WHAT'S NEW AT BANANA ISLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

ISSUE ONE



Welcome to our Newsletter!

Welcome back to a new school term! It has been a joy to see our pupils return with such enthusiasm and positivity. The students are settling in well, with smooth routines already in place and a strong start to learning across the school.

We look forward to an exciting and productive term ahead.

In this newsletter, you will find: Class activities & photos for the week, SOTW, reminders and many more. Keep reading!

SPOTLIGHT ON

The BIS Dance Troupe delivered a captivating performance at the Smaller World Charity Event, dazzling the audience with energy, rhythm and teamwork. They made the school community proud and left a lasting impression on all in attendance.

Follow our Instagram to see more

UPCOMING DATES

30th Apr - Phonics Parent Workshop.
1st May - Workers' Day (Public Holiday).

Key term dates on page 9

SCHOOL NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR BOOK DONATIONS!

A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful parents who generously donated books in celebration of World Book Day! Your contributions have helped further enrich our reading spaces and spark even more imagination among our pupils. There is something truly special about a child discovering a new story and your kindness has made that possible for many more children across the school. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support in nurturing a strong reading culture within our community.

Thank you for helping us turn pages into possibilities!

SUMMER CAMP! SUMMER CAMP!! SUMMER CAMP!!!



Excitement is already building for this year's Summer Camp, and trust us, you won't want to miss it! From creative arts and outdoor adventures to sports, games and hands-on activities, we have an action-packed programme designed to keep children engaged, inspired and having endless fun right through the holidays.

Want to be the first to hear about themes, dates and special highlights? Be sure to sign up to our mailing list for exclusive updates and early access to registration. Spaces will be limited so stay connected and get ready for a summer full of fun, friendship and unforgettable memories!

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SCHOOL NEWS

GET INVOLVED!



We are excited to share the next step in our journey of growth with the unveiling of our proposed Green Learning Hub, a forward-thinking space designed to inspire creativity, sustainability and hands-on learning for our pupils.
This new development reflects our commitment to providing an enriching environment where children can explore, discover and connect with the world around them in meaningful ways. From eco-friendly features to flexible learning spaces, every element has been thoughtfully designed with our learners in mind.

As valued members of our school community, your voice matters greatly to us. We invite you to engage with the design and share your thoughts, ideas and feedback as we work together to bring this vision to life.

Tap the green circle below to access the brochure and leave your feedback.

Together, we can build a space that truly supports and inspires every child's learning journey.

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IN EYES...

TODDLERS





Building Ideas

Developing vocabulary related to homes and buildings; Understanding different types of homes and their features; Creating simple representations using different materials.

Happy Resumption! It has been a joy welcoming our **Toddlers** back as they settle beautifully into the new term. This half-term, our theme is “Houses and Homes.” The children have been exploring different types of houses and what makes a home. They enjoyed the story “The Three Little Pigs,” learning about building materials and different homes.

Through songs like “We’re Going to Build a House” and “Wind the Bobbin Up,” along with flashcards, the children developed new vocabulary. “Apartment” quickly became a favourite (forgive the Americanism)!

In their exploration, they identified homes such as farmhouses and apartments, and even built their own tent “home”, which was a highlight. They also created simple 2D houses, expressing their creativity through art, while movement activities supported their physical development.

A cosy start to the term as our little learners explore what makes a home!

STAR OF THE WEEK
Kanyechiekene.

PLAYGROUP

The **Playgroup** children were thrilled to be back as they kicked off their colourful new theme, “Colours!”

They explored colours through fun games, shared their favourites and built vocabulary using the story “Little Blue, Little Yellow.” During an outdoor walk, they put on their “listening ears” to listen for sounds around them.

In Maths, the children went on a colour hunt, sorted objects and practised counting, while in Science, they had fun mixing colours to see what new ones they could create.

Active play kept them moving as they hopped, balanced and tackled obstacle courses, while Arts and Crafts sessions were full of creativity with painting, ice art and colourful Elmer crafts.

A bright, busy week bursting with colour and happy little learners!



Mix n' Matchin'

Practising counting and sorting objects by colour; Developing coordination, balance and movement skills; Expressing ideas through painting and colour-based crafts.

STAR OF THE WEEK
Fareedah.

IN EYFS...

NURSERY

Welcome back! It was lovely to see the **Nursery** children reunited with friends and warmly welcoming new classmates, sharing stories from their Easter break.
This term's theme, "The Continents," began with exploring the seven continents and their landscapes- from the Sahara Desert to rainforests and the savanna. The children were especially fascinated to learn that Asia is the largest continent. Our journey took us to Africa, where the children enjoyed singing Che Che Kule and creating colourful Kente cloth crafts. They also loved the story Handa's Surprise, learning new words for fruits and animals. In Phonics, Nursery 2 practised blending simple words, while Nursery 1 explored the /p/ sound through songs and actions. In Numeracy, the children continued developing counting and number skills.
A vibrant start to the term filled with culture and joyful learning!

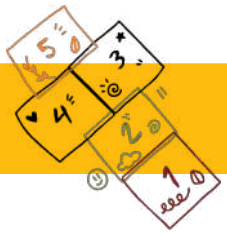


Discovery

Developing phonics skills through sound recognition and blending; Encouraging cooperation and sharing through collaborative activities; Boosting fine motor skills and early cultural appreciation.

STAR OF THE WEEK
Aveya.

RECEPTION





Ready to Grow!

Developing thinking skills to identify repeating patterns and explore numbers.

We are very excited to be back for our final term in **Reception.**
In Maths, the children explored patterns by creating and repeating sequences and spotting them in the environment. They also developed their number skills by practising counting on and finding different ways to make amounts.
In Literacy, they learnt about plants by reading "The Tiny Seed" and "Jasper's Beanstalk." The children planted their own bean seeds and discovered what plants need to grow.
In Art, they enjoyed painting and our first show and tell session was a lovely opportunity to build confidence and share ideas.
A fantastic start to the term filled with growth, creativity and discovery!

STARS OF THE WEEK
Amira & Hadassah.

IN KS 1...

YEAR 1

What a buzzing start to the Trinity Term for the **Year 1** students. In Mathematics, learning came alive as the children jumped into equal groups, reshuffling themselves into teams before discovering repeated addition and building arrays with egg trays —early multiplication in action!
In Literacy, they dived into "The Jungle Book", bringing characters to life with rich descriptions and exciting vocabulary. A favourite moment was exploring the word "bark" and then heading outdoors to find it on real trees!
In Science, the class sparked curiosity with Electricity, spotting appliances all around them, while History and Geography took them on mini adventures through ancient transport and fascinating landmarks. With energetic PE and Swimming, it's been a week full of movement, laughter and discovery.
An action-packed start with curious minds, big energy and brilliant learning all around!





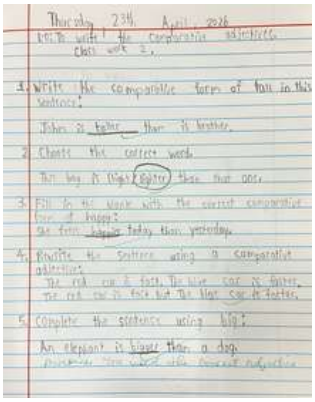


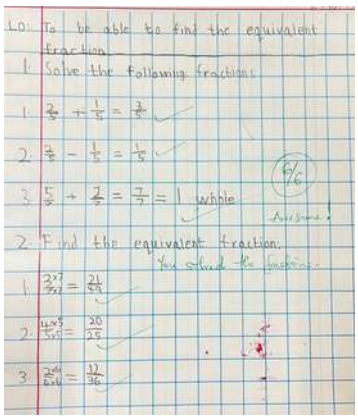
Big Energy, Bright Ideas.

Strengthening maths skills through understanding of equal groups, repeated addition and early multiplication through arrays; Developing vocabulary and understanding of the world by reading stories.

STAR OF THE WEEK
Naia.

YEAR 2





Growing Smarter Everyday

Building crucial analytical problem-solving skills; Boosting descriptive language skills.

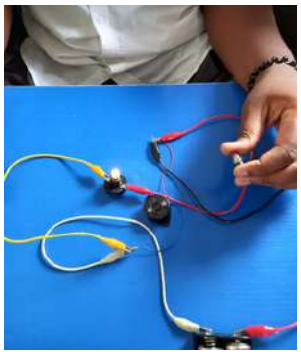
It's been a busy and engaging week full of hands-on learning!
In Numeracy, the children explored fractions, discovering how to find parts of a whole and confidently adding and subtracting fractions using different methods.
In Grammar, they had fun forming comparative adjectives, learning how to use "-er" and apply the rules correctly. Science turned into a mini experiment lab as the children investigated how ice melts, observing closely, recording results and drawing their own conclusions, just like young scientists!
In Geography, they explored life on a farm and followed the journey of food from farm to table, which encouraged lots of curiosity. Meanwhile, PSHE lessons came with thoughtful discussions about the importance of saving money.
A week of practical discoveries and growing confidence across every subject!

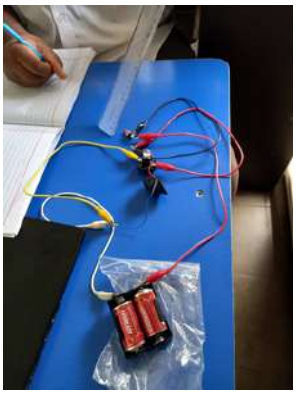
STAR OF THE WEEK
Anna.

IN KS 2&3...

SCIENCE

t's been a hands-on and exciting week in Science across the classes! **Year 3** began exploring The Human Body, learning how organs work together and even preparing for a real-life look at lungs and a heart. The **Year 4** students focused on nutrition, identifying food groups and designing their own balanced school lunches (some very tasty ideas came up!). **Year 5** explored healthy living, discussing the effects of excess and making thoughtful choices. **Year 6** investigated forces and pressure, carrying out experiments to see how pressure changes with different surfaces. **Year 8** powered through electrical circuits, building their own series and parallel setups. They are creating mini traffic lights with switches and LEDs!
A week full of experiments and curious minds at work!





MATHS

Mathematics lessons across the school has seen pupils building confidence, sharpening skills and tackling new challenges with enthusiasm!
Year 3 got into fractions, using objects and models to explore unit and non-unit fractions, as well as adding and subtracting them. **Year 4** explored the world of decimals, confidently adding, subtracting, comparing and even rounding numbers with growing accuracy. **Year 5** became angle experts, identifying and measuring different types of angles and using their skills to solve problems involving straight lines and points, while also exploring polygons. **Year 6** took their understanding further by applying angle rules to triangles, quadrilaterals and vertically opposite angles, showing great reasoning skills.
Year 8 tackled more advanced concepts, working with angles in parallel lines and exploring interior and exterior angles of polygons, confidently solving multi-step problems.
Across all classes, pupils showed strong participation, enthusiasm and increasing confidence. Assignments were completed with pride, reflecting a positive attitude towards learning and real progress in mathematical thinking.

ENGLISH

In English, it's been a fantastic start to the term in English, with all classes diving into a lively mix of creative writing, comprehension, vocabulary building and grammar revision.
In **Key Stage 2**, pupils revisited different types of nouns, while **Key Stage 3** sharpened their punctuation skills using commas, brackets and dashes. Poetry brought plenty of fun across the school, with older pupils crafting their own limericks—including this brilliant one by Faramade:

"***There once was a fat cat named Lou***
Who ate all the snacks that he knew…"

In guided reading, **Year 3** began Oliver and the Seawigs, while **Year 4** jumped into How to Train Your Dragon, encouraging imagination and excitement for reading.
A brilliant start filled with a love for words!

THIS WEEK IN KS 2&3

ART

Year 8 explored how to create texture in pencil drawings, bringing their sketches to life with shading techniques. They practised by drawing Mr Brad's dog, Maia, using a photograph as a reference—and their first attempts were truly impressive!





HISTORY

It's been an exciting start to the term in History, with each year group taking fascinating journeys through time!
Year 3 kicked off their learning on the Stone Age, exploring how early humans lived, what they ate and how they survived. They also enjoyed imagining life in caves and discussing how tools and fire changed daily life. **Year 4** explored the rich culture of indigenous people and tribes of Nigeria, learning about traditions, clothing and ways of life. They also made connections to their own heritage and shared what makes their cultures unique. **Year 5** travelled back to the Victorian Era, focusing on Queen Victoria. They explored what life was like during her reign and compared it to life today, sparking thoughtful discussions about how much the world has changed.
Year 6 focused on Nigerian women leaders, learning about inspiring figures who have shaped the nation, while **Year 8** visited the First English Civil War, exploring its causes, key events and consequences. They engaged in debates, considering different perspectives and what led to such a significant conflict.
A powerful start to the term as our young historians explore the past and connect it to the present!

STARS OF THE WEEK

TODDLERS
Kanyechiekene Ofoegbu: for impressive recall of new vocabulary taught in class activities.

PLAYGROUP
Fareedah Salami: for confidently expressing her thoughts and ideas during circle time.

NURSERY
Aveya Dekalu-Syliing: for being able to retell stories in her own words.

RECEPTION
Amira Afkir: for commitment to completing tasks independently.
Hadassah Chamboko: for always brghtening up the class with her postive attitude.

YEAR 1
Naia Ojobaro: for consistent positive attitude towards learning and improvement in her numeracy skills.

YEAR 2
Anna Hu: for showing great skills in her mental and non-verbal reasoning skills.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

YEAR 3
Vihaan Jha: for showing remarkable improvement in his humanities class.

YEAR 4
Yohan Tchoudjang Nzoutchoum: for his positive attitude towards his History lessons.

YEAR 5
Jacob Fernandes: for his consistenc positive attitude towards his history lessons.

YEAR 6
Iyanuoluwa Odunlami: for meaningful contributions in history lessons and class activities.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

Please note that the dates are subject to change and any changes made would be communicated via mail/WhatsApp!

30th April
Phonics Parent Workshop

1st May
IWorkers' Day (Public Holiday)

2nd May
IChessMasters Tournament

8th May
IOpen Day

11th May
KS2 SATs Week

20th May
National Numeracy Day

20th May
Reception Open Morning (8:45 am)

20th - 22nd May
RDELF Prim (International French Exams)

21st - 22nd May
Whole School Class Photo

26th May
Year 1 Open Morning (8:45 am)

27th May
Children's Day (School Holiday)

27th - 28th May
Eid-al-Kabir (Public Holiday) – TBC

1st - 5th June
Half-Term Break

8th June
KS1 SATs Week

12th June
Democracy Day (Public Holiday)

16th June
Year 2 Open Morning

21st June
Father's Day

22nd - 24th June
Prep Assessments Week

26th June
School Mud Day

29th June
International Mud Day

30th June - 3rd July
Parent Teacher Consultation Week

9th July
Reception Class Celebratory Assembly

10th July
Whole School Production

10th July
End of Term

20th July - 28th August
BIIS Summer Camp