

Birthdays

9th – Hoyeon Choe
10th – Olawunmi Are
11th – Laura Owusu-Sarfo



Stars of the Week

Crèche/Toddlers – Kamsi

Ajuluchukwu for settling in quickly and exhibiting acts of kindness towards his new friends. What a happy boy you are. Well done!

Playgroup – Tiara Ahmadu

Tiara has made steady progress in her learning. She responds positively during class activities and remembers previously taught learning.

Nursery – Xander Sijuwade, for settling in and keenly participating in all class activities, especially during reading time. Well done, Xander, we are all very proud of you!

Reception – Hoyeon Choe

Hoyeon is the star of the week for always listening and trying to participate during whole group lessons. She loves to sing with her peers. Keep up the great work, Hoyeon!

Year 1 – Iyanuoluwa Odulami

Iyanu is our star of the week. He wrote a beautiful article on the Traction man, and his handwriting was superb; not to mention his remarkable attitude towards his learning. Fantastic work!

Years 2/3 – Alicia Djourhi.

Alicia has had a very productive week and worked especially hard in maths, confidently measuring and comparing mass and weight in kilograms and grams. Hats off to you, Alicia!

Year 4/5 – Chimdi Chinaka for her active participation in the science activities during the week. She showed real depth of knowledge and is now making links in her learning.

Key Dates

13th/ 14th May – Eid el Fitr (TBC)
21st May – Playgroup's assembly
21st May – Celebrate Children's Day (27th)
24th-28th – Half Term Break

Banana Island School

A Happy School with High Expectations

Friday 7th May 2021

Wow, wow, wow! What a fantastic week we have had. The one-on-one music lessons remain a great success and **STEAM Week** was a triumph. We really do have tremendously talented, well-rounded pupils at BIS.

This week, in **Crèche** and **Toddlers**, came with so much fun with **STEAM Week**. Who says they are too young for this Magical Experience! A lot of mixing here and there came in handy during their experiments. Fountains of bubbles and popping treats in the kitchen made for much fun. Feel free to call them **LITTLE EINSTEINS**.

Spellbinding fun with fairy tales and science was the focus in **Playgroup**. Potion mixing was such a sizzling experience; a gush of excitement mixed with *Mentos* and a bottle of coke had the children riveted! The children also built castles with drinking straws and *playdough* for their fairy tale characters. Music time was groovy, making shaker musical instruments all by themselves.



This week, **Nursery** learned about *Lonnie Johnson*, the African American inventor, during **STEAM Week** activities. They mixed some potions with *Snow White*, and the balloon got VERY big! They visited the **Engineering Corner** and built straw houses with the three little pigs; made a shape Castle with *Rapunzel*.



STEAM Week was a blast in **Reception**. They started the week with explosions and continued their learning with experiments about density.

They learned about **Granville T. Woods**, the inventions he created, and how this made our life easier. In Math, they focused on doubling, halving, and sharing items into equal groups.



In **Year 1**, pupils have continued with activities and fun lessons across all subjects. From doubling and halving numbers in maths to writing their first draft narratives of **Traction Man** in English. What an impressive effort from all the pupils.

The highlight of the week was in Science. They had fun exploring shadows and playing shadow tag amidst many other experiments.

It has been an exciting week in **Years 2/3**, carrying out numerous experiments. Their favourites being making elephant toothpaste and lava lamps. They also practiced measuring various objects in grams and kilograms and measuring fluids in millilitres during our experiments. They enjoyed writing notes to each other using a mirror while learning about reflective surfaces in Science.

A cross-curricular approach has ensured **Years 4/5** have been very knowledgeable in their approach to all learning this week. Through their text, **Clockwork**, **Years 4/5** have followed the journey of an apprentice and have started to write a persuasive letter to **Herr Ringelmann**, the clockmaker. These led nicely to converting time from an analog to a digital clock and vice versa. We cannot end this week without mentioning their participation in **STEAM Week**; one of the children stated, "I feel like a real scientist for the first time, ever." Here is to our future scientists!



Swimming and Music tuition

This week marked the second week of our one-on-one music lessons. We had drumming, violin, voice lessons and piano with much success. **If you would like your child/children to participate, please contact the office for more information.**

We looked forward to starting our swimming lessons today, unfortunately swimming lessons will now commence next week with make-up classes for the missed sessions. Again, **if you would like your child/children to have lessons, please let the office know as there are limited spaces due to COVID restrictions.**

Return for the 2021/2022 academic year

Please be advised that next week **we will be sending out a letter to ascertain the numbers returning to us in the next academic year, September 2021.** Please ensure that the replies are prompt and clearly state your decision to continue on at Banana Island School or not. This will enable us to resource adequately and to offer spaces to new families. We hope to see you all next year!