

## Happy Birthday

27<sup>th</sup> March – Caleb Awosika  
31<sup>st</sup> March – Adam Zouak  
7<sup>th</sup> April – Ethan Anuolam  
18<sup>th</sup> April – Chimdi Chinaka  
21<sup>st</sup> April – Olanitan Edun



## Stars of the Week

**Toddlers** – The Toddlers have been superstars this week, so it was impossible to choose just one person. Their attitude towards learning has been incredible. They have joined in every activity and have put 100% effort into developing their listening, speaking and math skills this term. We are proud of you all!

**Playgroup – Kenneth Ken-Worgu.** Kenneth has been great in the classroom and has been working hard to listen and make good choices. Keep it up, Kenneth!

**Nursery – Kaetochi Unachukwu** For being keen to join in all class activities and showing increased maturity. We are all very proud of you!

**Reception – Simisola Adeoye** For consistently engaging in whole group lessons by answering questions and asking questions to further her thinking. Keep up the great learning!

**Year 1 – Ivan Rebecchi,** For commendable behaviour inside and outside the classroom. He exhibited maturity, patience and respect in the corridor (stepping aside patiently to keep socially distant while the Reception class filed back to their classroom). The Reception class teacher commended Ivan especially.

**Years 2/3 – Corazon Nwogwugwu.** Cora has worked very hard this week and has been extremely helpful with explaining tasks to her friends who needed some help.

**Years 4/5 – Marianne Pelletier,** For being polite in her expressions and consistently reminding the class of acceptable behaviour. She gives 100% consistently and is a great role model.

## Key Dates

20<sup>th</sup> April – Trinity Term

Begins

Happy holidays everyone



# Banana Island School

*A Happy School with High Expectations*

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Lent term has ended with a colourful bang. The festival of Holi signified the triumph of good over evil as Easter promises to bring new life and beginnings into the new term. What a truly fantastic time we have had. Thank you to all of our delightful children and parents for making this such a memorable term!

So many activities - let us have a look at a few...

Being a multi-faith and multi-cultural school is living side-by-side as we do at BIS. Living alongside people with different religions and traditions is a wonderful gift. We love to come together and engage in discussions to improve our understanding of one another.



Outdoor learning is such an integral part of our everyday life at school. It allows the children to learn practically while consolidating and building upon the skills and techniques taught. The pupils have loved deepening their knowledge with their peers, be it Maths, English or Science.



Celebrating combined with learning is a magical recipe; this was clear to see during our **World Book Day** and **World Poetry Day**. For **World book day**, pupils took on the characters of some very renowned authors such as **Roald Dahl**, **Eric Carl** and **Theodore Seuss Geisel**, to name a few. They immersed themselves in **character description**, **role play** and their very own **narrative**. **Colour** was the focus of **World Poetry Day**.

**Poetry day.** We had performance poetry by our oldest children inspired by **Solli Raphael** and an Ode influenced by the writing of **Wilfred Owen**. The focus was Acrostic poetry in the early years whilst Primary looked at **Sonnets**, **Limericks** and **Free Verses**.



Assemblies are an intriguing way to show parents what we have been learning at school. It is a great way to instill camaraderie and a sense of school spirit in the children while developing the ideas of belonging to something larger than themselves. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work and sharing with their parents.



Cross-curricular learning is an approach we have focused on. It seeks to apply the math knowledge to the science concept represented by the art project, English paper or history project. This is moving away from a prescribed curriculum to a collaborative one in which teachers work together to design multi-layered lessons that incorporate more than one discipline. Children in today's World need to be problem solvers, inventors and to be able to justify their thinking to better teach others. BIS has found great success this term, with children becoming more inquisitive about their learning and asking lots of questions to find out more.



## A polite reminder

Dear Parents, if there is adequate demand, we will be reintroducing swimming lessons and one-on-one music lessons in the Trinity term. Please inform the office if this is something that you would like to book for your child/children before the beginning of the new Term.

## We need your help!

If you are having a clear-out during the Easter holidays, please keep us in mind. We are looking for household items that will make our reading corners a little more comfortable i.e. pillows, throws, blankets, small lights, etc. Thank you as always for your support this term. It has been a term of successes, progress and fantastic results.

May the light of love and the peace of hope be with you over the holidays.