

# WHAT'S NEW AT BANANA ISLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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## Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter!

### Welcome Back to Trinity Term!

We're excited to have the children back in school for the Trinity term, ready to embark on new learning adventures. With fresh energy and curiosity, our classrooms are once again filled with the buzz of discovery, creativity and growth. Here's to a productive and inspiring term ahead!

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

## SPOTLIGHT ON



We're bringing our BIIS mums and dads together for a special hangout! Join us for an afternoon of good food, great conversations and unforgettable memories. It's all about unwinding, connecting and celebrating our amazing parent community. You won't want to miss it!

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



## UPCOMING DATES

**16<sup>th</sup> May** - BIIS Mums & Dads Hangout

**19<sup>th</sup> May** - KS2 SATs Week

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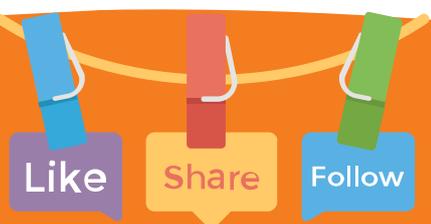
## SAVE THE DATE



We're excited to announce the very first BIIS Mums and Dads' Hangout happening on **16th May, 2025**, at **Cilantro, Banana Island Boat Club**, from **5pm**! It's a perfect chance for parents to unwind, connect and enjoy great conversations in a relaxed setting. Come for the good vibes, light refreshments and community spirit. Save the date — we can't wait to see you there!

For parents coming without the car stickers, please use code **"HANGOUT"** at the estate's main gate to gain into the estate.

**DIRECTIONS** - From Banana Island School (5<sup>th</sup> Ave)  
Take a right turn unto Delta Street and head to the end of the street then take a left turn. At the end of the road, take a right turn leading you to Banana Island Boat Club (BIBC).



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# THIS WEEK IN EYES



## TODDLERS



### Hands-on

Improving environmental awareness; building vocabulary.

It's great to be back with a new theme **"All Around Me."** Our toddlers explored their environment through sensory walks, listening to birds, touching tree bark and spotting different shapes and sizes in nature. In Maths, they counted petals, identified colours and compared tall and short trees. They learnt new vocabulary as they named things seen outdoors—trees, grass, flowers, big and small! Physical skills were strengthened through baton-passing games and stair climbing. In Art, they recreated nature using balloons, forks and cotton buds to paint trees and gardens. To celebrate Earth Day, they created a happy planet Earth collage, learning how to care for the world around them. A joyful and hands-on start to the term!



**STAR OF THE WEEK**  
Feyintoluwa

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## PLAYGROUP

This week in Playgroup, our little stars shone brightly as they stepped into the world of doctors and patients! They eagerly took turns playing the roles of doctor, nurse and patient, using our play medical kits to examine and treat all sorts of pretend ailments. They got creative in a fun craft session where they designed their own stethoscopes using paper plates, construction paper and glue—an activity that sparked imagination while strengthening fine motor skills and problem-solving abilities. The excitement continued outdoors as they ran around collecting objects and sorting them into different colour categories, boosting their hand-eye coordination, teamwork and cognitive development. It was a joyful, hands-on week filled with learning through play!



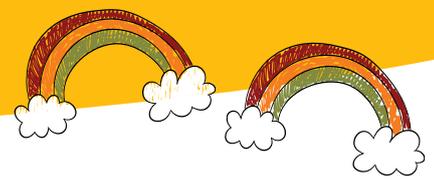
### Fun Learning

Boosting fine motor skills & hand-eye coordination; building vocabulary.



**STAR OF THE WEEK**  
Ronnie

# THIS WEEK IN EYES



## NURSERY

We're glad to be back for Trinity term! Nursery children returned eager to explore seasons around the world. They learnt that Africa has two seasons, while the Western world has four, discovering similarities like how spring is much like the rainy season. New vocabulary included 'Harmattan,' 'fall' and more. They also enjoyed singing "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter." In PSED, they are learning kindness and polite words. Numeracy lessons focused on number recognition, quantities and shapes. In Phonics, they explored new letter sounds and began blending to read simple words. Fine motor skills were reinforced through colouring within lines and proper pencil grip. A bright start to a term full of discovery!

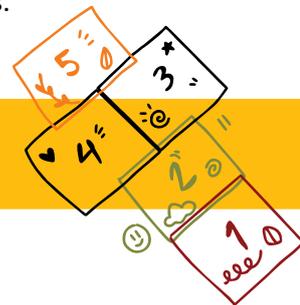


### Growing

Developing vocabulary; strengthening number and phonics skills; boosting fine motor skills with colouring exercises.



**STAR OF THE WEEK**  
Amirah



## RECEPTION



The Reception class kicked off the term with admirable enthusiasm and focus. After an energetic PE session to wake up their physical muscles, they recalled number sequences, identified and continued patterns and explored making patterns with colours and shapes. Under our theme "Nature," they studied the plant life cycle—from seed to sprout—and discovered fun facts. They showed strong handwriting retention by writing simple plant facts and spelling descriptive words. In phonics, they used their knowledge to spell familiar words and completed dictation tasks to practise. A commendable start to the term—well done, Reception!

### Back To School

Improving reasoning skills through pattern recognition.



**STARS OF THE WEEK**  
Mya

# THIS WEEK IN KS 1



## YEAR 1

This week, our energetic Year 1s returned with excitement and curiosity! They engaged in reading sessions, discussing their favourite books and practising tricky words. Handwriting got a boost too, with focused letter work. Outdoors, they raced through a fun relay, showing great teamwork and enjoyed splashing around in the pool, perfecting their freestyle strokes. A fantastic start to the term!



### Teamwork

Building confidence in reading aloud; Improving communication skills; Developing physical coordination through teamwork and movement.



**STARS OF THE WEEK**  
Ekansh

## YEAR 2



It has been a fantastic start to the term in Year two. In Mathematics, we mastered telling time, explored the calendar and practised converting seconds, minutes and hours—essential life skills. Literacy focused on prefixes, helping us understand how they change word meanings while improving our spelling and vocabulary. In Geography, we explored the Earth's layers, uncovering what lies beneath the surface from the crust to the core. Our reading sessions brought The Hodgehog to life, following Max's adventurous journey with curiosity and excitement. In PSHE, we tackled the important topic of bullying, learning how to recognise, prevent and stand up against it, while promoting kindness and respect. A great week of learning!



### Great Start

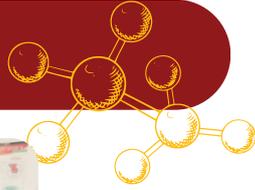
Developing essential life skills of time-telling, communication and imagination.



**STAR OF THE WEEK**  
Micaela

# THIS WEEK IN KS 2&3

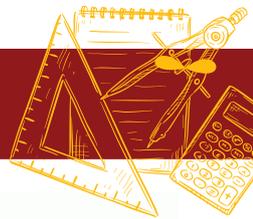
## SCIENCE



This week in Science, we explored how seeds grow after leaving the parent plant, with **Year 3** learning about germination and creating diagrams to show a broad bean's development. **Year 4** investigated how heat moves through conduction, convection and radiation. They began testing materials for electrical conductivity. **Year 5** studied how living organisms reproduce, covering both sexual and asexual reproduction. **Year 7** examined how Earth's orbit causes seasons and explored eclipses. **Year 8** wrapped up their "Earth in Space" topic by revising key concepts and researching space exploration history from Apollo 17 onwards.

This week, our students have been hard at work across all year groups, tackling exciting topics in Maths. **Year 3** explored fractions—adding, subtracting and finding unit fractions of sets. While **Year 4** built a strong foundation in decimals, learning to make wholes, partition numbers and compare values. **Year 5** focused on angles, developing skills in identifying, estimating and measuring them accurately. In **Year 7**, students deepened their understanding of geometric notation, measuring line segments and classifying angles. **Year 8** investigated angle relationships in parallel lines and polygons, confidently applying rules and solving complex problems. It's been a week of growth and discovery for all!

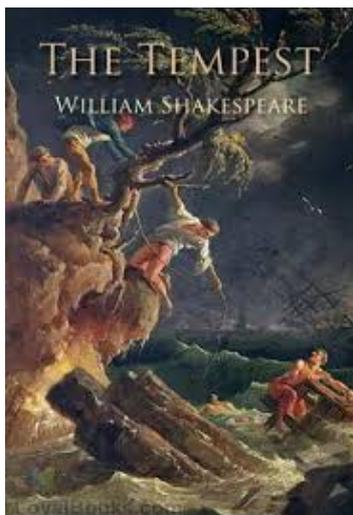
## MATHS



Compare the numbers with  $>$  or  $<$  or  $=$ .

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| 1) $0.06$ ___ $80.6$ | 2) $5.4$ ___ $8.41$   |
| 3) $0.44$ ___ $66.3$ | 4) $6.78$ ___ $7.16$  |
| 5) $0.05$ ___ $30.1$ | 6) $3.60$ ___ $0.08$  |
| 7) $0.03$ ___ $5.24$ | 8) $0.56$ ___ $3.15$  |
| 9) $0.22$ ___ $0.83$ | 10) $96.9$ ___ $8.07$ |

## ENGLISH



**Year 3** learnt to punctuate direct speech through mini-dialogues and performance, bringing conversations to life in their writing. **Year 4** tackled persuasive writing, using strong arguments and emotive language to influence others through letters and posters. In **Year 5**, pupils practised using modal verbs like 'might', 'should' and 'must' to express possibility and certainty, adding depth to their writing. **Year 7** sharpened their reading comprehension by exploring writers' ideas and intentions across various texts, using evidence to support their understanding. Meanwhile, **Year 8** began studying Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, focusing on the play's historical context and how themes like power and colonisation were shaped by the era. What a thought provoking way to kick-off the term!

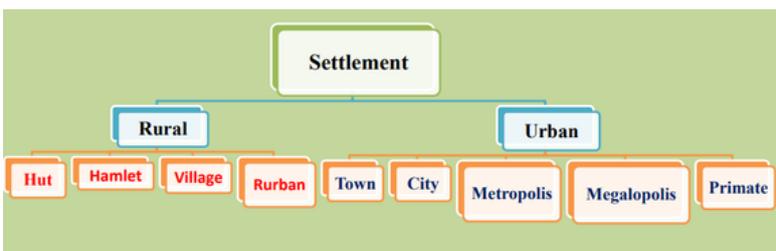
# THIS WEEK IN KS 2&3

**Year 3** studied Famous Heroes in Nigeria, focusing on Dr Stella Ameyo Adadevoh and her brave efforts during the Ebola outbreak. **Year 4** began learning about World War I, discussing its causes, experiences and global impact. **Year 5** visited the Victorian Era, exploring its innovations and social changes. **Year 7** examined the roles of medieval women, gaining insights into power, religion and daily life in the Middle Ages. **Year 8** jumped into the First English Civil War, analysing its causes, key figures and lasting consequences. It's been an exciting start!

## HISTORY



## GEOGRAPHY



This term, our Geography students have been exploring where people live, why they live there and how Earth's features influence daily life. **Year 3** learned about communities and settlements, exploring how places grow and differ. **Year 4** studied rivers in the UK, following their journey from source to mouth and their importance. **Year 5** focused on population and distribution, examining how factors like climate and resources affect where people live. **Year 7** explored types of settlements, comparing urban, rural and suburban life. **Year 8** took on world geography, identifying continents, oceans and key landmarks. It's been a week of exciting discoveries!

## RELIGION



This term in Religious Education, pupils have been reflecting on how beliefs, values and traditions shape lives. **Year 3** explored stories and values, learning morals from religious tales and how festivals unite communities. **Year 4** studied religion and society, examining how faith influences culture and daily life. **Year 5** focused on religious texts and stories, with an emphasis on Christianity, understanding how sacred writings guide believers. **Year 7** tackled religion, faith and belief, discussing these concepts in both religious and non-religious contexts. It's been a thought-provoking start to the term in RE classes filled with meaningful discussions and reflection.

# STARS OF THE WEEK

## TODDLERS

**Feyintoluwa Filani:** for impressive use of new vocabulary learnt from outdoor walk.

## PLAYGROUP

**Ronnie Slade:** for showing good grasp of topics and for positive contribution during class discussions.

## NURSERY

**Amirah Popoola:** for remarkable improvement in her personal, social and emotional development.

## RECEPTION

**Mya Stravrou:** for consistent effort in using phonics knowledge to read and spell words.

## YEAR 1

**Ekansh Jain:** for his outstanding reasoning abilities and thoughtful responses in lessons.

## YEAR 2

**Micaela Inegbese:** for improved effort in completing tasks on time.

# HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

## YEAR 7

**Laerke Pantung:** for producing high quality of work in Science and for being exceptional in French lessons.

## YEAR 8

**Joshua Powell:** for being outstanding in French oral lessons.

# 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