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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Tuesday 6th February Safer Internet Day
- ❖ Saturday 10th February Chinese New Year of the Dragon
- ❖ Wednesday 14th February Music on the Grass
- ❖ Thursday 15th and 16th February Half Term Break



Head of Primary Message

January 24th, was the International Day of Education. This day was established by the United Nations General Assembly to celebrate the role of education in promoting peace and development. The theme for this year's celebration is "learning for lasting peace"

Education is a fundamental human right that should be accessible to all. However, there are still millions of children, youth and adults who are out of school or illiterate. This year's celebration aims to highlight the importance of inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all.

To mark this day, UNESCO and UNICEF in sub-Saharan Africa have called for transforming education to foster peace. They believe that education is central to countering hate speech, which has become a growing concern in recent years. The Learning Planet Festival, a four-day event that celebrates the International Day of Education, is also taking place from January 24th to January 27th.

Hate speech, insults, and violence can have a detrimental impact on students' mental health and academic performance. It is important to create a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. Here are some ways to fight against hate speech in schools:

1. **Educate students** about the negative impact of hate speech and encourage them to speak out against it. Teach them to respect diversity and appreciate differences.
2. **Create a safe space** where students can express themselves freely without fear of being judged or bullied. Encourage students to report any incidents of hate speech or bullying to teachers or school administrators.
3. **Train teachers** to recognise and respond to hate speech and bullying. Provide them with the necessary tools and resources to create a safe and inclusive learning environment.
4. **Involve parents** in the fight against hate speech. Educate them about the negative impact of hate speech and encourage them to talk to their children about respect and tolerance.
5. **Collaborate and work together** to create a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students.

Let us all take a moment to reflect on the importance of education in our lives and the lives of those around us.

Education is the key to unlocking a brighter future for all of us.

Gareth Jones
Head of Primary



Crèche and Nursery

This week in Nursery and Crèche we are learning about the weather. Our story of the week is: 'What Will the Weather Be today?'

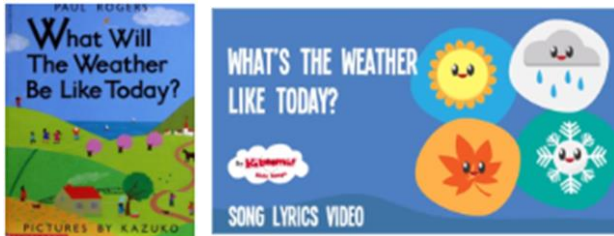
You can listen to the story with your child on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgvbpxTX0rM>

The children are also learning the weather song:

<https://youtu.be/KUSbazn3STo?si=F6movLCXuEoGbtay>

They continue to explore and learn through play.



Year 1 IT Coders

In ICT, Year 1 students have recently finished the topic 'Be an Animator,' where they learned the basics of creating algorithms and understanding code using Scratch Jr. Currently, they are exploring 'Be a data detective.' In this unit, they are delving into the world of data, learning how to sort and organise it effectively. This knowledge will help them develop valuable skills in understanding and working with information.

Each picture below shows a computing device.



Year 3

Year 3 are growing and learning in so many different ways!

We made our own papyrus paper and finished off our Hieroglyphics art work to end our topic on Egypt.

We had fun learning in detail about the human skeleton in Science - thank you Ms Holder for hosting us at the Science lab in Secondary!

We also had fun measuring ourselves and objects in our environment during Maths

And finally, our POET TREE is growing and growing - come and see for yourself!

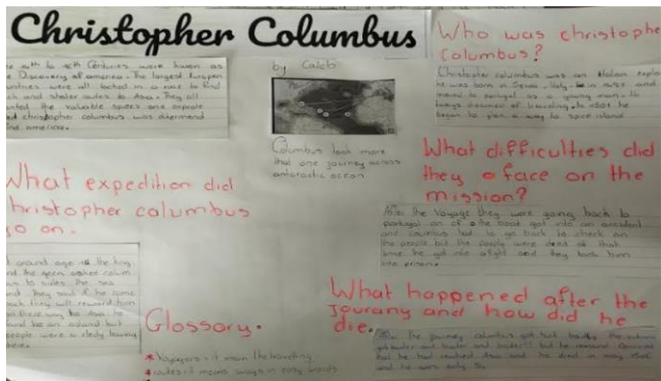
Year 2

Year 2 students are reading Anansi folktales from Ghana. We have been discussing the moral and lessons learned in these stories. Ms Eunice, our school nurse, visited our class to tell how Anansi got his stories and share Ghanaian artefacts.



Year 5

Year 5 has started looking at a number of explorers. We began by researching different explorers and then, as a class, we investigated the life of one of the most famous explorers in history, Christopher Columbus. In literacy, we wrote a non-chronological report into his life. We are looking forward to discussing the impacts that exploration has had on modern day society.



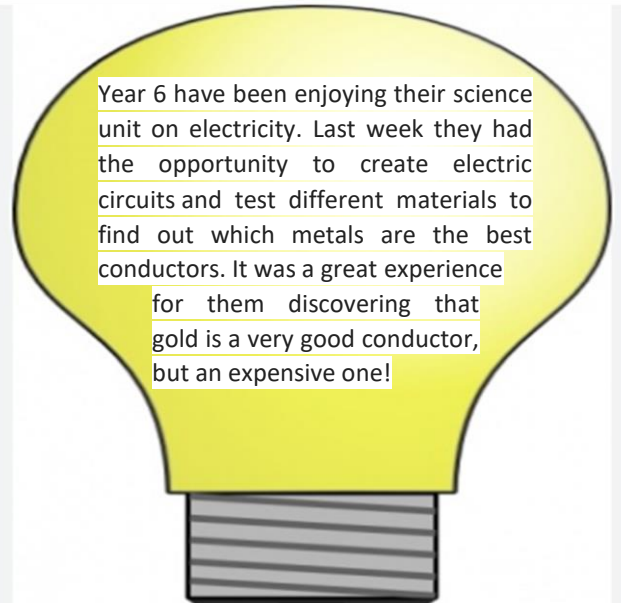
Year 4

The students in Year 4 have been investigating the digestion system during their science lessons. They began by looking at the first stages of digestion which is chewing. Using flour and water they made the different shapes of teeth found in the mouth. We have also been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as part of our class reader, which is connected to our science and topic themes. The students worked in pairs to read an extract from the book and complete the sentences using words from the word bank, after they discussed what they liked about the chapter.



Year 6

Year 6 have been enjoying their science unit on electricity. Last week they had the opportunity to create electric circuits and test different materials to find out which metals are the best conductors. It was a great experience for them discovering that gold is a very good conductor, but an expensive one!



MFL News

Mme Eliane Amegnizin from the MFL Dept organised a trip with the Y6 SL to the Supermarche Champion. She was accompanied by Mr Gareth Jones and Ms Honorine. It was a good opportunity for students to deepen their knowledge of real life French about shops, food and prices. They also filled out a questionnaire and enjoyed this instructive outing. More instructive outings will be organised from the MFL specialists to show that learning can take place in different situations.

On 23rd Jan 2024, Mme Amegnizin and Mr David Nyamikou had a trip to the French Institute to see how we can build more collaboration. In the near future ties will be made with our students being involved in the DELF examination.

Also BSL staff and students will have the opportunity to visit the instructive library of the French Institute as well as other facilities.

The day included a trip to the French primary school where we hope to have positive exchanges in the near future: linguistic activities in French and English among students.



PE NEWS: Fabulous Football

On Saturday 20th January, BSL entertained a very talented Lycee Francais Lome for our first football matches. In front of a supportive crowd, there were fantastic examples of free flowing football and great sportsmanship between the two teams.

Game 1 - BSL 1-2 LFL

The first game of the day was between the younger teams. The game started at a quick pace with both goalkeepers being tested early on. BSL broke the deadlock through a speculative attempt by Caleb (Y4), scoring straight from a corner after the goalkeeper was put under pressure by the BSL forwards.

The second half saw LFL on the front foot with a number of great shots being blocked by the BSL defence. After two quick goals, BSL were behind but continued to push forward in search of an equaliser. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be on the day and a tight match was pipped by the away team.

Game 2 - BSL 0-0 LFL

This was one of the most entertaining 0-0 fixtures that has been seen recently. Both teams played great passing football with the two goalkeepers making remarkable saves to keep their teams in the game. Nael (Y5) and Beni (Y6) linked up in midfield to force the keeper into last ditch saves. Caleb (Y5) was a rock in defence, putting his body in front of a number of shots.

Whilst the game finished 0-0, this demonstrated football at its finest with both teams playing wonderful passing football.

Game 3 - BSL 2-3 LFL

The game started with a young BSL team made up of predominantly Year 2 and 3 pupils playing remarkably well against a more experienced LFL team. Some wonderful attacking play by LFL saw them race into a 0-3 lead. Coach Ado made some changes and this saw an upturn in fortunes for the home team. Kieran (Y5) scored arguably the goal of the day with a mazy dribble through the LFL defence to smash the ball into the top corner. This saw the tide turn and constant pressure saw a quick second goal by Ali (Y2) to set up a grandstand finish. The LFL defenders made some fantastic last ditch tackles to keep the BSL attackers out. The game ended 2-3 to the visitors but the BSL players demonstrated great resilience to keep battling right to the end.

Game 4 - BSL 7-0 LFL

The last game of the afternoon saw the BSL attackers click. Two quick fire goals by Ali (Y6) gave the BSL players confidence. A superb finish by Marvin (Y6) and a sumptuous goal by Nathan (Y7) gave the BSL an unassailable lead going into half-time. Wonderful finishes by Joachim (Y7) and Aviel (Y7) added gloss to the superb performance. It was great to see Hassan (Y5) cap his display with a fine goal to give the home team a deserved 7-0 win over their rivals.

The day was a fantastic advert for school football in Lome and a big thank you to Mr Naqvi, Mr Aryee, Coach Idris and Coach Ado for organising the event. A special thank you to Mrs Anquandah and the Year 12s for keeping us refreshed on the day.. We will be looking forward to more fixtures between the two schools and a special thank you to the parents for their wonderful support on the day.



Farewell

It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to our esteemed Assistant Estates Manager, Mr Ben Bonni, who is retiring after more than 30 years of dedicated service to our school.

Mr Bonni has been an integral part of our school's journey, contributing significantly to the maintenance and development of our facilities. His unwavering commitment, attention to detail, and friendly demeanour have left a lasting impact on all of us.

As we express our gratitude for his years of hard work, we also extend our warmest wishes for a joyful and well-deserved retirement. May this new chapter be filled with relaxation, new adventures, and the fulfilment of all his aspirations.

Thank you, Mr Bonni, for your tireless efforts and the positive influence you have had on our school community. You will be greatly missed, and your legacy will continue to inspire us.

Wishing you a retirement filled with happiness and fulfilment.



Continuing Professional Development at BSL



CPD (Continuing Professional Development)

“The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” —Dr Seuss.

At The British School of Lome, we believe in the paramount importance of learning, not only for our students but also for our dedicated staff. This extends beyond the academic team to include operational staff such as those in the office, kitchen, cleaning, gardening, drivers, maintenance, and security—individuals who play a crucial role in supporting our school's overall function.

As part of our commitment to Continuing Professional Development (CPD), this week we conducted two impactful workshops:

1. CUSTOMER SERVICE AND THREE NAME RULE: In the realm of good customer service, taking that extra step to help without being asked is paramount. It's all about attitude and skills. We introduced the concept of the "Three Name Rule" as a way to personalise interactions, ensuring a warm and welcoming environment. Whether addressing Ms, Mr, Mrs, or Miss, a simple introduction like, "Hello, I'm XXX Brown, welcome to The British School of Lome," can make a significant difference.



2. OUTSTANDING MARKING AND FEEDBACK: Marking is more than just assigning grades; it provides essential insights into a student's understanding, offers an opportunity to identify misconceptions, and outlines the next steps for improvement. Our academic staff participated in a workshop that focused on sharing various approaches to effective marking and feedback. Additionally, we introduced the RAG123 Marking system, enhancing our commitment to providing constructive and impactful feedback to students.



According to an inspection report, *consistently high-quality marking and constructive feedback from teachers ensure that students make significant and sustained gains in their learning* (Reference: School Inspection - Peterborough City Council, UK).

Our dedication to CPD reflects our belief in continuous learning and growth, ensuring that both our academic and operational teams are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills to create an enriching and supportive educational environment.

Leader in Me – Reception Class

LEADER IN ME – An Interview with Ginni Murjani and Eliel Dussey Reception Class

What is your favourite thing to do after school or on weekends?

Ginni: *Go to shop.*

Eliel: *Go to the beach.*

Do you have any hobbies or activities that you really enjoy?

Ginni: *I like to drink juice*

Eliel: *I like to watch TV.*

What's the best thing about school for you?

Ginni: *When Christmas comes.*

Eliel: *When Halloween comes.*

Can you tell me about something cool or interesting you've learned recently?

Ginni: *Sounds.*

Eliel: *Maths.*

If you could create a new game what would it be about?

Ginni: *Hide and seek.*

Eliel: *New Mario game.*

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Ginni: *Need to be cold.*

Eliel: *Super scary and super-hot.*

What's something special you love doing with your family?

Ginni: *Playing games.*

Eliel: *To drive in my Daddy's new car.*

What do you want to be when you grow up, and why?

Ginni: *Dance teacher.*

Eliel: *To play football.*

What's your favourite book or story, and why do you like it?

Ginni: *Mermaid book.*

Eliel: *The Scary Witch.*

If you could have an animal as a pet, even if it's imaginary, what would it be?

Ginni: *A cat.*

Eliel: *A dog.*



Leader in Me

Congratulations to Isaiah Jackson for his outstanding participation in the Neo Science Olympiad and for successfully qualifying for the grand final. Isaiah achieved an impressive score of 90 out of 100, earning him a well-deserved Silver certificate in coding.

<https://neoscience.org/>



Websites of the Week

TED Talks for Kids

Inspiring and amazing talks for young people.

https://www.ted.com/playlists/86/talks_to_watch_with_kids

Crash Course

Videos about everything for everyone!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse/videos>

Art for Kids

Learning to draw pretty much anything you want.

<https://artforkidshub.com/>

Spotlight Biography Prof. Mulatu Lemma Ph.D

Professor Mulatu Lemma, Ph.D. Mathematics Professor at Savannah State University has been selected as Top Professor of the Year 2023 by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP). He was just honoured at IAOTP's annual awards gala which was held at the NYC Plaza Hotel.

With more than 30 years of experience as a seasoned and trusted Professor, Mulatu Lemma has certainly proven himself as an accomplished professional and expert in the field of education. Professor Lemma has been teaching mathematics at Savannah State University for 28 years. He has previously dedicated five years to teaching and mentoring at Awash Junior College in Ethiopia.

Dr Lemma's unwavering passion for mathematics traces its roots back to his formative years, serving as a driving force behind his decision to embark on a professional journey dedicated to sharing this enthusiasm with others. He has dedicated his career to increasing the representation of minorities in mathematics and other STEM fields through the impactful practice of mentoring. He has consistently shown a solid dedication to mentoring activities in mathematics, specifically focused on minority students with an inclination toward math. His goal is to provide them with a solid foundation to support their success in school and their future careers. His objective is to produce a new generation of highly skilled mathematics students through active mentoring programs. Dr Lemma is deeply committed to mentoring students, guiding them in developing self-confidence, self-esteem, and research experience.

Before embarking on his career, Dr Lemma earned a Bachelor of Arts from Addis Ababa University in 1977. He continued his studies and obtained a Master of Arts in applied mathematics in 1982 and a Master of Arts in pure mathematics in 1993. He completed his doctoral studies at Kent State University in 1994.

Throughout his illustrious career, Lemma has received awards, accolades and was recognized for his outstanding leadership as a mathematics professor and mentor. Dr Lemma has received various awards for his achievements throughout his career. In 2020, Professor Lemma was honoured with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. The award recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to mentoring and supporting the future workforce in the fields of science, technology, mathematics, and engineering.

Although Professor Lemma received many other awards, he considers the mentorship award the most meaningful. Some other awards include Dr Lemma being honoured as **Distinguished** Professor at Savannah State University. He received the University System of Georgia Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award for Faculty in Regional and State Universities; he was recognized as the Georgia Professor of the Year the following year and was one of the most highly awarded professors in Georgia.

Professor Lemma also introduced the Mulatu Numbers to the world's mathematical community. Mulatu Numbers are integral sequences of the following numbers: 4, 1, 5, 6, 11, 17, 28, 45... These numbers have fascinating patterns and features.

Looking back, Professor Lemma attributes his success to his perseverance, research, work ethic, and the mentors he has had along the way. When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family. For the future, he hopes to continue to mentor his students and inspire them in the field of Mathematics. Up to now, he published more than 200 papers on peer reviewed journals.

For more information on Dr Lemma please visit: www.iaotp.com or <http://www.tadiaz.com/08/13/2020/spotlight-ethio-american-mulatu-lemma-math-professor-at-ssu-receives-presidential-award-for-excellence/>

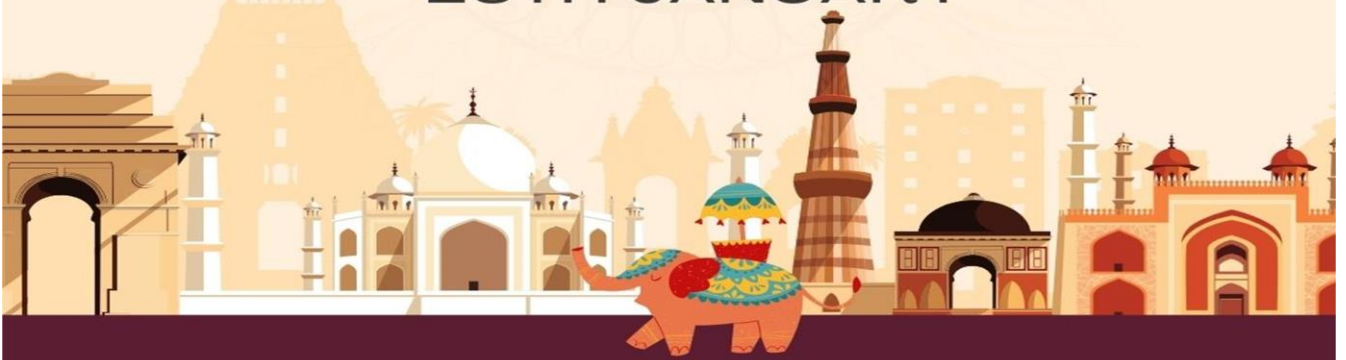


Indian Republic Day



Happy India Republic Day

26TH JANUARY



REMINDER

A POLITE REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SHOES.

For more details, please go to our website <https://www.bsl.tg/> and click on the "policy" section.



A general guideline for uniform shoes. Please check the PE kit for PE/Sports trainers



Primary Blue Cotton Polo Shirt



Secondary White Cotton Polo Shirt

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We have exciting news to share with you!

As part of our commitment to community service, we are delighted to offer an advertising opportunity for your business in our weekly newsletter, which is widely read by hundreds of parents, family members, students, staff members and friends.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please send a soft copy of your flyer to admin@bsl.tg by Wednesday each week.

In the subject line, kindly type **BSL Miafe adzowo (or Our Business)** and clearly mention your name along with the name of your child at BSL.

Please be aware that this opportunity operates on a first-come, first-served basis. It is also subject to approval, and we reserve the right to refuse this service to anyone.

We look forward to showcasing your business in our newsletter!

BSL Miafe adzwo (Our businesses - Yellow Page)



Nous avons des passionnantes nouvelles à partager avec vous !

Dans le cadre de notre engagement au service communautaire, nous sommes ravis d'offrir une opportunité publicitaire pour votre entreprise dans notre newsletter hebdomadaire, largement lue par des centaines de parents, membres de la famille, élèves, membres du personnel et amis.

Si vous souhaitez profiter de cette opportunité, veuillez envoyer une copie électronique de votre prospectus publicitaire à admin@bsl.tg avant le mercredi de chaque semaine.

Dans la zone 'objet' de votre email, veuillez taper **BSL Miafe adzwo (ou Our Business)** et mentionner clairement votre nom ainsi que le nom de votre enfant à BSL.

Veuillez noter que cette opportunité fonctionne selon le principe du premier arrivé, premier servi. Il est également soumis à approbation, et nous nous réservons le droit de refuser ce service à une quelconque personne.

Nous sommes impatients de présenter votre entreprise dans notre newsletter !



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