

Stars of the Week

Toddlers – Arya Awogboro. For consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude towards her learning, especially showing a keenness to improve her colouring skills.

Playgroup – Adeyemo Alakija and Laura Owusu-Sarfo. Adeyemo has settled in beautifully. He is very excited by everything we do in school and is a worthy addition to the class. Laura has made commendable progress in all aspects of her learning. Way to go, Laura!

Nursery – Tari Etomi-Akinjide. For always sitting nicely at lunchtime and contributing his ideas during class discussions. Tari has been very responsible and helpful to others this week.

Reception – Taydan Alex-Eytene is the star of the week for trying new learning and giving his best effort. This week he has put so much focus and determination into all of this learning. Well done, Taydan!

Year 1 – Insaf Rahou. She wrote and illustrated a storybook, **Amila's Adventure**, which she happily read to her classmates during the fruit break.

Years 2/3 – Alicia Djouhri. Alicia has worked very hard this week, ensuring she used all aspects of grammar and information she gathered to write a fantastic narrative piece. She has also been quite helpful around the classroom and shows kindness to everyone around her.

Years 4/5 – Jesus Nsikan
Jesus wrote a descriptive poem on **Life in the Trenches**. The whole class applauded him for a well-written poem.

Key Dates

- 22nd – World Poetry Day
- 22nd – 25th – Primary Tour for Nursery parents
- 25th – Holi
- 26th – Easter Egg Hunt



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A Happy School with High Expectations

Friday 19th March 2021

It is hard to believe that the Easter break is fast approaching. Having time to reflect, we at BIS are bursting with pride at the standard of work that has taken place. Despite the unpredictable academic year, the pupils are thriving and showing what it means to retain and apply information. **Year 1** achieved a 100% pass in a mock **Phonics Assessment**, and the standard of work across the school is improving daily. Onwards and Upwards!

This week, **Toddlers** put on their safety helmets and got their instrument ready like **Bob the Builder**. They built and fixed things. Oh yes, they can! It was so much fun mixing sand and stacking bricks for their little towers. Some young architects in the making!



Playgroup class learned the rainbow song and the associated colours. They developed their hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills whilst practising using tweezers to make rainbow stamps. What a creative week they had.



It was a busy week in **Nursery**! The main focus this week was **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**; they counted the numbers on his body. Whilst learning outdoors, they went bottle-top hunting and later took turns making a number abacus. **Nursery** also had fun learning about **Pull and Push** in Science. Such scientific thinking being taught!



The **Owl Babies** captured the hearts of **Reception**. They learned how animals grow and change and talked about the life cycle of an owl. In math, the focus was on solving subtraction problems by taking away, drawing pictures and counting backwards.

Assessment week provided lots of challenges and lots to be proud of in **Year 1**. They found great interest in calculating volume and capacity in real-life objects and talked about litres and millilitres. In the phonics assessment, 100% passed with flying colours. Excellent progress **Year 1**.



It has been a pretty busy week in **Years 2/3**, making fraction pizzas with lots of different toppings. They enjoyed learning about **Mary Anning** and her contribution to paleontology and finding out that the city of **Pompeii** still exists and is like a time capsule. Nonetheless, this was the context when writing their setting description of **Pompeii's** post-eruption.

This week, **Years 4 & 5** pupils had impressive moments in Mathematics; they continued learning about Measurement and had fun measuring the perimeter and circumference of objects whilst finding the areas of more complex rectilinear shapes. In literacy, the children worked on the final draft of their biography and the week closed with the scientific discovery of different forms of heat transfer. Great work!



End of Term Events

We have two special events fast approaching, **Holi** and the End of Term Easter Egg hunt. Please be advised that children should wear old clothes to school on Thursday 25th as the Holi celebration involves special powder paint. **On the 26th, children should come to school in their own clothes to celebrate Easter**, this includes an Easter Egg hunt and an **Easter Bonnet** parade so, let's get planning for these Bonnets.

Social media

We have been quite busy adding more content on social media and would love to share it with you. For current school events and photos, Wednesday's Word, Thursday's flashback, and relevant articles supporting education, please follow us using the links below.

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Have a great weekend