

Happy Birthday

17th January – Zeyad
23rd January – Imina



Stars of the Week

Playgroup – Zeyad Abdul-Razaq.

Zeyad comes in every morning with a smile on his face and ready to start the day. He has made friends within the setting in just 3 days and displays a willingness to learn.

Nursery – Anna Djouhri

For always being keen and enthusiastic about trying everything. You have settled beautifully in Nursery.

Reception – Kenzy Zouak

Kenzy has made great progress, he has been writing his name and his numbers from 1 to 5. Keep up the good work!

Year 1 – Tobi Oyekan

For an excellent performance during the class role play of the story "Handa's Hen" and settling back into school life beautifully.

Year 2/3 – Sade Imudia

Sade is an active participant in all lessons - she contributes enthusiastically in small group and whole class activities. She has pushed herself in her learning and thinks deeply on Reasoning questions.

Year 4/5 – Marianne Pelletier

Marianne has demonstrated a great sense of resolve when faced with challenging tasks.

Key dates for January

Friday 29th January – Year 1 Assembly (This will be recorded and sent to parents)

Thursday 11th February – Chinese New Year celebration

Friday 12th February – Fun Sports.

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February – Half term break

Banana Island School

A Happy School with High Expectations

Friday 22nd January 2021

Welcome back to school, and a very Happy New Year to one and all!

The school has been alive with fantastic learning and laughter. The children are so very happy to be back and we are certainly glad to have them back with us. Well done to our home learners who continue to impress us daily, keep it up.

In Toddlers, it has been an exciting week learning about the five senses and building vocabulary around it. They explored textures with different materials (rice, stone, wool, feathers and sandpaper) and made beautiful collages. The children had a great time going on listening walks and sightseeing around the school premises with their binocular crafts.



Playgroup visited the garden on a mini-beasts hunt; they saw some nibble marks, got rid of the affected vegetables and watered the rest of the plants. They also did some painting and craft work in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr.



All Aboard in Nursery! This week, they went down to the station and made the little Puffer Bellies Choo Choo trains! They also had fun watching the travelling colours in our Science class. Finally, they cooled off with their pretend yummy square biscuits! It was like they had never been away!

Reception had an amazing first week of in-class learning. They explored height and length by going for a walk outside and finding things taller and shorter than themselves. They learned about the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and wrote a list of things Goldilocks could do to make amends.



Handa's Hen stole the show in Year 1. The highlight was going outdoors in search of Mondri. Grandma, Handa and Akeyo finally settled down to eat their breakfast after finding Mondri and her brood. Year 1 love getting lost in books!

The Rainforest has been the focus in Year 2 and 3 this week. They learned the different layers of the rainforest and the animals that can be found there. They read 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry and have learned what a balanced argument is. They started gathering their points for and against the question, 'Should deforestation be allowed to continue?' Watch out for future debates and writing!



In preparation for some amazing WW1 writing, Year 4 and 5 went on a vocabulary hunt. They wrote a diary entry as a soldier which included some amazing descriptive language. Well done!



Welcome and Thank You

It has been a pleasure welcoming new children and families this term. We would like to extend our warmest welcome to all those who are just beginning their school journey and those who are returning. We would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to our existing parents whose commitment, patience and support is much appreciated especially in such difficult times.

We need your help

In our mission to promote a love for Reading, we have been working on a new project to develop our reading corners. Each class has a themed, comfortable area in which children can get lost in books. To develop further, we are looking for the following: **old pillows, beanbags, rugs, throw blankets, picnic blankets** etc. We will of course take every precaution to ensure we are COVID compliant.

Thank you and STAY SAFE