

WHAT'S NEW AT BANANA ISLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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TWO



Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter!

It's been a lively few weeks of learning and laughter across the school! From hands-on lessons and creative projects to splashes in the pool and teamwork on the field, our pupils have been busy exploring, discovering and growing in confidence every day!

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.

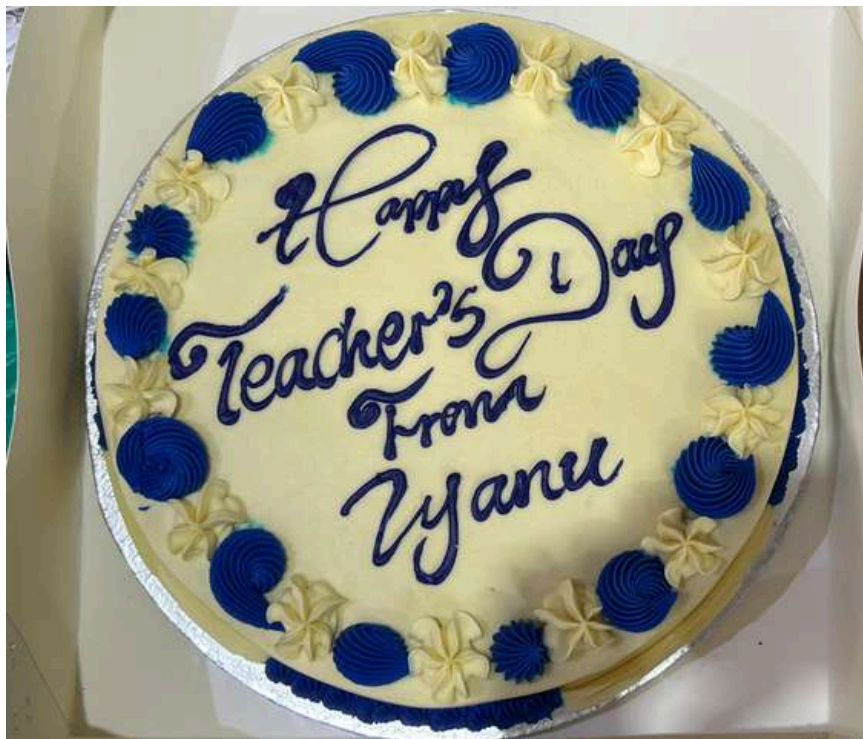


UPCOMING DATES

18 - 20th October - Diwali

20 - 24th October - Half Term Break

Key term dates on page 9



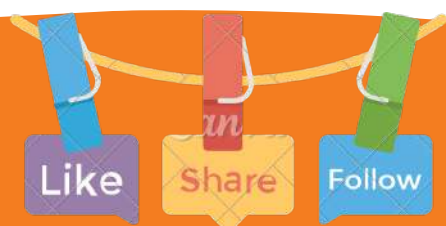
Dear Parents,

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the love and appreciation you showed us on Teachers' Day!

Your thoughtful gestures and kind words warmed our hearts. We are honoured to partner with you in shaping your children's futures.

Thank you for recognising our efforts and for being amazing partners in education. We appreciate you! ❤️

Warm regards,
The Teachers of Banana Island School



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TODDLERS



Marvellous Me II

Building vocabulary; developing gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

This week has been buzzing with excitement as our **Toddlers** explored the world of Transportation through Nursery Rhymes! From cars and buses to aeroplanes and boats, every day brought a new adventure. In Literacy, our little learners matched sounds, pictures and names of vehicles using flashcards, puzzles and rhymes. They also enjoyed action-packed gross motor fun, from bowling games to carefully driving toy vehicles under a Lego bridge. Problem-solving shone through transportation jigsaws, while Creative Art was all about colourful tracks, handmade yachts, and traffic lights. It's been a week full of movement, music and marvellous milestones—truly vroom-tastic!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Nolan & Kanyechiekene

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PLAYGROUP



What an exciting time of learning it has been for our **Playgroup** children as they explored feelings, emotions and the five senses! Joyful songs like "Ring O' Roses" and "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" filled the room with laughter and movement, while heartwarming chats helped them recognise happiness 😊, sadness 😞, surprise 😲 and even a little grumpiness 😡—and how to handle each one gently. In Numeracy, they became quick thinkers with Funky Fingers games, giggled through cup-stacking challenges and went on a lively colour hunt with "Scat the Cat." Tracing, sand play and other activities showed off their growing focus and determination.

Physical Development brought fun with playdough faces, beading, pegging and zipping, building those important fine motor skills. They also practised independence with safe stair use and slipping shoes on and off by themselves. The week ended with imagination and teamwork in the thrilling "Teddy Lost in the Jungle" game, where the children listened, cooperated and created together.

It's been a wonderful week of growth, giggles and proud little milestones!



Incredible Me II

Strengthening language and communication; nurturing emotional understanding; Improving colour recognition.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Fareedah



NURSERY

In **Nursery**, our curious little learners continued exploring the theme “My Family and Where We Live.” They excitedly learnt new words like bungalow, apartment, mansion and farmhouse. It was a joy to hear them confidently use these big words in conversation! A favourite moment was reading “The Three Little Pigs,” which inspired them to create their own house crafts with imagination and flair. Science brought plenty of “wow” moments with the Ziploc and the Pencil experiment, as the children watched water stay in the bag even after piercing it—sparking amazement and lively discussions. In PSED, they practised teamwork, sharing and taking turns, while Phonics introduced the sound /d/ with a roaring “ddddd dinosaur!” In Mathematics, the focus was on recognising numbers, counting aloud, matching quantities and beginning to form numbers.

In Nursery class, we are not just building strong houses but strong little learners too!



Little Builders, Great Discoveries.

Strengthening numeracy skills; Encouraging creativity and fine motor control.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Emiola & Kamara

RECEPTION



The **Reception** class has been full of steady progress as pupils grow into the rhythm of school life—listening carefully, following routines and approaching tasks with greater focus. In Literacy, our eager “sound detectives” have been blending letters into words while sharing stories in our “All About Me” theme. In Mathematics, they have explored size, length and capacity, using new vocabulary like “full” and “empty” with growing confidence. Beyond the classroom, pupils marked Nigeria’s Independence Day with songs, flag colours and plenty of pride. PE and swimming brought energy, teamwork and confidence, while daily habits of neat writing and gentle play continue to take root. Step by step, routines are becoming second nature—and with them, confidence is shining through!

Growing In Confidence, One Step At A Time

Building number sense; Nurturing emotional intelligence.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Adejola, Nea & Suleman

IN KS 1...

YEAR 1

Year 1 has been filled with energy, laughter and joyful learning! In Literacy, the children acted out verbs in Dumb Charades and coloured their action words, making lessons lively and creative. Maths brought fun with the 2 times table and a cup-stacking game that sharpened observation, sequencing and motor skills. Shared Reading was a highlight, as pupils proudly shared favourite stories, building confidence and celebrating each other's ideas. Teamwork shone in a partnership game balancing balls into baskets, while swimming lessons wrapped up the week with smiles and freestyle splashes. It's been a wonderful fortnight of creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm in Year 1!



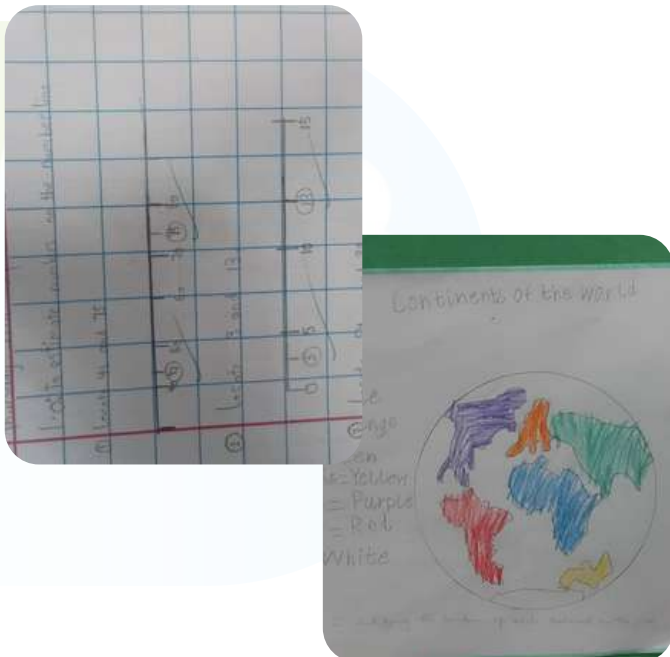
STARS OF THE WEEK
Adelano & Adeoluwa



Act It Out

Improving spelling, grammar and vocabulary; Enhancing teamwork and cooperation through paired and group activities

YEAR 2



Adventurous Minds At Work

Applying mathematical knowledge; Building geographical awareness.

What a wonderful time in **Year 2**! In Maths, the children practised estimating, comparing and ordering numbers with growing confidence. Literacy was filled with excitement as they explored spelling patterns with /z/ and /er/, different types of nouns and the power of adjectives to make writing more descriptive. Our Geography lessons took us across Africa's map, while Science introduced us to animal habitats and the environments they call home. French was another highlight, with pupils enthusiastically learning the days of the week and months of the year. It has been a joyful week of discovery, creativity and growing confidence—well done, Year 2!



STARS OF THE WEEK
Anna & Jiwoo

IN KS 2&3...

PE



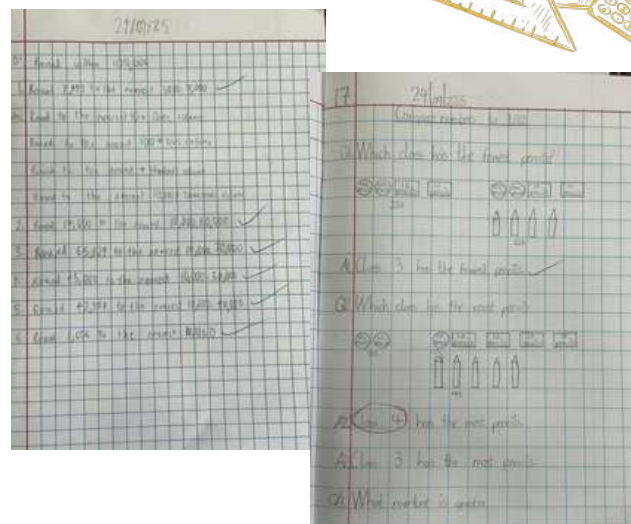
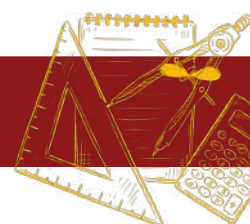
It's been an active and exciting few weeks as pupils made a splash in swimming and shone in PE! Our youngest learners built water confidence, practised kicks and simple safety skills. They had a blast hopping, running and balancing through playground games. In **Key Stages 1 and 2**, confidence and teamwork took centre stage. **Year 1** swimmers improved their front crawl, while older pupils refined their strokes, boosted their stamina and raced through lively relays and football drills. **Key Stage 3** pupils took things further—focusing on endurance, breath control and teamwork both in the pool and on the football field. From first splashes to confident strides, every lesson was filled with energy, laughter and growing skill. Well done to these brilliant athletes!

Our maths geniuses continued to dive deeper into the world of numbers with curiosity and confidence!

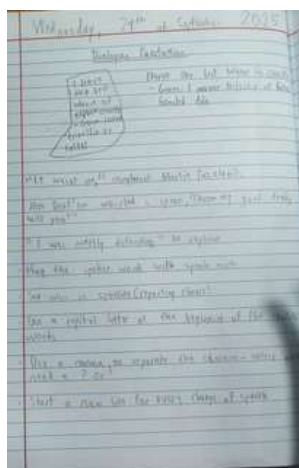
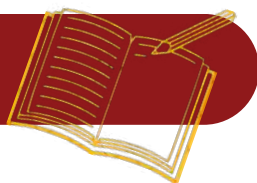
Year 3 explored numbers to 1,000, practising estimation, comparison and ordering with growing pride. **Year 4** stretched further into numbers up to 10,000, spotting patterns and even revisiting Roman numerals. **Year 5** tackled six-digit numbers, showing independence in rounding, comparing and problem-solving. **Year 6** stepped up brilliantly with positive and negative numbers in real-life contexts, as well as factors and multiples to prepare for more advanced concepts. Meanwhile, **Year 8** unlocked the beauty of sequences, moving from simple to complex patterns.

The children keep growing in confidence and it is so exciting to see. Well done to all our budding mathematicians!

MATHS



ENGLISH



This week in English, **Year 3** explored pronouns and verbs, using games and role-play to bring action and variety to their sentences. **Year 4** built on their writing skills with direct speech, lively diary entries and fronted adverbials to add colour and detail. In **Year 5**, pupils sharpened their use of direct speech, experimented with adverbs of possibility like “surely” and “perhaps,” and learnt how commas can completely change meaning. **Year 6** stepped into drama with Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*, unpacking the prologue to see how themes of love, fate and conflict are set in motion. Meanwhile, **Year 8** began their journey into Witi Ihimaera’s *The Whale Rider*, discovering how Māori culture and storytelling traditions shape this powerful tale of change and identity. Great work, everyone! You are all stars!

HISTORY



Our journey through time is well underway and the corridors are alive with stories of pharaohs, kings and epic battles. **Year 3** stepped into Ancient Egypt, meeting mighty Pharaohs and marvelling at pyramids and gods. **Year 4** travelled east to Ancient China, exploring the Shang Dynasty and its fascinating way of life. **Year 5** leapt into the turmoil of Tudor England, with Henry VIII and Elizabeth I; and an era of upheaval and discovery. Meanwhile, **Years 7 and 8** relived the drama of 1066, from Stamford Bridge to Hastings, uncovering how battles reshaped England forever.

History is truly coming alive for our young historians.

GEOGRAPHY

Our geographers have journeyed the globe and have settled in the continent of Asia this time

Year 3 dived headfirst into the wonders of Asia—from icy Siberia to lush Southeast Asia. **Year 4** followed the adventure of a single drop of water, bringing the water cycle to life with concepts like evaporation and precipitation. In **Years 5 and 6**, pupils explored Asia in greater depth, from the towering Himalayas to bustling megacities like Tokyo and Beijing, discovering how geography shapes life across the continent. Meanwhile, **Years 7 and 8** turned to the coast, studying how land and sea create cliffs, arches, beaches and the challenges of coastal erosion.

What a wonderful start—it's clear our geographers are off to incredible places!

FRENCH



In French this term, **Year 3** began with numbers 1–100, practising counting, recognition, simple addition and subtraction, sequencing and solving word problems. **Year 4** extended their learning to numbers 1–1000 before diving into French grammar, mastering the conjugation of regular -ER verbs and using them in everyday sentences and conversations. **Year 5** explored weather, learning vocabulary, expressions and forecasts while also making cultural connections with French-speaking countries. Meanwhile, **Year 6** focused on les matières and l'emploi du temps, building vocabulary around school subjects, describing timetables and routines, and discussing their favourite classes with confidence. De telles superstars francaises!

INDEPENDENCE DAY GALLERY



STARS OF THE WEEK

TODDLERS

Nolan Ndukwe: for prompt responses to questions in class.
Kanyechiekene Ofoegbu: for settling in nicely and participating in class activities.

PLAYGROUP

Fareedah Salami: for active participation in both indoor and outdoor activities.
Boakai Amaso: for active participation and prompt responses during circle time.

NURSERY

Kamarachimdi Iwuajoku: for making amazing progress in her letter and number formation.

Emiola Ogundoyin: for excellent improvement in his number and phonics sound recognition.

RECEPTION

Adejolaoluwa Alabi: for completing his numeracy tasks independently.

River Amaso: for completing her tasks promptly, listening to instructions and helping friends and teachers.

Suleman Idakwo: for independently completing tasks and improvement in all learning areas.

Nea Waswani: for staying on tasks and working independently.

YEAR 1

Adelano Hassan-Hayles: for actively participating in class discussions.

Adeoluwa Alabi: for exceptional grasp of basic fench concepts.

YEAR 2

Jiwoo Choi: for quick task completion time and obeying all class rules.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

YEAR 3

Samuel Obuaya: for positive contributions to history lessons.

Atharv Sunil: for an in-depth knowledge of his numbers and all topics taught in French and for scoring 93% in Maths assessment on Place Value.

Ademide Disu: for scoring 93% in Maths assessment on Place Value.

YEAR 4

Aleena Obalereko: for a positive start in school and an enthusiastic participation in French.

YEAR 5

Taydan Alex-Eyitene: for scoring 80% on Maths assessment on Place Value.

Jacob Fernandes: for an outstanding diagram of a pupa in Biology.

Chukwielotem Oleah: for mastering all his numbers and being zealous to learn more.

Dahirou Ndiaye: for demonstrating a sense of duty in arranging the class and helping other students keep their resources safe.

YEAR 6

Isabella Okeowo: for scoring 90% on Maths assessment on Place Value.

YEAR 8

Abayomi Oshinowo:

- for scoring 100% on a Maths assessment on Sequences and 95% on Ratio.
- for his outstanding reasoning abilities and responses in Geography and History lessons.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

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

8th October

Nursery Open Morning/Circle Time with Parents

9th October

Playgroup Open Morning/Circle Time with Parents

16th October

World Food Day

18 - 20th October

Diwali

20 - 24th October

Half-Term Break

29th October

Reception Class Open Morning

31st October

Halloween (Costume Day)

5th November

Guy Fawkes

5th November

Bonfire Night (5 pm)

10th November

World Science & Odd Socks Day

10th November

Year 1 Open Morning

10 - 14th November

Anti Bullying week

17th November

Year 2 Open Morning

17 - 19th November

BSO Inspection

24 - 28th November

Prep Assessment Week

29th November

UN World's Children Day

1st - 4th December

Parent Consultation Week

12th December

Whole School Production/End of Term.