

## Happy Birthday

13<sup>th</sup> February –  
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Macario Nobei



## Stars of the Week

**Toddlers – Kodinna Chuka-Unachukwu** Kodi enjoys school and has made many friends. He is a very caring and affectionate child who is developing a great attitude towards learning.

**Playgroup – Chidinma Okafor** Chidinma has been very nice to her friends, sharing classroom toys with them and inviting them into her play.

**Nursery - Raya Awogboro**-The star of the week is Raya for her resilient and positive attitude in all class activities. Well done, Raya!

**Reception – Jenna Khairy** Jenna had a great week learning her colours and shapes. Great job working so hard Jenna, we are all so proud of the progress you have made!

**Year 1 – Eniola Oloyede** Eniola is a calm pupil with a charming personality. Her fantastic attitude towards her learning has resulted in the amazing progress she is making. Well done, Eniola!

**Year 2/3 – Esther Adewoye.** Esther has worked hard in all subjects this week and has made impressive progress, especially in developing her simple sentences to include conjunctions and fronted adverbials.

**Year 4/5 – Marianne Pelletier** Marianne is an ambassador for togetherness. She has a very appealing way of ensuring harmony among her classmates.

## Key Dates

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Chinese New Year, Sport Day, last Day of school.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Return to School

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Purim



# Banana Island School

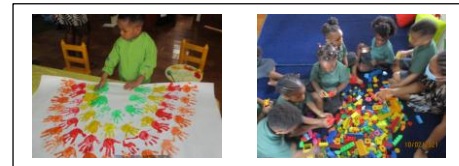
*A Happy School with High Expectations*

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

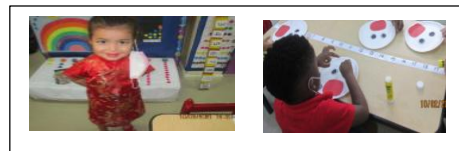
What a fantastic end to an incredible half term! We wished everyone a very Happy New Year during our Chinese Celebrations and watched the children excel, showing off some extraordinary athletic ability during Sports Day. We certainly have some young Olympians in our midst!

**Toddlers** have been learning new languages – days of the week in French and keywords in Chinese. They celebrated Chinese New Year and made some drums. Today, they showed off their strength during Sports Day. Great job!

To reinforce their knowledge of colours, **Playgroup** carried out an investigation which encouraged them to sort objects and discuss their favourite colours. They even made a fantastic rainbow handprint display for their classroom. Have a look!



**Nursery** class took a ride with Maisy to London. First, they took a bus and then the tube! **Xin Nian Kuai Le!** That's Happy New Year in Chinese. They celebrated the Chinese New Year making the ox and learning about traditions.



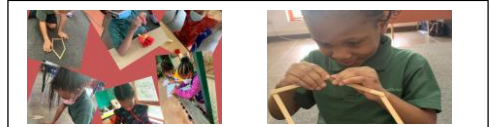
In **Reception** this week, the children learned about Chinese New Year and the significance of the dragon. Did you know the longer the dragon the more luck you have? The children made dragon masks and lanterns to celebrate in style.

Practical maths provided real-life opportunities this week. 'BIS Shoprite' was a success!



What a busy week for **Year 1!** They learned about materials in science, building homes for the Three Little Pigs. A love of poetry took them on a nature walk, which led to cracking various reasoning questions to help consolidate the knowledge of Place Value in maths.

It has been a fun week in **Years 2/3** – learning all about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes; building these shapes and going on a scavenger hunt to find the right materials. After learning about texts, the children wrote persuasive letters to the head teacher and are hopeful for positive results. Inspiration came in the way of John Mc Adam's invention, *macadamisation*, and how road construction has progressively gotten better



Finally, **Years 4/5** completed their poem (**an Ode**) on the theme of war inspired by Rupert Brooke's work. Maths was about **plugging gaps and consolidating addition and subtraction of fractions**, which involved word problems. An intriguing moment came in History; the children wrote coded **Anglo-Saxon Rune** messages and researched some historical facts about Nigeria. **Years 4/5** ended the week making a garland and painting an Ox to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

*Amazing sportsmanship today at Sports Day by everyone!*

**Xin Nián Kuài Lè! 新年快乐! (Happy New Year!)**

## Parents' Consent for Photographs

In sharing the fantastic learning we do at BIS; we would like to increase our social media footprint which might involve using images of our children. We would like to put in place an 'opt-out' choice, whereby if you do not wish your child's image to be on the website or any other social media platform, we would ask you to let the office know by Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. If we do not receive a response, we will presume you are giving your consent.

Thank you for your continued support as always.

Have a restful and safe break.

See you all on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February.