



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Book Week – Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March
- ❖ STEM Week – Monday 11th March – Friday 15th March
- ❖ End of Term Student Led Conferences – Tuesday 19th March – Wednesday 20th March
- ❖ Last Day of Term 2 – Friday 22nd March
- ❖ Students Return - Monday 8th April

Dear parents and guardians,

Across the whole school at this time your children are preparing for a different type of end of term parents evening on a par with other good international schools. It is called a Student - Led Conferences. In these, your children will share with you portfolios of their chosen work pieces and their own reflections on their work. Below you will see a table, which explains some of the differences and benefits of Student - Led Conferences.

Regular Parent - Teacher Conferences	Student - Led Conferences
<p>Format: In traditional conferences, teachers lead the discussion, and parents listen to updates about their child's academic performance.</p>	<p>Format: In Student - Led Conferences, students take the lead. They actively participate in the conference alongside their parents and teachers.</p>
<p>Purpose: The focus is on teacher feedback and assessment results.</p>	<p>Purpose: The primary goal is to involve students in advocating for their own learning. Students share their progress, achievements, and areas for growth.</p>
<p>Process: Teachers share information about grades, behaviour, and overall progress. Parents ask questions and discuss any concerns. Students are not actively involved.</p>	<p>Process: Students prepare by reflecting on their work, setting goals, and selecting evidence of their learning (such as projects, assignments, or portfolios). During the conference, students guide discussions about their learning journey, showcasing their work and explaining their insights. Parents and teachers listen, ask questions, and provide feedback.</p>
<p>Benefits: Provides a snapshot of academic performance. Allows parents to address specific issues.</p>	<p>Benefits: Encourages student responsibility and ownership. Fosters transparent conversations about progress. Empowers students to articulate their learning experiences.</p>

In summary, Student - Led Conferences emphasise student agency, self-reflection, and goal setting, while regular conferences focus on teacher feedback. Both formats serve different purposes, but Student - Led Conferences empower students to take responsibility of their learning.

Kind regards,

Mr Gareth Jones

Head Primary

Crèche and Nursery News

This week we began our new topic 'Amazing Animals'. We will be learning all about different animals. The story of the week is 'Dear Zoo', by Rod Campbell. Children continue to explore different areas of learning independently.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzI9IyeMW> to Practise the key words from the story, such as fierce, big, scary... to describe other animals. As part of our animal discovery we went to visit Year 2's habitat. Thank you Year 2 we learnt about lots of different animals.



Year 3 News

Year 3 have been developing their research skills over the past few weeks. Firstly they have used these skills to learn all about Queen Elizabeth and Kwame Nkrumah in Topic. We honoured them with Crowns and Kente.

They have also used their research skills to create their own Non chronological reports - come and read all about Wild lions, Allosauruses, Flamingos John Cena and Cristiano Ronaldo!

Year 3 also had fun investigating Pull Forces in Science by having a very competitive Tug of War, Boys vs Girls! Who won?...it depends who you ask....



Coming Soon at BSL

MARCH 4TH-8TH
BOOK WEEK
British School of Lome

MONDAY: D.E.A.R. Time
Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R. time) from 8:00-8:15

TUESDAY: MORNING READING WITH FAMILY
Bring any family member to read with you outside London/Wigan from 7:40-8:00 am.
Please RSVP with your child's teacher. Nursery will schedule times for parents.

WEDNESDAY: BUDDY READING
Classes pair up to read across the school.

THURSDAY: POEM IN MY POCKET
Carry a poem to read with friends.

FRIDAY: CHARACTER DRESS UP
Dress as a character and bring your favourite book or wear a t-shirt with a printed copy of the cover.

Each class will be doing a range of literacy activities in class.

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Request for temporary Standby Generator

At BSL, we strive to provide our students with the best possible educational experiences. Currently, our standby generator is undergoing repairs. While we await a crucial part for its repair, we are seeking two 250 KVA standby generators to power our classrooms, ensuring an uninterrupted educational experience, especially during the upcoming exams. Therefore, we kindly request our esteemed parents, if you or anyone you know has a spare generator that we can borrow or rent for two months, please contact the school by replying to this email contact@bsl.tg or calling +228 2226 4606.

We greatly appreciate your support.



ASEP – The Cooking Club- Tortillas

Students of the cooking club were taken through the steps of making a Mexican dish that consists of tortilla filled primarily with cheese but one could add meats, vegetables and other ingredients if you wish to be creative. For the cooking club's version, they used 2 medium sized tomatoes, 1 medium sized onion, shredded cheese, sweet corn, beef, and mayonnaise. Add tomato ketchup if you like it. The onion and deseeded tomatoes are diced. The diced onions are first cooked in oil in a pan on slow fire, the tomatoes are then added, and meat (precooked), some sweet corn, a tablespoon full of mayonnaise and a reasonable amount of ketchup. Let the mixture cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Take the tortilla bread and add a good amount of the filling topped up with shredded cheese and fold over. Cook the filled tortilla in a pan for a minute or two to allow the cheese to melt. Cut up the cooked sandwich into triangles and serve.

The recipe above is sufficient for 6 tortillas.



Mr. Abdoulie Janneh Visit

We had a surprise visit from Mr M Abdoulie Janneh, the retired Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa. While his sons—Malamin, Abdoulie, and Wally—were students at BSL, he served as the UNDP Country Representative in Ghana. Recently, he has been an Advisor to the Mo Ibrahim Foundation and the Executive Director in Charge of Institutions and Governments in Africa. Mr Janneh expressed excitement about returning to BSL after a long time. During his meeting with the Head of School, he appreciated all the developments and offered his support in any way he can. He is also looking forward to visiting again soon. BSL extends its gratitude to Mr Janneh for his kind visit.

YOU ARE
WELCOME



Year 12 CAS Service Group teach Chess

For the past couple of weeks the IB CAS team – Year 12 service group have been sharing their knowledge of the game of chess with the hearing impaired pupils from Vivenda School. They pupils have learned practiced the names of the chess pieces in American Sign Language (ASL) and the basic moves of the game. Some of the pupils have learned really quickly and played a few games with the Year 12 learners.



Sensational Swimmers

Share the fun with our children and the PE department as they share pictures from their always interesting and engaging swimming classes.



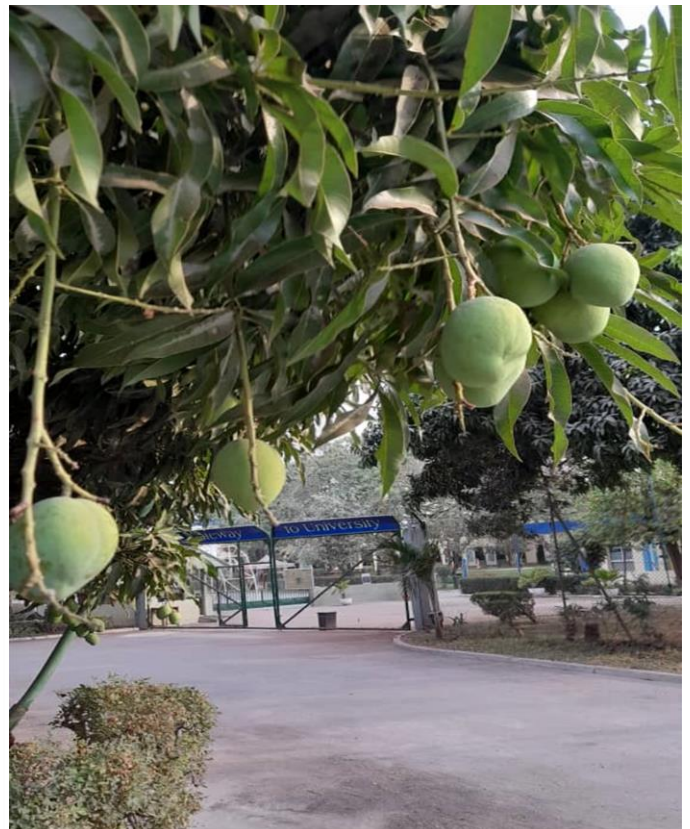
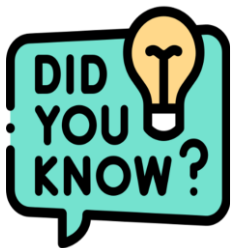
CDP- Empowerment

At BSL, we strive to work as a team to empower not just our students but also our staff. Our IT teacher, Ms. Bolaji, along with Mr. Smith and Mr. David, are offering evening IT and English lessons to our operational staff. They are very happy for this training opportunity.



Did you know?

It's St. David's Day in the UK, celebrating the patron saint of Wales. Do you know which staff members and our students in BSL come from Wales?



A refreshing view from a mango tree.

Beautiful Africa. Beautiful Togo, Beautiful BSL.



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

Kayla: Italian, Karate, swimming, go to the park.

Maël: Football, Karate, Chess, watch TV, swimming.

What is the best thing about school for you?

Kayla: Art and ICT, Music, Library.

Maël: Swimming, ICT, Library, Art, PE.

Can you tell me something cool or interesting you have learned recently?

Kayla: Maths, Science, French, Spelling when we write stories.

Maël: Maths and French, Science, spelling.

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

Kayla: Hide and seek.

Maël: Something like Minecraft.

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

Kayla: Make rainbows and snow, Teleportation.

Maël: To fly and laser power.

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

Kayla: Dancing.

Maël: Play games on the TV and computer.

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

Kayla: A singer because I like music so much.

Maël: A footballer because I love football.

Can you tell me something you really want to learn how to do?

Kayla: To draw.

Maël: I don't know.

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

Kayla: Barbie and Golden Locks because it's funny.

Maël: Naruto Dragon Ball because of the action.

Do you have a favourite animal or a favourite place to visit?

Kayla: Fox, monkey, lion, tiger.

Maël: Lion, dog, gorilla.

How do you think we can help people who might be sad or upset?

Kayla: Give them a surprise or play with them or cook something for them.

Maël: Play with them.

Is there something that was difficult for you at first, but then became easy with practice?

Kayla: To speak English and do Maths.

Maël: English, Maths, spelling.

What's something you'd like to get better at?

Kayla: Maths, football, Art and Music.

Maël: Maths, English and football.



February Birthday



Safer Internet Day Poster Winners



Swimming Certificates



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.

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