

WHAT'S NEW AT BANANA ISLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter!

This week was truly hands-on across all year groups. From exciting science experiments that sparked curiosity, to maths assessments that showcased our students' progress and confidence. Our EYFS children delighted in exploring new concepts through play and observation, proving that learning happens best when it's active and engaging. There's nothing quite like the joy of discovery in the classroom!

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

SPOTLIGHT ON



This week's field trip to Greenfingers Wildlife Conservation Centre was a wild success! Pupils explored animal habitats, spotted fascinating creatures and learnt about conservation in a hands-on, engaging way. It was a fun-filled outdoor adventure that brought science to life and fuelled curiosity in every child.

See more on our [instagram page](#).



UPCOMING DATES

26th May - Toddlers Class Trip

26th May - Year 1 Open Morning

Key term dates on page 9

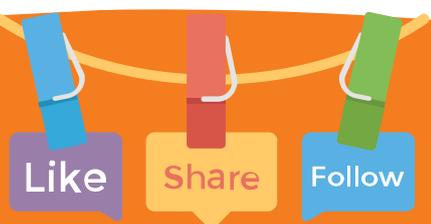


SCHOOL NEWS

OUR HANGOUT WAS LIT!



The BISS Mums and Dads Hangout was super lit! Parents enjoyed a relaxed evening of laughter and great conversation. It was a wonderful chance to connect beyond school gates and build a stronger community. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun!



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THIS WEEK IN EYES



TODDLERS



Hands-on II

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

This week, our toddlers explored the sky and weather through fun outdoor activities. In Maths, they identified sky colours and recognised the crescent shape in the moon. Using flashcards and wall displays, they learnt to name different weather conditions and observed the day's weather from their classroom window. For Physical Development, they practised leaf shading, while in Understanding the World, they made lovely Mother's Day cards. In Sensory Art, the children enjoyed a rainbow colours project, spreading colours with rulers and hands while naming each colour. A truly colour filled week of learning!



STAR OF THE WEEK
Evan

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PLAYGROUP

The playgroup had a blast with a firefighter-themed activity! Climbing ladders like brave firefighters helped develop their strength, balance and imagination. In Expressive Arts, they designed their own firefighter helmets, learning about the role of firefighters and their equipment. The children also enjoyed building tall towers with brown blocks, boosting their problem-solving skills and hand-eye coordination. What fantastic role-players!



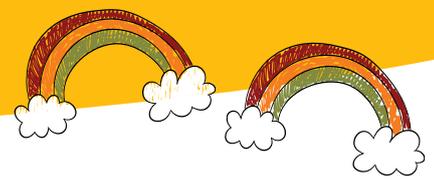
Brave Hearts, Strong Hands

Building gross motor skills & hand-eye coordination; building vocabulary.



STAR OF THE WEEK
Oshiotsenaga

THIS WEEK IN EYES



NURSERY

The Nursery children explored the spring season, comparing it to Africa's rainy season. They enjoyed the story *'Peep and the Big Wide World: Spring Thing'*, learning how flowers blossom and animals give birth in spring. New vocabulary like blossom, germinate, drizzle, storm and flood were introduced. A visit to the sensory garden revealed their corn plants are growing well! In PSED, they practised kindness and polite words. In Numeracy, they worked on number recognition, shapes and quantities. Phonics lessons continued with blending sounds to read simple words, alongside practising colouring and pencil grip. Our Nursery class is full of action and discovery!



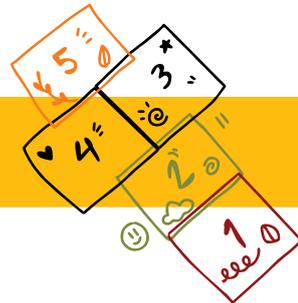
Growing Garden

Building words in Phonics; learning about Spring; boosting number recognition and quantification.



STAR OF THE WEEK
Nathan

RECEPTION



This week, Reception pupils explored numbers beyond 10, using objects, numerals and simple addition to deepen their understanding. In Understanding the World, they learnt about the lifecycle of a seed, showing great observational skills while drawing diagrams. Literacy lessons reinforced this topic, with children using their phonics knowledge to write short sentences. Daily phonics continued with new sounds and word reading. The week ended on a joyful note with a poem recital, singing *'Raindrops Falling All Around'*, and their much-loved swimming session. Well done, Reception!



Blossoming

Improving environmental knowledge; boosting numeracy skills.



STAR OF THE WEEK
Jamil

THIS WEEK IN KS 1



YEAR 1

Our curious Year 1 learners went on a jungle adventure with *The Jungle Book*, using their imagination to describe Mowgli and build their confidence in expressing ideas. In Literacy, they explored articles “a”, “an” and “the”, learning when to use each one through fun sentence activities. Maths lessons focused on division and equal sharing, with pupils sorting objects into groups and solving problems using times tables. To wrap up the week, they enjoyed a lively basketball fun race in P.E., building teamwork, agility and having lots of laughs. A super exciting week in Year 1!



Adventure Time

Improving communication skills; developing problem solving skills; building teamwork.



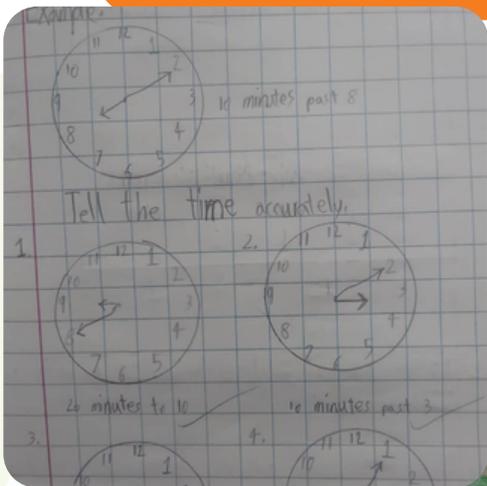
STARS OF THE WEEK

Mya

YEAR 2



This week, pupils learnt to tell time to the hour and half-past using both analogue and digital clocks. In spelling, they practised words with the suffixes “-less” and “-ly.” Literacy lessons focused on “The Hodgeheg” where pupils identified the setting, characters and main dilemma. In science, they explored the parts of a plant and their functions, while Geography lessons covered volcanoes and their impact. During computing, pupils learnt to take quality photos with a digital camera and tried out editing apps. A well-rounded week of learning!



Learning

Developing environmental awareness.

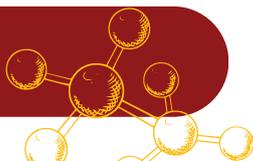


STAR OF THE WEEK

Atharv

THIS WEEK IN KS 2&3

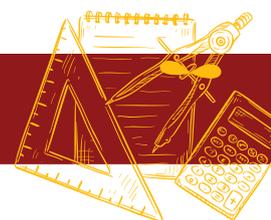
SCIENCE



Year 3 wrapped up their unit on reproduction in flowering plants by illustrating the development stages of a broad bean seed and are now preparing for their assessment. **Year 4** explored electrical conductivity, conducting experiments that revealed surprising results—graphite conducts electricity! **Year 5** explored asexual reproduction, studying binary fission, budding and how tubers like yams reproduce. **Year 7** created detailed diagrams of solar and lunar eclipses before going into the history of the space race. **Year 8** tackled energy, demonstrating how gravitational potential energy transforms into kinetic energy with pulley experiments. An exciting week of scientific learning across the board!

This week in Maths, our students across the school explored a variety of exciting topics. **Year 3** focused on fractions, learning to find unit and non-unit fractions of sets, solving reasoning problems and completing their fractions assessment. **Year 4** wrapped up their decimals unit, mastering ordering, rounding and connecting fractions to decimals. **Year 5** sharpened their geometry skills by accurately drawing lines, angles and calculating angles around points and straight lines. **Year 7** worked on measuring and drawing angles up to 360° , including reflex angles, while **Year 8** have started looking at constructions and properties of triangles and quadrilaterals, explored diagonals and used angle facts to solve problems. A productive and enriching week of mathematical discovery!

MATHS



Complete the equivalent fractions.

1. $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{6}{\quad}$

2. $\frac{\quad}{8} = \frac{42}{56}$

3. $\frac{6}{7} = \frac{\quad}{42}$

4. $\frac{11}{\quad} = \frac{77}{84}$

5. $\frac{\quad}{2} = \frac{8}{16}$

6. $\frac{9}{\quad} = \frac{27}{30}$

ENGLISH



It's been a rich week of writing development. **Year 3** brought dialogue to life through direct speech, while **Year 4** wrote persuasive letters using powerful adverbial phrases. **Year 5** explored parenthesis to add flair to their sentences, **Year 7** tackled formal letters with poise and **Year 8** went deeper into "*The Tempest*," uncovering Shakespeare's dramatic magic and modern relevance.

GREENFINGERS WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTRE TRIP



STARS OF THE WEEK



TODDLERS

Evan Laval: for great enthusiasm in learning about animals and correctly recognising them.



PLAYGROUP

Oshiotsenaga Jayden Daniel-Etokhana: for showing good grasp of the theme and actively participating in class.



NURSERY

Nathan Israel: for understanding numeracy concepts and blending phonics sounds.



RECEPTION

Jamil Sulaiman: for remarkable improvement in completing tasks independently and use of words to express himself.



YEAR 1

Mya Slade: for successful mastery of the 12 times-table.



YEAR 2

Atharv Sunil: for incredible effort in recalling past lessons and studying ahead of the class.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

YEAR 3

Siu Choi: for scoring 87% in maths assessment on Fractions.

Yohan Tchoudjang Nzoutchoum: for scoring 87% in maths assessment on Fractions.

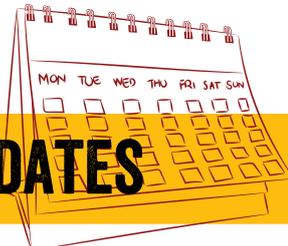
Macario Nobei: for an improved score of 80% in maths assessment on Fractions.

YEAR 4

Amir Khan: for an improved score of 80% in maths assessment on Decimals.

Jacob Fernandes: for scoring 100% in maths assessment on Decimals.

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

9th-10th June

Eid-Al Kabir (Public Holiday)

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

Reception 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