

Happy Birthday

28th February - Ekaose
1st March - Kikiopofoluwa
3rd March - Olivia



Stars of the Week

Toddlers – Arya Awogboro

Arya has settled into the toddlers' class and has joined in with all the activities. She has been fantastic at lunchtime and eaten her lunch with minimal assistance. Keep it up, Arya.

Playgroup – Nayla Luciano-Gabriel

Nayla always displays confidence and maturity in speaking during group discussions.

Nursery – Temidayo Oyekan

For having a fantastic attitude towards her learning and for her resilience and perseverance in completing in all class activities.

Reception – Adam Pelletier

For being kind to everyone in the school. Adam is always sharing his toys to make his friends happy. Adam is a wonderful friend.

Year 1 – Jayden Zibiri

For excellent contribution in the numeracy class. He was able to think outside the box, using his reasoning skill. Outstanding!

Years 2/3 – Corazon Nwogwugwu.

Cora has made a lot of progress with her handwriting and presentation. She is also making a lot of effort to listen to others during lessons and follow instructions. Well done, Cora!

Years 4/5 – Oritsetsemaye Muoyo

She demonstrated appreciable participation in the research work on World War 1, providing a supporting device for the class on war scenarios.

Key dates for March

4th March – Celebrating World Book Day (UK)
19th March – Reception's Assembly
22nd March – World Poetry Day
25th – Holi
26th – End of Term – Easter Egg Hunt



Banana Island School

A Happy School with High Expectations

Friday, 26th February 2021

We had lots to celebrate this week. Our reading assessments show accelerated progress and our phonics results show that we are a force to be reckoned with - I am so proud of our students. Well done everyone!

It was time for a check-up in **Toddlers** this week! The children read a selection of stories about doctors and nurses. They had a role play of being a doctor, checking up on **Mrs. Polly's Dolly**. They listened to the little rhythms in our body with a doctor's stethoscope and will continue to add to their mural as they learn more about community helpers.



During a garden visit in **Playgroup**, the children looked at various ways to take care of our plants to keep them healthy, as they talked about healthy eating. They learned the names of fruits and vegetables and made a **'Carrot in the Garden'** craft to illustrate it.



This week, **Nursery** took a ride to **Old McDonald's farm** and saw many baby animals. In Science, they discovered that when their thermometer showed a green light, it meant the temperature was cold, and when red, the temperature was hot. There were lots of experiments to prove this theory.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar visited **Reception** this week. They looked at the foods he ate and the foods they enjoy eating.

Reception looked at where foods are grown and wrote sentences. In maths, they explored patterning and created their own patterns with cubes and beads.



Year 1 plunged right into classwork after their break. **'Man on the Moon'** by Simon Bartram was this week's text. The children had fun talking about space. We were pleasantly surprised with the scientific knowledge shown and the rich vocabulary used. Moving seamlessly onto History/Geography - explorers like **Neil Armstrong** were the focus. Measuring the length and height of different objects stole the show in Maths.



It has been an exciting and busy week in **Years 2 and 3**, exploring how different rocks form and what they look like and describing movements and turns. They learned how the Romans invaded Britain and about the spread of the Roman Empire. The children excitedly followed instructions to make **edible Roman roads** today.

Information was the focus for **Years 4/5** this week in literacy - they honed their skills researching WW1. In Science, they found out how materials like ceramic and glass are made and why they are used in the making of some objects. The class also investigated what happens to the temperature of a liquid kept in different materials over a given period.

Years 4 and 5 also celebrated **Purim** by watching **'The Story of Esther'** - they discussed the key characters and the lessons learned in the story.

Literacy Planet

We have recently introduced **Literacy Planet** on a trial basis as a fun way to improve Literacy skills. It is an online resource that provides literacy skills to students from **Reception Class through to Secondary School**. We are harnessing the power of digital media to develop literacy skills. Each pupil has been given a username and password which can be found in their homework journals. The teachers set weekly assignments looking at key spellings, grammar features and comprehension skills whilst the children are rewarded with tokens.

Enjoy and have lots of fun learning!!!

A polite reminder – Please make sure that your child/children have at least two face masks in their bags each day.

Have a fantastic weekend, stay safe and we will see you all on Monday.