

WHAT'S NEW AT BANANA ISLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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WORLD
BOOK
DAY®

Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter!

it has been a full week of excitement. We marked Shrove Tuesday with making delicious pancakes, celebrated World Book Day with fantastic stories and costumes. In the same week, preparations for end-of-term assessments were in full swing. It's been a month of fun, learning, and focus. Stay tuned for more updates!

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

SPOTLIGHT ON



World Book Day in school was a joyful celebration of stories! Students enjoyed read-aloud sessions, dressed as favourite characters and participated in exciting book-themed activities. The day sparked creativity and a deeper love for reading.

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



UPCOMING DATES

31st Mar - 1st Apr: Eid el Fitr (Public holiday)


28th March: **Father's Hangout 3**


Key term dates on page 9

SPACES FOR RENTALS



DID YOU KNOW that our poolside and open field are now available for event rentals? Whether you're planning a birthday party, corporate gathering, family picnic or special celebration, our scenic and spacious venues provide the perfect backdrop. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere by the pool or take advantage of the open field for games, team-building activities or outdoor dining. With ample space and a beautiful setting, your event is sure to be memorable.

 Bookings are now open! Don't miss out—secure your date today!

 WhatsApp us at +2349041209477 for inquiries and reservations.

Let's make your event truly special! 🎉



DAD'S HANGOUT SUCCESS

Our last Dad's Hangout was a fantastic success! It was a wonderful time of connection, laughter and shared experiences, strengthening the bond between dads and the school community. Due to popular demand, we're excited to host another one on **March 28th** at a new location! Expect more engaging conversations, fun activities, and a chance to unwind. Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to see you there!



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THIS WEEK IN EYES



TODDLERS



This week, our little learners explored life on the farm! Through songs like Baa Baa Pink Sheep and Old McDonald Had a Farm, they identified animal sounds and their products. Using flashcards and models, they matched farm animals to their names. In numeracy, “Higgledy Piggledy My Red Hen” helped them count eggs and sharpen their listening skills. They also crafted woolly sheep with cotton balls, enjoying the sensory experience. To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, they mixed and poured ingredients to make delicious pancakes. It was a week of hands-on learning, fun and discovery!

Busy Hands

Sensory play; Improving hand-eye coordination;
Building gross motor skills.



STAR OF THE WEEK
Zitel

123

PLAYGROUP

Our **playgroup** had a blast celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a hands-on pancake-making activity! Wearing their chef hats, the children mixed, poured and stirred, developing fine motor skills and teamwork along the way. In numeracy, they explored counting through block play, arranging and stacking brown blocks while enhancing coordination and balance. For Expressive Arts, they crafted adorable bumble bees using yellow and black paper, boosting their fine motor skills and language development through storytelling. Their buzzing creations now brighten our playgroup classroom—great week, great learning!



Stacked

Boosting fine motor skills and building vocabulary.



STAR OF THE WEEK
Aviah

THIS WEEK IN EYES



NURSERY

This week, our **Nursery** children explored Oliver's Grandpa's Garden, discovering vegetables like broccoli, onions and bell peppers. They celebrated Shrove Tuesday with hands-on fun—scooping, mixing and stirring pancake batter! For World Book Day, they got into jungle-themed stories, with Nea impressing everyone as a brave protector of jungle animals. They then crafted a colourful toucan to end the week. In Physical Development, they mastered climbing skills, while in numeracy, they explored number recognition and shapes. Phonics lessons continued, with Nursery 2 beginning to blend sounds into simple words. Well done, Nursery class!



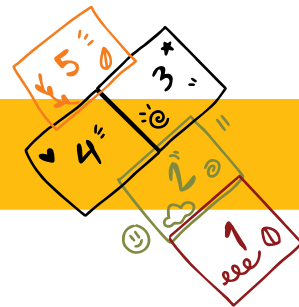
Jungle Babies

Developing vocabulary; Strengthening number and phonics skills.



STAR OF THE WEEK
Seven

RECEPTION



Bounty Hunters

Building caption writing skills; promoting teamwork through treasure hunt exercise; strengthening muscles in PE.

What an exciting week it has been for our **Reception** class! From building numbers 9 and 10 in maths to writing captions inspired by Jasper's Beanstalk in literacy, learning was full of discovery. PE was all about racing and aiming skills, getting them ready for the ultimate challenge—Book Day! The children read "*Lulu the Tiger and the Treasure Hunt*" before setting off on an adventurous treasure hunt across the school. Clue after clue led them up stairs, through classrooms and finally to the sandpit, where they dug up the hidden treasure chest! Well done, little explorers, for a week of teamwork and fantastic learning! 🚀



STARS OF THE WEEK
Jafar & Jamil

THIS WEEK IN KS 1



YEAR 1

Year 1 had a fantastic week filled with learning, teamwork and creativity! Shrove Tuesday was extra special as the children measured, mixed and stirred their way to delicious pancakes. World Book Day brought even more excitement, with students arriving in wonderful costumes, sharing their favourite books and competing in a Spelling Bee and quiz. The highlight? A thrilling sea expedition in the pool, where they searched for hidden treasures, bringing their stories to life in the most magical way. What an unforgettable week of adventure and learning! 🎉🌟

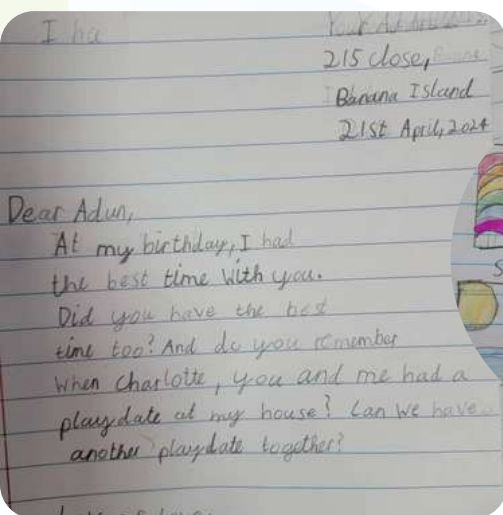


STARS OF THE WEEK
Jiwoo & Yasmin

Learning Adventures

Developing literacy skills through interactive activities; Strengthened knowledge on measurement in a real-world setting,

YEAR 2



This week, our students sharpened their literacy skills by writing informal letters and exploring past tense verbs. In history, they learnt about the Great Fire of London and its impact on modern building safety, while geography lessons focused on identifying seasons in temperate regions. Science was hands-on as students conducted experiments, fueling their curiosity! In numeracy, they mastered position and direction using mathematical language. French lessons expanded their vocabulary with job titles and in music, they read notes while playing the recorder, focusing on rhythm and coordination. A truly enriching week of learning!

Know It All

Sharpening letter writing skills; Improving knowledge on seasons.



STAR OF THE WEEK
Ademide

THIS WEEK IN KS 2&3

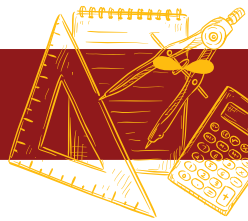
SCIENCE



This week, our students explored fascinating science topics! **Year 3** examined flower specimens up close, learning about their reproductive parts. **Year 4** conducted a hands-on experiment with guitar strings to understand how pitch changes. **Year 5** and **Year 7** jumped into cell biology, comparing plant and animal cells and discovering their vital structures. Meanwhile, **Year 8** wrapped up their studies on Acids and Alkalis, investigating their reactions before preparing for their assessment. A fantastic week of scientific exploration and discovery! 🔬

This week, our students embarked on exciting mathematical journeys! **Year 3** explored measurement, mastering scales and mass in grams and kilograms. **Year 4** tackled fraction addition, gaining confidence in combining fractions and mixed numbers. **Year 5** connected fractions and decimals, working with tenths and decimal places. **Year 6** got into ratios, learning to use ratio language, symbols and scale drawings. **Year 7** sharpened their skills in order of operations and calculating areas of different shapes. **Year 8** mastered percentages, including working with values over and under 100% and explored powers of 10. Well done to our problem-solvers!

MATHS

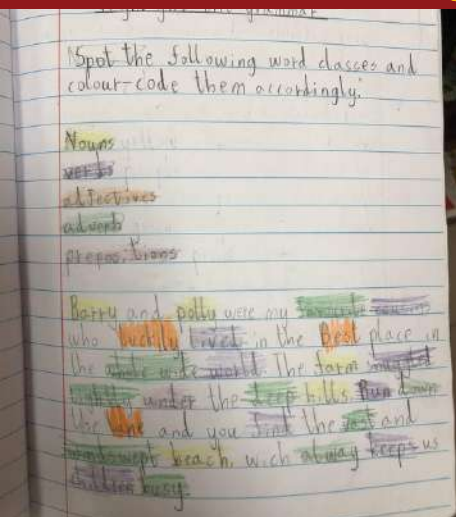


Jan and Kim own numbers of marbles that are in the ratio 5 : 6

Jan gains 2 more marbles and the ratio is now 7 : 8

how many marbles do each own initially?

ENGLISH



This week, our students sharpened their literacy skills across various exciting topics! **Year 3** wrapped up their study on word classes with a hands-on colour-coding activity. At the same time, **Year 4** explored adverbials and their role in building tension in storytelling. **Year 5** mastered relative clauses and showcased their knowledge in a spirited debate and spelling bee. **Year 7** got busy with poetry analysis, focusing on structure and tone, proving their rhetorical skills in a friendly debate. **Year 8** took on language techniques, analysing "The Schoolboy" poem before dominating competitions. A great week of expressing creativity and learning!

THIS WEEK IN KS 2&3

In History classes this week, **Year 4**'s lessons stole the spotlight. As part of our cultural studies on the indigenous aborigines of Australia, the students embarked on an exciting journey to learn about the traditional Aboriginal dot painting technique. This ancient art form has been an integral part of Aboriginal culture for thousands of years, telling stories of their ancestors, land and traditions. The pupils used cotton buds for their dot painting and created amazing artworks.

HISTORY



FRENCH *bonjour*

This week in French, students expanded their vocabulary and communication skills across various topics. **Year 3** looked at sports vocabulary, with students engaging in role-plays and discussions about their favourite activities. **Year 4** explored maths concepts and shapes, learning to describe and identify geometric forms. In **Year 5**, lessons focused on seasons and weather, helping students describe conditions and preferences through conversations and listening exercises. **Years 7 & 8** practised inviting and responding to invitations, using both formal and informal expressions. Through interactive activities, reading and speaking exercises, the french students strengthened their fluency and cultural awareness in a fun and engaging way!



WORLD BOOK DAY



STARS OF THE WEEK

TODDLERS

Chizitelum Ofoegbu: for helping with tidying up properly after each activity.

PLAYGROUP

Aviah Balogun: for her consistent participation and engagement during activities.

NURSERY

Seven Adetunji: for her impressive progress in her number recognition.

RECEPTION

Jafar Sulaiman: for being exceptional in all concepts taught.

Jamil Sulaiman: for making commendable progress in his ability to use his phonics knowledge to read

YEAR 1

Yasmin Sulaiman: for her impressive participation and improvement both in written and oral French.

Jiwoo Choi: for making excellent progress in her phonics skills and growing into a confident reader.

YEAR 2

Ademide Disu: for his excellent skills on drawing, painting, colouring and generally making pictures come alive.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

YEAR 4

Husna Khan: for consistently maintaining a positive outlook towards her studies and relationship with her peers.

Amir Khan: for improving the speed and quality of his notewriting in science.

YEAR 7

Laerke Pantung: for her steady and consistent approach to learning in science.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

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

17th March

St. Patrick's Day

17th -21st March

Assessment Week

21st March

Celebration Assembly @ 8:30am by invitation

28th March

Father's Hangout

31st March - 1st April

Eid al Fitr (public holiday)

31st March - 4 April

Art/Music Week

4th April

Celebration Assembly @ 8:30am by invitation

4th April

Art/Music Exhibition

4th April

Mum's Hangout II @ 5pm - Cilantro, Banana Island Boat Club.

11th April

Easter Hat Parade (Dress up theme - Easter Bonnets

11th April

End of Lent term