to say “Goodbye” we know that they’re all more than ready for the challenges of Year 7 in their new secondary schools, but we will miss them and their families.

As we say Goodbye and Good Luck to our Year 6 pupils, this also means that we bid farewell to 44 pupils and 24 families, some of whom have been part of our Abacus Family since the school opened: Mollie and her family, Troy and his family, Jack and his family, Holly and her family, Casey and his family, Daniel and his family, Billy and his family, Lexi and Louise and their family, Bella and her family, Demi and her family, Ben and his family, Freya and her family, Joe and his family, Ruby and her family, Matthew and his family, Ollie and his family, Sonny S and his family, Neev and Sacha and their family, Niamh and her family, Violet and her family, Haiden and her family, Harry C and his family, Jake and his family and Sophie and her family.

We wish the children all the very best as they continue their learning journeys at four schools Beauchamp's, Bromford's, Mayflower and Southend High for Boys.



We had a lovely time on Tuesday evening. Thank you to all the staff for their efforts in making the evening so enjoyable for all of the Year 6 children— more photos will be added to our website soon.





Children return to school on Thursday 2nd September 2021 (Foundation start Friday 10th September, following home visits).

With the changes to the restrictions, we will be returning to some of our original timings/organisation, but also keeping some of the positive changes.

- All children will start school at 8.45am
- The school day will finish for all children at 3.15pm
- Our new school menu will begin Week one on Monday 6th September.
- Thursday 2nd September menu will be:

Sausage/Veggie Sausage Baguette, Dairylea Cheese Roll or Jacket Potato

- Friday 3rd September menu will be:

Jumbo Fish Finger/Vegetable Samosa, Ham Sandwich or Jacket Potato

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Week 1	Red Band	Green Band	Yellow Band	Purple Band	Dessert
Monday	Butcher's Sausage, Mashed Potato, Baked Beans or Peas *	Quorn Sausage, Mashed Potato, Baked Beans or Peas	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Cheese Baguette *	Cheese & Crackers, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Ham & Pineapple Pizza, Spaghetti Hoops or Sweetcorn *	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Spaghetti Hoops or Sweetcorn *	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Sausage Baguette *	Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables *	Roasted Vegetables in Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Tuna Mayonnaise & Sweetcorn Pasta Pot *	Ice Cream Tub or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread *	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Dairylea Cheese Roll *	Cupcake or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Jumbo Fish Finger & Chips *	Vegetable Samosa & Chips	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Ham Sandwich *	Cookie or Fresh Fruit

Week 2	Red Band	Green Band	Yellow Band	Purple Band	Dessert
Monday	All Day Breakfast, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown, Baked Beans or Tomato *	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast, 2 Quorn Sausages, Hash Brown, Baked Beans or Tomato	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap *	Cheese & Crackers, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Beef Burger in a Bun, Baked Beans or Sweetcorn *	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Baked Beans or Sweetcorn *	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Ham Sandwich *	Raspberry Ripple Mousse or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Honey Roasted Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables *	Cheese & Red Pepper Slice, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Chicken Nugget Wrap *	Ice Lolly or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Chicken Korma, Rice & Naan Bread *	Sweet Potato Curry, Rice & Naan Bread *	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Sausage Baguette *	Toffee Yoghurt Pot or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Jumbo Fish Finger & Chips *	Quorn Sausage & Chips	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Cheese Roll *	Cookie or Fresh Fruit

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Tuesday	Pepperoni Pizza, Spaghetti Hoops	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Spaghetti Hoops *	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Bacon Bap *	Fruit Cocktail, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables *	Cauliflower Cheese, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Tomato Pasta Pot *	Ice Cream Tub or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread	Tomato & Sweetcorn Pasta, Garlic Bread *	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Sausage Baguette *	Chocolate Crispy Cake or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Jumbo Fish Finger & Chips *	Spicy Bean Burger & Chips	Jacket Potato with Filling *	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap *	Cookie or Fresh Fruit

All meals are served with salad

*Gluten Free Option

- Children will return to eating their lunch in the school halls.
- Children will continue to wear their PE clothes on their class PE days. We are asking for children to wear a plain (unnamed) black tracksuit once the colder weather comes. Their PE kit should include their coloured house t-shirt.



Thank you to the amazing team that we have working here at Abacus, it's been another challenging year, but I am proud of what we have achieved during these unprecedented times. Thank you to all our families for all your support during this year, working in partnership has made things easier and as I said in the class picnics...your children never fail to put smiles on our faces .

We wish Mrs White all the very best in her new school and welcome Mrs Chitticks to our learning support team from September, Mrs Chitticks will be working with Miss Hodkin in White Class.

On behalf of all the staff we'd like to thank you all for your kind words, cards and gifts.

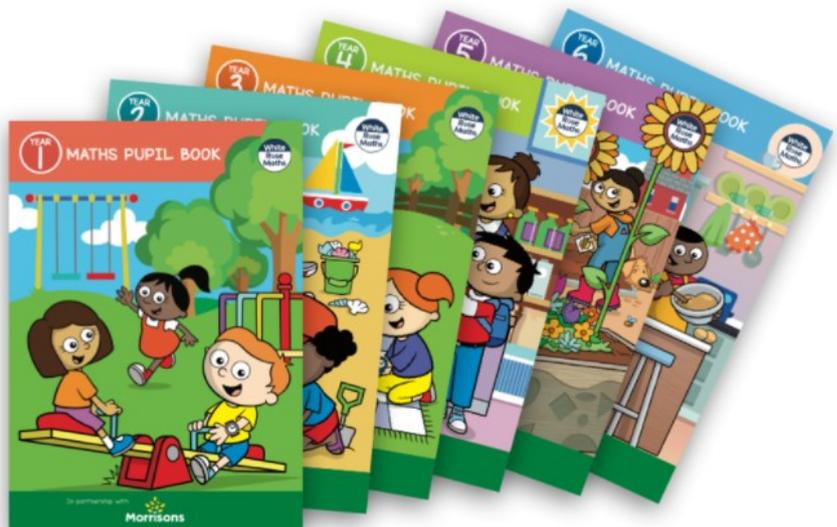
I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you all on **Thursday 2nd September 2021** when the new school year begins.

At Abacus, we use a Maths scheme called White Rose Maths. White Rose Maths have teamed up with Morrisons to give primary pupils a

free workbook to use at home; these are available from 26th July onwards . These workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.



For more information about how to get your free workbook see the website <https://whiterosemaths.com/morrison/>





Sports Day Round Up

Whilst Sports Day was a little different this year, it didn't stop the children's enthusiasm and determination.

Foundation children carried out 4 traditional sports day activities: a sprint; egg & spoon race; balancing the quoit on their heads and throwing a javelin.

The rest of the school took part in a Quad Kids event which also involved 4 events: 50m or 75m (Yr 5/6) Sprint; Long distance run; bean bag/howler throw and a standing long jump.

For each event children scored points for their house team according to the time/distance thrown and these were all put together. It was a very close competition this year but the trophy goes to **St Patricks House**.

1 st Place	St Patricks	1,616 points
2 nd Place	St Andrews	1,597 points
3 rd Place	St Georges	1,577 points
4 th Place	St Davids	1,563 points

We'd also like to recognise some individual achievements:

Year 1 and 2

Year 3 and 4

1 st Girl	Kayla	164 pts		1 st Girl	Aimee	127 pts
1 st Boy joint	Freddie F Teddy	182 pts		1 st Boy	Harley Bl	168
2 nd Girl	Harriet	157 pts		2 nd Girl	Daisy H	125 pts
2 nd Boy	Charlie	181 pts		2 nd Boy	Mason O	159 pts
3 rd Girl	Imogen	151 pts		3 rd Girl	Laila C	120 pts
3 rd Boy	Lewis G	180 pts		3 rd Boy	Jake B	152 pts

Year 5 and 6

1 st Girl	Keira N	129 pts
1 st Boy	Ernest's	137 pts
2 nd Girl	Bella D	112 pts
2 nd Boy	Max G	132 pts
3 rd Girl	Lexi H	95 pts
3 rd Boy joint	Joe M Troy M	130 pts

Our school results were also entered into a partnership virtual competition where we finished as follows:

Year 1 and 2 - 1st Place

Year 3 and 4 - 2nd Place

Year 5 and 6 - 3rd Place



5/6 Book Club

We celebrated our final book club of the year last Friday! The consensus was that our most recent book, "Once" by Morris Gleitzman, was the favourite with Letters from the Lighthouse and The Night Bus Hero coming close seconds.

We would love to encourage more members of year 5 and 6 to join next year. Here are some quotes from the current members:

Isabelle - You get to read new books you've never heard of before and really challenge yourself with bigger books.

Gabi - It's great that everyone is reading the same book at the same time as we can discuss what is happening: it's like a reading community. You read a much wider range and learn new things.

Tilly - You get to explore books you didn't even know existed.

Holly - You learn lots of new words and vocabulary.

Keira - I like that you don't have to come to every meeting; you can just join in with the books you want to read. I've discovered that I really like historical fiction.

I'd like to thank all the children who have attended book club this year. It has been a pleasure to spend time with you and have such mature discussions about multiple topics. I will really miss the contributions from the Year 6s and hope that your love of reading continues to grow. Year 5s, I look forward to meeting with you again next year!

Miss Mitchell

Let's Celebrate!



Well done to Mae Burns for achieving her certificate and medal in Gymnastics!

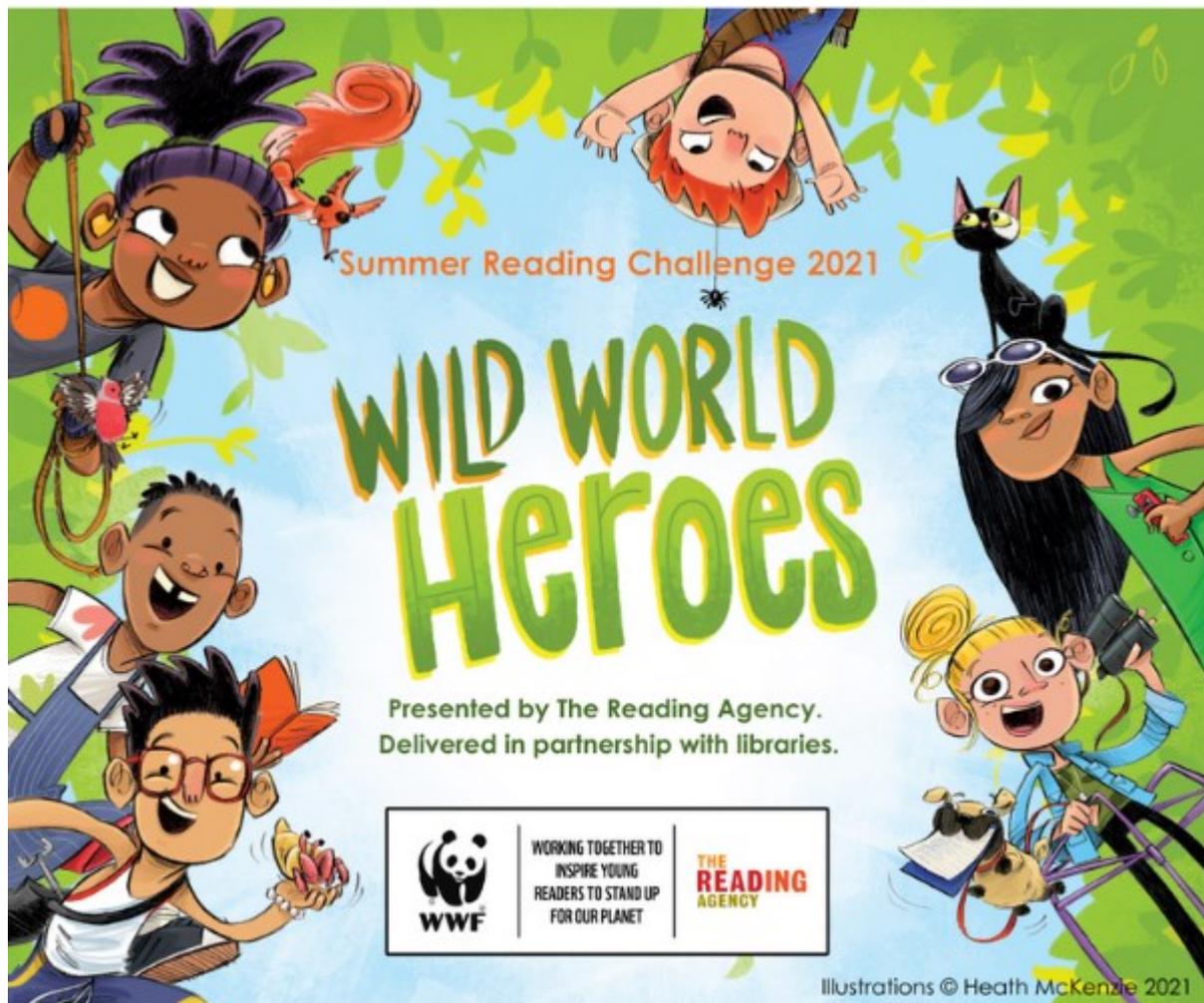


House Points

			
			
	2630	2555	2444

End of year totals are in and **ST GEORGE'S HOUSE** are the overall winners!! Well done to everyone for all the points you have earned this year from all of the houses, you should all be super proud of yourselves!!!

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/wild-world-heroes/>



Saturday 10 July – Tuesday 31 August 2021

The Wild World Heroes are coming to a library near you this summer!

We're teaming up with World Wildlife Fund for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Our Wild World Heroes live in Wilderville, a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

The challenge runs from Saturday 10 July to Tuesday 31 August in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

Children are being asked to read 6 books to help the Wilderville children make a difference to the environment. As they read library books, they will collect stickers for their folder. After reading 6 books they earn their certificate and medal.

Children can read any library book of their choice; fiction, non-fiction, picture books or books they share with parents and carers – they all count. The under threes are not forgotten with a special version of Wild World Heroes just for them.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by The Reading Agency. It is open to all children, free of charge.

Children can take part in the online Summer Reading Challenge on the [Wild World Heroes website](#) to earn digital rewards.

Keep up to date with this year's Summer Reading Challenge by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)



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Please be reminded that the school meals will be increasing to £2.50 per day (£12.50 pw) from September as mentioned on last week's newsletter.