

# WHAT'S NEW AT BANANA ISLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

ISSUE NO. 1

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## Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter!

Our classrooms have been buzzing with curiosity, creativity and joyful learning as pupils explored new topics, built friendships and grew in confidence. From hands-on experiments to lively storytelling and outdoor adventures, school has been filled with discovery and fun. It is the half-term and there is a shared sense of excitement in the air—a well-deserved pause after weeks of hard work and enthusiasm. We couldn't be prouder of how far our pupils have come already and we look forward to even more memorable moments next half-term!

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

## SPOTLIGHT ON



Our children lit up the school with their colourful Independence Day costumes! From vibrant traditional attire to creative touches of green and white, each outfit was a proud celebration of our heritage and unity. It was such a joyful way to mark the day together.

**See more on our Instagram page.**



## UPCOMING DATES

**29<sup>th</sup> October** - Reception Class Open Morning

**31<sup>st</sup> October** - Halloween (Costume Day)

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## BSO INSPECTION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that Banana Island International School will be undergoing its British Schools Overseas (BSO) inspection on the 12th, 13th and 14th of November 2025. This important process reflects our ongoing commitment to upholding the highest standards of British-style education here in Nigeria.

The BSO inspection, conducted by the UK Department for Education’s approved inspectorate, evaluates schools against a comprehensive set of standards — including teaching and learning quality, leadership, student welfare and overall school ethos.

Parents may be invited to share their feedback through a confidential questionnaire and we kindly encourage you to participate, as your insights form an essential part of the review.

A positive outcome will not only reaffirm our standing as a leading international school but also ensure our learners continue to thrive in an environment that meets world-class standards.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership as we prepare for this milestone event.

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# HALLOWEEN

Something's coming.

Keep watch and look out for more information!



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## TODDLERS



### Tiny Adventures, Big Explorers

Developing listening and speaking skills through nursery rhymes and Show and Tell activities.

Our **Toddlers** have had a truly exciting few weeks! They began with a heartwarming Circle Time alongside parents, sharing favourite nursery rhymes and proudly presenting their toys during Show and Tell. Together, they even made sweet keepsake handprint clocks to mark the occasion.

In celebration of Nigeria's Independence Day, the children came dressed in bright traditional outfits, waving the flag high as they created a colourful Nigerian flag collage—a joyful expression of teamwork and national pride.

Our curious explorers also went on a thrilling minibeast adventure, spotting butterflies, snails and ants around the school grounds. They tackled a tricky ribbon maze to build problem-solving skills and got crafty with leaf stamping and handprint spiders.

Well done to these little go-getters. What a fantastic way to round off the half-term!



**STAR OF THE WEEK**  
Nanare



## PLAYGROUP



Our **Playgroup** had an exciting week exploring the theme “**I Am Unique**”, celebrating what makes each child special. The story “**Oliver's Vegetables**” inspired healthy-eating conversations and colourful apple crafts, helping little ones express creativity and strengthen fine motor skills.

Playdough fun, ball games and bead threading kept tiny hands busy while building coordination and confidence. Laundry play brought laughter and life lessons as children scrubbed, rinsed and sang “This is the way I wash my socks”—joyfully learning responsibility!

In Maths, sorting socks by colour, size and pattern turned everyday play into learning. Finger puppets and parachute games encouraged teamwork, storytelling and gross motor development. A heartfelt thank-you to our parents who joined Circle Time—your presence made the week even brighter!

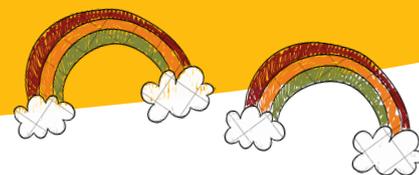


### Uniquely Me, Joyfully We

Strengthening fine and gross motor skills through play-based activities; Applying sorting and categorising skills in real-life contexts.



**STARS OF THE WEEK**  
Grace & Nolan



## NURSERY

Our **Nursery** learners enjoyed a delightful week exploring the theme **"Family and the Different Foods Families Eat."** From Eba and soup to Sushi and Pasta, children discovered how food connects families and cultures through the story "My Food, Your Food, Our Food." Science came alive with a hands-on Push and Pull game, while ICT time had little tech stars exploring gadgets and printing their own work! Circle Time with parents was a highlight — filled with songs, rhymes, Show and Tell and a creative Family Flower Garden craft.

In PSED, we practised using kind words like "please" and "thank you." In Phonics, the /t/ sound took centre stage with fun words like "tiger," "towel" and "teeth." Maths lessons strengthened number recognition, counting and writing skills.

It's been a fantastic time of learning, connection and family celebration! Go Nursery!

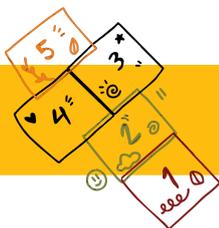


**STARS OF THE WEEK**  
Boipelo & Seven

### We Are Family

Developing digital awareness by using ICT tools.  
Enhancing numeracy skills through counting;  
Exploring basic force through push and pull.

## RECEPTION



The past two weeks in **Reception** have been filled with energy, discovery and growing confidence! Our days began with fun PE sessions that kept everyone moving and smiling. In Maths, children learnt to subitise numbers 1–5, spot missing numbers and explore how quantities change when adding or taking away. Literacy time brought Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Ugly Duckling to life as pupils retold stories in their own words. Phonics focused on the /m/ sound, blending to form simple CVC words—a big step toward reading! We also celebrated individuality in Understanding the World, discussed independence in PSED and practised daily handwriting to build fine motor strength. In Expressive Arts, our little artists coloured beautifully within the lines while showing plenty of creativity. And of course, swimming class remains a big splash of fun!

Here's to a happy, laughter-filled half-term break for our Reception families!

### Confident Learners, Bright Beginnings

Developing early numeracy skills through subitising, sequencing and simple operations; Understanding the importance of teamwork; Correcting swim techniques and strokes.



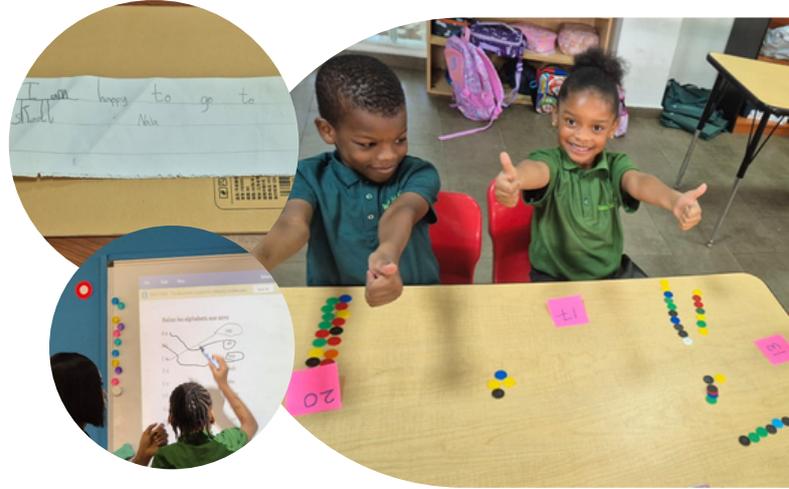
**STARS OF THE WEEK**  
Hazel, Kyra & Pearl

# IN KS 1...



## YEAR 1

**Year 1** has had an exciting couple of weeks filled with creativity and joyful learning! Our young learners explored the alphabet in both English and French—matching letters across languages and discovering the fun of bilingual learning. In Maths, they used coins to understand place value, exchanging their birthdates with friends and placing coins for tens and ones in a playful, hands-on way. We also enjoyed a heartwarming writing game where pupils shared what makes them happy—their adorable responses filled the class with smiles and imagination. What a wonderful wrap to the end of the first half of the term!

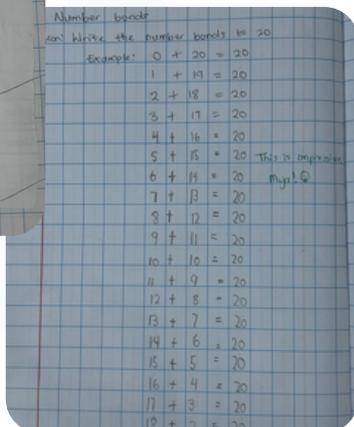
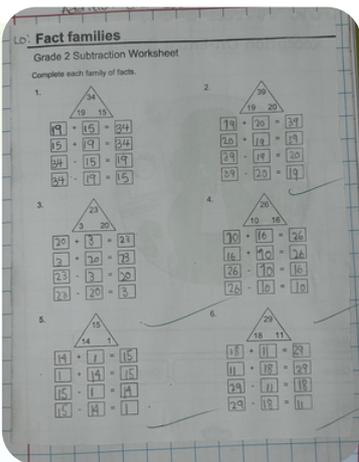


**STARS OF THE WEEK**  
Daniel & Sophietou

### Happy Hearts, Bright Minds

Understanding place value using practical coin-based activities; Recognising and matching English and French alphabets to understand language structure.

## YEAR 2



### Curious Minds, Growing Hearts

Understanding related number facts and developing problem-solving strategies.

In **Year 2**, our learners explored emotions in PSHE—recognising and naming different feelings while discussing how to manage them positively. In Maths, they discovered related number facts, finding creative ways to add numbers and spot patterns. Spelling lessons focused on the 'ar' sound, while in Grammar, they learnt how and when to use question marks correctly. Literacy time strengthened comprehension skills as pupils read short passages and answered in full sentences. Geography lessons focused on Europe, uncovering exciting facts about its countries and landmarks, while Science brought curiosity to life as they grouped objects into 'alive,' 'once alive' and 'never alive.' It has been a fantastic week of growth and exploration!



**STARS OF THE WEEK**  
Mayowa & Sacha

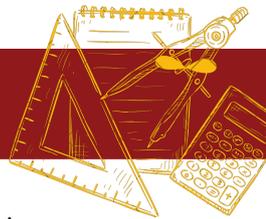
# IN KS 2&3...

## PE



In PE, pupils have been building their athletic abilities, coordination and teamwork through fun and structured activities. Our younger learners focused on developing core movement skills through ball games, running, and balancing exercises, while upper primary and senior pupils worked on athletics and relay practise — mastering running techniques, baton exchanges and pacing. Across all year groups, students showed great progress, confidence and sportsmanship as they prepared for upcoming inter-house and school sporting events. Go for gold, you superstar athletes!

## MATHS



Over the past few weeks, our young mathematicians have been exploring numbers and patterns with growing confidence. **Year 3** began by mastering numbers up to 1,000—estimating, comparing and ordering with precision. **Year 4** extended their skills to 10,000, exploring Roman numerals and linking ancient counting to modern use. In **Year 5**, pupils tackled numbers up to 1,000,000, rounding and estimating large values with accuracy. **Year 6** built on this by working with integers, factors and multiples—connecting maths to real-life examples like temperature and elevation. Meanwhile, **Year 8** explored number sequences, spotting linear and non-linear patterns and predicting what comes next. From counting to complex reasoning, it's been an exciting journey of growth and discovery in maths!

## ENGLISH



It's been a busy and rewarding half-term across Key Stages 2 and 3, with pupils growing in confidence as writers and thinkers! In **Year 3**, children explored adjectives and adverbs to make their sentences more lively and descriptive. **Year 4** discovered the power of fronted adverbials to add excitement and flow to their writing, while **Year 5** focused on cohesion and structure, learning how to connect ideas smoothly. **Year 6** strengthened their grammar and reasoning skills through SATs-style practice, showing great progress in clarity and expression. In **Years 7** and **8**, students explored *The Whale Rider*, using PEEL paragraphs to write thoughtful and well-organised analyses. English lessons have been filled with creativity, confidence and a growing love for language!

# STARS OF THE WEEK



## TODDLERS

**Nanare Omenai:** for being more expressive during lessons.



## PLAYGROUP

**Nolan Ndukwe:** for demonstrating good listening skills and participating actively in class activities.

**Grace Matthew:** for showing good communication skills and contributing positively during class activities.



## NURSERY

**Boipelo Mathhaga:** for progress in mark making and contributing to class discussions.

**Seven Adetunji:** for amazing progress in letter formation and always being helpful to others.



## RECEPTION

**Pearl Laval:** for consistently showing enthusiasm for learning and for completing tasks independently.

**Kyra Okafor:** for noticeable improvement in completing tasks independently.

**Hazel Akabeli:** for settling in nicely and showing great enthusiasm for learning.



## YEAR 1

**Sophietou Sy:** for consistent improvement and active participation in French lessons.

**Daniel Obuaya:** for great improvement in handwriting and spelling words correctly.



## YEAR 2

**Mayowa Adekoya:** for putting in extra effort in completing homework.

**Sacha Tchoudjang Nzoutchoum:** for showing remarkable understanding of mental maths questions..

# HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

## YEAR 3

**Imani Agoro:** for settling in nicely and demonstrating good classroom manners.

## YEAR 4

**Abigail Lee:** for scoring 93% in Maths assessment on PLACE VALUE and for an in-depth knowledge on Ancient China in History lessons.

## YEAR 5

**Taydan Alex-Eyitene:** for exceptional performance in oral and written French.

**Jacob Fernandes:** for scoring 85% in Maths assessment on Addition and Subtraction.

## YEAR 6

**Catherine Malema:** for her tremendous improvement in her written and oral skills in French.

**Chukwunwike Oleah:** for positive contribution to the topics taught in History.

## YEAR 7

**Nmesoma Okonkwo:** for her impressive Christmas card design.

## YEAR 8

**Abayomi Oshinowo:** for scoring 100% on a Maths assessment on MULTIPLICATIVE CHANGE.

**Faramade Oshinowo:** for contributing positively to the class in Geography.

**Maya Ndiaye:** for an outstanding presentation during class activity and exhibiting a depth of understanding.

# UPCOMING KEY DATES

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

## 8<sup>th</sup> October

Nursery Open Morning/Circle Time with Parents

## 9<sup>th</sup> October

Playgroup Open Morning/Circle Time with Parents

## 16<sup>th</sup> October

World Food Day

## 18 - 20<sup>th</sup> October

Diwali

## 20 - 24<sup>th</sup> October

Half-Term Break

## 29<sup>th</sup> October

Reception Class Open Morning

## 31<sup>st</sup> October

Halloween (Costume Day)

## 5<sup>th</sup> November

Guy Fawkes

## 5<sup>th</sup> November

Bonfire Night (5 pm)

## 10<sup>th</sup> November

World Science & Odd Socks Day

## 10<sup>th</sup> November

Year 1 Open Morning

## 11<sup>th</sup> November

Inter School French Competition - Alliance Du Francaise

## 12 - 14<sup>th</sup> November

BSO Inspection

## 10 - 14<sup>th</sup> November

Anti Bullying week

## 17<sup>th</sup> November

Year 2 Open Morning

## 24 - 28<sup>th</sup> November

Prep Assessment Week

## 29<sup>th</sup> November

UN World's Children Day

## 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> December

Parent Consultation Week

## 12<sup>th</sup> December

Whole School Production/End of Term.