

## Birthdays

23rd – Marianne Pelletier  
24<sup>th</sup> – Ivan Rebecchi  
25<sup>th</sup> – Simisola Adeoye



## Stars of the Week

**Crèche/Toddlers** – It's a world of galaxies here. All were exceptional at the different tasks given to them. Well done to the whole class!

**Playgroup – Sameera Ojulari**  
Sameera's love for books has been fantastic this term. She listens attentively with sustained concentration to follow a story with pictures. She can decode the initial letter sound in her name.

**Nursery – Adelano Adedeji** for beginning to use rhymes and rhythm in his activities. Adelano is a joy to have in class!

**Izhaq Rahou** for happily talking to everyone he knows, telling them his ideas, and being polite to everyone.

**Reception – Maxwell Enosata Linus**  
Maxwell reading has improved significantly and he is always willing to help his peers. Such a great friend!

**Year 1 – Ethan Farinloye**  
Ethan is working hard in all subjects and his reading has really improved. Keep up the hard work!

**Year 2/3 – Lucile Pelletier**  
Lucile has shown consistent development in her use of vocabulary, especially in Creative Writing. Her Biography Writing this week was quite impressive. Well done, Lucile!

**Year 4/5 – Marianne Pelletier** for active and positive participation in all learning activities. Her turn of phrase in English is commendable, and the improvement in her handwriting has been super. Well done!

## Key Dates

24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term Break  
2<sup>nd</sup> June – School photo shoot  
4<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Class Assembly  
12<sup>th</sup> June – Democracy Day  
23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June – Parent Consultations  
9<sup>th</sup> July – Mud Day/End of Term

# Banana Island School

*A Happy School with High Expectations*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

What a delightful first half of the Trinity term we have had. So much learning has happened, and we have had great successes with 100% achievement in both our Phonics assessments in Year 1 and our mock SATS assessments in Year 2. Well done, everyone!

Wrapping up their learning journey this half term with **Marvellous Me** and the **Colour themes**, **Crèche and Toddlers** have had lots of fun. They did lots of artwork with their feet and shoes, finger exercises with droppers, scooping pompoms, and solving sticky situations, by removing sticky tape - not an easy feat, but a fun thing to do in the end. They tried out aiming at bottles with a ball to see how many they could knock down. **BOOOOWWWLING!**

**Playgroup** had their maths classes outdoor to explore nature and enhance their counting skills. They had a wonderful time using leaves, sticks, and other natural materials to count and give quantities. They learnt that a group of things changes when something is added or taken away. Watch out for these little thinkers and explorers!



This week, the **Nursery** children went on a number hunt and quantified their findings with written numerals to celebrate **National Math Day**. How many hoops can you catch with one hand? Folabiyi caught 4!



**Reception** has had a busy week learning about numbers from 10 to 20. To celebrate **Numeracy Day**, they went for a double-digit hunt outside. They solved doubling problems as a class. In English, the focus was on how they could be superheroes too. They labelled their own characteristics and what makes each of them a superhero.

**Year 1** wrapped up their narrative writing this week, completing the final draft of their version of the **Traction Man** story. They used powerful adjectives and made ambitious choices for their sentences. In maths, pupils explored fractions. The focus was on finding half of an object and an amount. The highlight of the week was the **Hopscotch** game played outdoors to reinforce whole and half numbers and to celebrate **Outdoor Learning Day**.



**Years 2/3** had a fun week of learning about the inventions of the telegram and the telephone. They built their own phones and had an exciting time communicating within the classroom. They learned how to measure temperature, body and weather, by reading thermometers. They also learned about biographies and wrote their own on **Hogarth** from **The Iron Man**. **Numeracy Day** was a blast with lots of fun outdoor activities spanning fractions, statistics, and measuring angles.



**Years 4 & 5** had an exploratory outdoor learning experience, surveying the playground to generate data for their bar charts and going on an **Angle hunt** to identify different angles in a building. Writing a newspaper report about the failure of **Karl**, the apprentice from their novel **Clockwork**, was a great success. They learned how to exercise an assured and conscious control over levels of formality using manipulation of grammar and vocabulary to achieve this.



## Good Luck to those taking the DELF exam (French Exams)

As a French Immersion school, it is our priority to make sure the children receive the best possible education. DELF is the French language exam for non-native speakers of the French language. It is an official exam from the French Ministry of Education and recognised around the World. The levels range from A1 – B2 on the Common European Framework for languages (CEFR) and test all four language skills – reading, writing, listening, and speaking. We wish our pupils every success.

## School Photo and Parent Consultations – Dates for the diary

The photographer will be in school to take end-of-year class pictures of the children on **Wednesday the 2nd of June 2021**. **COMPLETE SCHOOL UNIFORM IS MANDATORY** with proper black school shoes, as usual, with grey/white socks.

Please also be advised that Parent Consultations will be on **Wednesday the 23rd** and **Thursday the 24th** of June. These meetings will be face to face, and you will have an opportunity to discuss the achievements of your child/ children, see their work and discuss the next steps in their educational journey.