

## Children celebrating birthdays

Temidayo Oyekan 12th

Reyansh Sachdeva 25th

Oluwatobi Oyekan 30th

## Stars of the Week

### Toddlers - Sameera Ojulari

Sameera has shown fantastic participation in outdoor learning particularly water play and exploring nature. She always tries hard to sing her favourite songs and join in with actions during virtual lessons.

### Playgroup - Kenneth Ken-Worgu

Kenneth enjoys being creative and displays independence in his abilities. Way to go Kenneth!

### Nursery - Olanitan Edun

What a star you are! Always inquisitive and a bundle of knowledge. Mrs Collins said she really enjoyed talking to you about your visit to London when you were a baby.

### Reception - Jemimah Oyelola

Jemimah has put in extra effort in the classroom. She has focused when completing her work and taking turns to complete group tasks. Jemimah always joins in singing songs and dancing and brings a smile to her friends.

### Year 1 - Insaf Rahou

She is diligent pupil who is always keen to share her fantastic ideas and her behaviour is always impeccable. What a great start to Year 1.

### Year 2/ 3 - Corazon Nwogwugu

Corazon created a character known as Gobo Exe and was able to categorize a story titled 'An ordinary School Day' into Beginning, Middle and End.

### Year 4/5 – Jesus Nsikan

For taking up challenges and responding positively to feedback. Jesus has settled well into this new year group!

## Key dates for

### October/November

19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>- Half Term

28<sup>th</sup>- Halloween Dress up Day

28<sup>th</sup>- Phonics zoom meeting for parents

29<sup>th</sup>- Eid el Malud (Date to be confirmed)

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> - Art Week

13<sup>th</sup> - Collection for Harvest



# Banana Island School

*A Happy School with High Expectations*

**Friday 16th October 2020**

What a busy week we have had this week, it was assessment week here and the children certainly rose to the challenge! Drop offs and collection times have been working very well, thank you to all the parents for being so organised.

I have been privileged to meet some of our younger pupils (Nursery) and their parents and it has been a joy. There is so much fun and laughter and never a truer word has been spoken than from a 4-year old. "Mrs Collins, I think you must be from really far away and it must be cold". Excellent observation skills!



Our book corners are having a revamp to promote a 'Love for reading,' watch out for all the magical and mystical characters coming your way. Year 2 and 3 have been getting lost in their magical 'Reading Garden'

Seasons were the topic of conversation in Nursery; looking around the World at Spring, Summer, Winter, and Autumn. During the Spring time, they went on a nature walk around the garden and picked some flowers. They later made some flower bouquets! Not forgetting the summer, they all went to the beach

wearing their flip flops of course. Maxwell picked a pumpkin during our Show and tell and told us all about Halloween! We can't wait to dress up!

Year 1 pupils had a refreshing time with number bonds and learning to write numbers in words. Comprehension was their focus in literacy as the pupils were stretched to use deductive and inferential reasoning techniques to tackle questions on shared texts. P.E was fun despite the rain; we had our lesson indoors learning about the importance of keeping fit and what happens to our heart when we exercise.

The Focus this week in Year 2 and 3 has been on Writing Fables and Identifying the beginning, middle and ending part of a story. The children were able to create their own characters and write descriptive stories about them which obviously included a meaningful moral. It was great to see the introduction of figurative language. In maths, the children were using practical methods to further understand place value - they definitely have a solid grip on their place value knowledge.

Year 4 and 5 were scientists this week, they were making planets using balloons and paper; generating a magnetic field through frictional force; children were rubbing their balloons against their hair to generate the magnetic field to pick up a piece of paper. They were also deepening their scientific knowledge wherein the children rolled batteries in foil paper to show that batteries generate energy - heat energy, as an introduction to electricity.

## Next Week:

It is half term next week! Please look out for your child's holiday homework pack

Please be aware the Halloween dress up day is on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of October**.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, things will be a little different but we will still be having fun in our bubbles.

On our return to school after the break, I would like to remind parents that all pupils should bring in at least two face masks per day. Regular face mask break will be timetabled for outdoor activities. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

## School Council

After the half term, we will be nominating a school council representative from each year group to lead the pupil voice in BIS to make a real difference! All candidates must write a manifesto to present to their class. A template will be provided and the winning candidate will be nominated by their peers. Good luck everyone.

## Half Term

Lastly, have a fun filled break everyone, we look forward to seeing all of our fantastic children back on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. We are especially looking forward to seeing the smiling faces of our pre-primary children who will be returning back physically.

**Take care and stay safe!**