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Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter!

As we approach the half-term break, the school has been buzzing with exciting learning experiences, creative projects and enriching activities that continue to shape our children's growth. From classroom milestones to campus events, it's been a joyful halft term so far!
While we prepare for a well-deserved pause, let us look at what has been happening and what to look forward to.

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

SPOTLIGHT ON

Years 1 & 2 had a hands-on adventure at Locale, trying their hands at pottery! From shaping clay to painting their masterpieces, the children explored creativity and focus in the most delightful way. A truly memorable outing filled with smiles, mess and muddy little fingers!

See more on our instagram page.

UPCOMING DATES

16th - 20th - Prep Assessment Week

Key term dates on page 9

SCHOOL NEWS

SPLASH & FUNDAY SPONSROSHIP

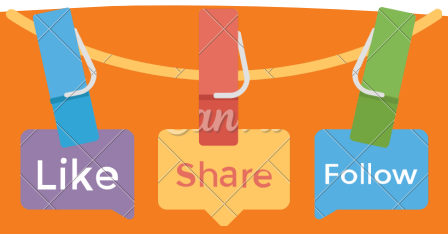
Get ready for the BIIS Splash and Funday — a vibrant celebration bringing together our amazing children, teachers and parents! This exciting event promises loads of fun, laughter and connection across our school community.

Interested in sponsoring? We'd love to hear from you at biisfunday25@gmail.com!

EID EL KABIR PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Further to our earlier communication reagrding the Eid public holidays, please note that the Federa Government of Nigeria has officially declared **Friday, 6th June and Monday, 9th June 2025** as public holidays to mark Eid-el-Kabir.

Please note therefore that the school will now resume after the half-term break on **Tuesday, 10th June 2025.**



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THIS WEEK IN EYES

TODDLERS

Moving You

Building vocabulary; developing sensory and fine motor skills; recognising and identifying shapes.

This week, the toddlers explored the world of transportation, discovering different types of vehicles from helicopters to hot air balloons- through songs, flashcards and storybooks. They listened to real and recorded vehicle sounds, including a teacher-led ship horn experiment and enjoyed a helicopter race roleplay using paper fans. In Maths, they completed transportation-themed jigsaw puzzles, building spatial and problem-solving skills. During Art and Crafts, they created colourful 2D hot air balloon collages, identifying and using different shapes in their work. It was a week full of movement and sound!

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup children had a fun week exploring the role of the baker! They crafted and decorated their own cookie designs, using imagination and fine motor skills while expressing themselves artistically. To build on this, they learnt and sang cheerful rhymes about bakers. Another highlight was a colourful ball activity where they explored textures and colours and then placed balls on cones and into baskets—an engaging way to build hand-eye coordination, dexterity and focus. A joyful, busy, busy week!

Baked With Love

Building fine motor skills & hand-eye coordination.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ranaola

THIS WEEK IN EYFS

NURSERY

Nursery children continued their journey through the seasons with a focus on autumn. They learnt how green leaves turn red, yellow, orange and brown and how wind sends them swirling to the ground. A leaf hunt led to a creative crafting session, where the children transformed their finds into lovely autumn art. In PSED, they learnt the value of kind play and using gentle hands. In Numeracy, they explored number recognition, counting and shapes through engaging, hands-on activities. Phonics lessons introduced new letter sounds and the children began blending them to read simple words. They also practised colouring within the lines and refining their pencil grip—key steps in developing confident early writers. Our Nursery children are super achievers!

STAR OF THE WEEK
Kamara

Happy Fall,Y'all

Building words in Phonics; Developing weather knowledge; Boosting number recognition and quantification.

RECEPTION

Finding Your Wings

Improving environmental and biology knowledge; boosting phonics skills.

Reception pupils had a delightful week exploring The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They used phonics to read and write key words, learnt about the butterfly lifecycle and sequenced story events. In expressive arts, they illustrated the lifecycle and made creative caterpillar crafts. In maths, the focus was on increasing quantities and solving related word problems, while phonics lessons introduced the new sound "er"—with pupils reading and identifying it in words. They also practised filling in missing numbers to strengthen their understanding of number sequences. In PSED, the children are making steady progress with table manners and tidying up. A well-rounded week of learning and growth!

STAR OF THE WEEK
Adeoluwa

THIS WEEK IN KS 1

YEAR 1

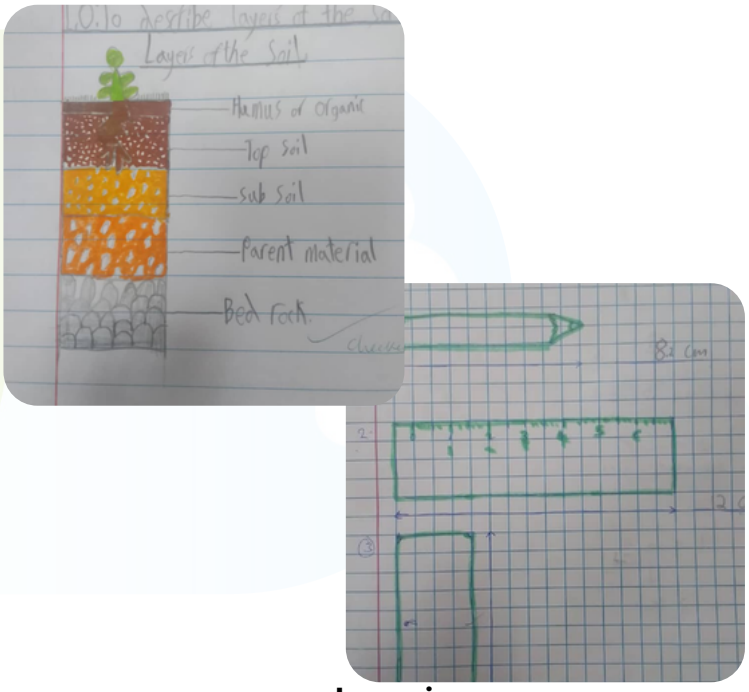
Year 1 had a fun-filled week of global adventures and hands-on learning! They explored countries and famous landmarks on the world map, then got creative building pyramids with LEGO. In literacy, they improved sentence fluency by replacing nouns with pronouns. A highlight was their trip to Locale, where they experienced clay therapy and learnt about building materials. The week wrapped up with pupils confidently describing their artwork using rich adjectives—an inspiring blend of discovery and growing self-expression!

Sculpting Dreams Into Reality

Improving world knowledge and grammar; Promoting mindfulness; Developing fine motor skills.

STARS OF THE WEEK
Jiwoo

YEAR 2



Learning

Developing environmental awareness and life essential skills.

This week in Year 2, pupils explored measurement in maths using rulers, cubes and matchsticks to compare length and height. In History, they discovered the inspiring story of Neil Armstrong, which tied beautifully into Literacy where they wrote biographies of their favourite characters. In Science, the focus was on soil—its structure and components—leading up to a short assessment to review their learning. A productive and enriching week all round!

STARS OF THE WEEK
Ademide & Xolani

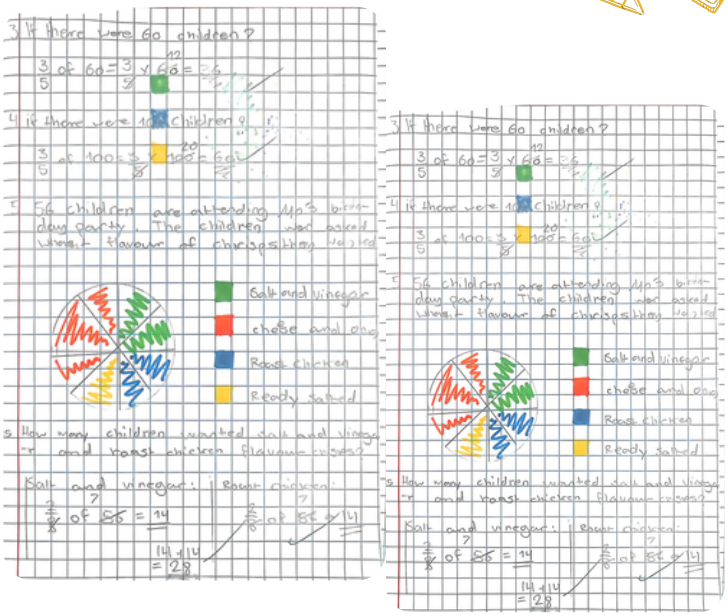
THIS WEEK IN KS 2&3

SCIENCE

Science this term has been very hands-on! **Year 3** concluded their study of plant reproduction and have now begun exploring light and how it helps us see. **Year 4** kicked off their chemistry topic with chromatography experiments, revealing hidden colours in ink. **Year 5** observed asexual reproduction in action by studying germinating yam tubers. **Year 7** reviewed key concepts in preparation for assessments and are now diving into human body systems. Meanwhile, **Year 8** explored various forms of energy through practical experiments, including launching ping pong balls and discussing renewable power sources like Katsina's wind farm. A truly curiosity-driven term of discovery!

MATHS

Year 3 wrapped up their money topic by learning to calculate change and began telling time to the nearest five minutes using Roman numerals. **Year 4** expanded on money skills with real-life problem-solving and moved on to time—converting between units and understanding calendars. In **Year 5**, pupils focused on shapes, distinguishing between regular and irregular polygons and exploring the properties and nets of 3D shapes. **Year 7** explored pie charts, interpreting data using angles and drawing accurate representations with protractors. Meanwhile, **Year 8** deepened their understanding of space and measurement by calculating the area of trapeziums, compound shapes and exploring circles, mastering the area formula and applying it to full circles and sectors, both with and without a calculator. Great work you maths genuises!



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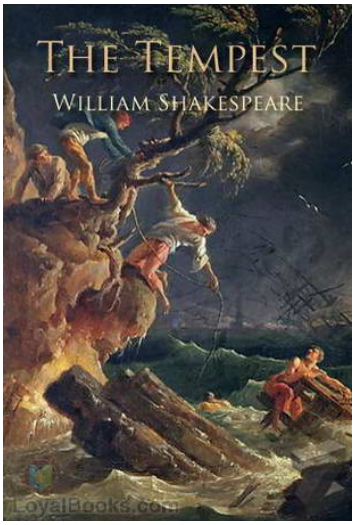

In **Year 3**, pupils focused on punctuating direct speech, using drama and dialogue writing to practise inverted commas, capital letters and reporting clauses. **Year 4** worked on persuasive writing, using adverbial phrases such as "without a doubt" and "clearly" to strengthen their arguments. They wrote compelling letters to the headteacher, campaigning for longer playtime and fairer lunch breaks. **Year 5** explored the use of parenthesis—learning how to add extra information and emotion using brackets, dashes and commas to enrich their writing. **Year 7** developed their skills in formal letter writing, learning to structure letters correctly and use a confident, respectful tone. Meanwhile, **Year 8** continued their study of The Tempest, exploring Shakespeare's use of drama, language and magical elements, while also examining deeper themes like power, colonisation and transformation.

THIS WEEK IN KS 2&3

HISTORY

Year 3 explored the lives of Nigerian heroes Nnamdi Azikiwe and Queen Amina through role-play and posters. **Year 4** studied King Edward VIII's reign, reflecting on monarchy and personal choice. **Year 5** investigated Victorian inventions like the telephone and light bulb, even designing their own creations. **Year 7** examined powerful medieval women such as Joan of Arc and Eleanor of Aquitaine. **Year 8** analysed the Battle of Naseby, focusing on its causes and impact. Throughout, pupils sharpened their critical thinking and historical awareness.

GEOGRAPHY

This week in Geography lessons, pupils journeyed from local streets to global seas. **Year 3** explored their local community's history, uncovering stories behind landmarks and what makes neighbourhoods thrive. **Year 4** studied famous rivers, with a spotlight on the River Nile and its impact from ancient to modern times. **Year 5** examined rural life, comparing it to urban living and understanding how environment shapes identity. **Year 7** tackled migration, exploring why people move and how it affects cultures and economies. **Year 8** studied Earth's oceans, learning about currents, biodiversity and global trade. What a week of exciting discoveries and gaining deeper geographical knowledge!

RELIGION

Thoughtful reflections was the theme of RE lessons this week. **Year 3** explored moral lessons from religious stories, focusing on kindness and honesty. **Year 4** examined how religion shapes culture through food, clothing, festivals and art. **Year 5** compared sacred texts from major world religions, identifying common themes. **Year 7** considered atheism and how non-religious views influence morals and identity. **Year 8** got busy with ethics and religion, discussing faith's role in addressing justice, equality and human rights. It has been a meaningful week filled with respect, curiosity and deep learning.

LOCALE FIELD TRIP

STARS OF THE WEEK

TODDLERS
NO STAR THIS WEEK

PLAYGROUP
Ranaola Lawanson: for commendable attitude towards learning and for impressive concentration skills.

NURSERY
Kamara Iwuajoku: for quick recognition of written numbers and letter sounds.

RECEPTION
Adeoluwa Alabi: for positive attitude to learning French and easy grasp of French concepts.

YEAR 1
Jiwoo Choi: for impressive improvement in overall academics.

YEAR 2
Ademide Disu: for improved handwriting.

Xolani Waswani: for an exceptional performance in French lessons and good grasp of French concepts.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

YEAR 3
Fesochi Njoku: for scoring 87% in maths assessment on Fractions.

YEAR 4
Jacob Fernandes: for scoring 100% in maths assessment on Money.

YEAR 5
Catherine Malema: for settling into school seamlessly and an imorovement in her English scores.

YEAR 8
Joshua Powell: for scoring 90% in maths assessment on Angles in parallel lines and polygons.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

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

16th May
BIIS Mums & Dads Hangout

19th May
KS2 SATs Week

20th May
Year1 & 2 Trip to Locale

21st-22nd May
Whole School Class Photo

26th May
Toddlers Class Trip to Estate Shopping Mall

26th May
Year One Open Morning

27th May
Children's Day (School Holiday)

28th May
Nursery Rain Day Play (In school)

29th May
Playgroup– 'people who help us' dress up day (in school)

30th May
Year 1 and Reception Open Morning (Nursery Parents are welcome)

2nd-6th June
Half-term Break

6th & 9th June
Eid-Al Kabir (Public Holidays)

9th June
Phonics Skills Check Week

9th June
KS 1 SATs Week

12th June
Democracy Day

15th June
Father's Day

16th-20th June
Prep Assessment Week

19th June
Playgroup biking at the park

25th June
Recpetion Trip to Mindscapes, Lekki

25th June
Toddlers dress up as Eric Carle characters with matching books

26th June
Nursery Beach Day

27th June
School Mud Day

5th July
BIIS Fun Day

10th July
Reception Class Assembly

11th July
Whole School Production

11th July
End of Trinity term