



NEWSLETTER



Dear Children, Parents, and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. As we step into 2025, I am thrilled to welcome you back for an exciting term filled with learning, growth, and special events.

This term, we have a lot to look forward to. In February, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day, where we will learn about staying safe online and being responsible digital citizens. In March, we will showcase our students' creativity and talent at the Art Exhibition, an event not to be missed!

Also watch out for Times Tables Rock Stars sign in passwords that all children will receive by the end of this week. <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>
This is a great way to improve accuracy and speed of recall of multiplication and division facts. Play, compete, have fun and learn multiplication facts all at the same time.

Our dedicated teachers have planned engaging lessons and activities to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. We are committed to providing a supportive and nurturing environment where every student can reach their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can make this term a memorable and successful one for all our students.

Kind regards

Mr Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

Happy
New Year



RECEPTION NEWS

Happy New Year!

We are so excited to welcome all our students back to class and give a warm welcome to our **new student, Niyah**, who is settling in beautifully.

The children have returned full of joy, sharing little stories about their holidays and enjoying fun class activities. This week, they made lovely posters to show what they hope to get better at this year. We are excited for a wonderful term ahead filled with play, learning, and lots of smiles!



YEAR 1 NEWS



Hello! I'm Mrs. Akosua Adigbo, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new class teacher for Year 1 at BSL.

As an educator with a passion for teaching, I am excited to bring my experience and skills to the Primary section of the BSL community. I hold a PGCE and QTS from the UK, where I had the opportunity to work with various schools and gain valuable experience.

Although I have worked in different capacities within BSL, I am eager to take on this new role and work closely with your children. I am committed to ensuring that each student receives the support and guidance they need to thrive. I am looking forward to getting to know your child and watching them grow and develop throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I am always happy to discuss your child's progress and work together to ensure their success.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 students are eager to start exploring how we can help our environment. We read a story titled Watch Over Our Water and learned ways to conserve water.

Students worked with a peer to create posters informing others on how to be a water saver at home and school.





EXCITING NEWS: BSL'S FIRST DELF CERTIFICATION ACHIEVES 100% PASS RATE!

We are thrilled to announce that we achieved an AMAZING 100% pass rate! This extraordinary success fills BSL with pride and is a true testament to the dedication and hard work of our students. In just a few weeks, we will receive the prestigious certificates from France - what an exciting moment that will be!

The **DEL F (Diplôme d'études en langue française)** offers incredible advantages for our students! It's an internationally recognised certification of French proficiency, valued by universities, employers and government institutions around the globe. Achieving DELF certification opens doors to exciting career opportunities in global organisations, businesses and diplomacy while boosting communication skills and nurturing global citizenship. The DELF programme also provides a clear learning pathway, empowering students to set ambitious goals and track their progress. More than just mastering a language, it enriches students' understanding of French culture and history, promoting personal growth and enhancing their competitiveness in the job market.

A huge congratulations to our students and their parents for taking part in the DELF examination! This is a milestone moment as it marks the first time BSL has introduced DELF certification. A massive thank you to our incredible MFL staff for their dedication in making this achievement possible!

Please stay tuned for more updates and the upcoming certificate-giving ceremony, where we'll celebrate and honour our DELF graduates in style!

Mrs Eliane Amegnizin and the MFL team



LEADER IN ME

LISE AND ELIEL (YEAR 1)

An Interview with Lise and Eliel in Year 1. They are appreciated for being kind, helpful and generous.



Lise

Eliel



- **What makes a good leader?**

Lise: Someone who is kind.

Eliel: Someone who is good.

- **What is your favourite food?**

Lise: French fries

Eliel: Fufu

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

Lise: Going to the beach

Eliel: Eating pizza!

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

Lise: Verbs

Eliel: Living things.

- **What's the best thing about school for you?**

Lise: Doctor

Eliel: A daddy and a gardener.

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

Lise: Repunzel

Eliel: Car

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

Lise: Give them a hug!

Eliel: Give them a present.

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

Lise: A hamster.

Eliel: A cat and a dog.

YEAR 5'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

The start of the New Year brings an opportunity to make changes to improve ourselves.

These resolutions are an important way of continuously reflecting on our strengths and areas for development. In Year 5, we have made some resolutions to improve our school life and we have thought about ways that we can better ourselves outside of school.



YEAR 6 NEWS

This week, the Year Six students embarked on an exciting historical adventure about the Benin Kingdom on the topic of inquiry. They studied the timeline of the ancient civilization, its heritage, and cultural significance. Students collaborated to share map reading skills, curiosity, and teamwork to locate key countries on a map, demonstrating their understanding of the geography and context of the Benin Kingdom in southwest Nigeria, far from the modern-day country of Benin.



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

All pupils (Years 1-6) have been introduced to the Times Tables Rockstars website. This is a chance to grow from a garage band into a Rock Legend - all by building confidence with times tables.

Compete against friends, challenge teachers, race against pupils from all around the world or just jam on a soundcheck session and earn gold coins to build your ideal rock star.

Scan the QR code to develop a Multiplication Mick Jagger or a Division Dolly Parton!



ASEP

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2 of the British School of Lomé's AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM. The school will continue to offer a broad and balanced range of activities where the emphasis is on enriching the curriculum in a fun and secure environment.

One of the most exciting things about the program are the clubs which are on offer to the pupils. We will be providing the opportunity to learn skills in sports, games, music, languages and many more! The clubs will run on a termly basis with pupils attending their chosen clubs on a weekly basis according to the attached schedule.

As the school is expecting a huge amount of interest, the pupils will be assigned clubs on a first come, first served basis. The clubs will run between 3:30 and 4:15. Children will be picked up from the front office in the administration building.

Please discuss with your child the activities/clubs that will be of interest to them. Scan the QR code to fill in the Google Form by 4pm FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Andy Williams
Year 5 Teacher
After Schools Enrichment Program Coordinator.



Year 1 & 2 ASEP Timetable

Monday	Tuesday Songs and Games
Wednesday	
Thursday Art with a Twist Football Club Timestable Rockstars	Friday Karate (Year 2) - PAID Horse riding Year 2 PAID

Key Stage 3 ASEP Timetable

Tuesday French and Italian Club Drama Club Secondary Chess Yoga and Pilates	Tuesday (Contd) Basketball Club Board Games Guitar Club
Thursday French Clinic Drama (Yrs 4+). KS3 Football Robotics Dodgeball Photography Club	Friday Horse Riding - P Rock Climbing - P Cricket (6-8)

Key Stage 2 ASEP Timetable

Monday Football (Yrs 5 & 6) Board Games (Yrs 5 & 6)	Tuesday Football (Yrs 3 & 4) Drama Table Tennis (Yrs 4-6) Italian Club (Yrs 5+) Library Club
Wednesday Basketball	
Thursday Art with a Twist (Yr 3) Drama Knitting & Crocheting Chess Tennis - PAID Timestable Rockstars African Music Club	Friday Karate - PAID Horse Riding - PAID Rock Climbing - PAID

Key Stage 4 & 5 ASEP Timetable

Monday Duke of Edinburgh Secondary Boys Basketball	Tuesday Italian and French Secondary Chess Yoga Board Games Creative Arts Club Drama Guitar Club
Thursday French Clinic Drama (Yrs 4+) Robotics (PAID) Dodgeball Photography	Friday Football Basketball Club



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY



Mia, Leah, Navya are all new students and Navya has a younger sister Niya in Reception.



Our birthday children for this week.



Stars of the week



In assembly today we learnt from Ms G. about the Italian tradition of La Befana, a good witch who comes on January 6th to bring presents to the children.

We learnt an Italian chant:

La Befana vien di notte
con le scarpe tutte rotte
Col vestito alla romana
Viva, viva, La Befana

Which means:

Befana comes during the night
in her completely broken shoes

she wears a dress (vestito romana is a beautiful dress, very expensive)

Long live La Befana

Also Mr Seid taught us about the Ethiopian Christmas which was celebrated on January 7th.



MEET A NEW TEACHER: ELLY NATUHWERA

My name is Elly Habert Natuhwera. I am a dedicated educator with 20 years of experience in high school teaching. I have spent 7 years specializing in IB Humanities and 12 years in the Cambridge curriculum, bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our school.

As the newest member of The British School of Lomé faculty, I will be teaching History, Economics, and Business. In addition to my classroom role, I serve as an IB DP examiner for Global Politics HL Paper 2 and Cambridge A Level Global Perspectives (Written Research).

Throughout my career, I have held key leadership positions, including Cambridge Coordinator, IB Head of Department for Humanities, and Deputy Principal, demonstrating a strong commitment to educational excellence and leadership.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy watching soccer, engaging in debates and public speaking, and playing volleyball.



INSPIRATION, RESPONSIBILITY AND LEADERSHIP: A TRIBUTE TO MR SYLVESTRE

At the British School of Lomé (BSL), we are fortunate to have individuals who go above and beyond their duties, embodying responsibility and leadership in every sense. One such individual is our dedicated plumber, Mr Sylvestre.

Recently, Mr Sylvestre experienced a work-related accident that required him to stay at home to recover. While this was undoubtedly a challenging time for him, he did not let it hinder his commitment to the school. Recognising the importance of ensuring the smooth running of our facilities, Mr Sylvestre took the initiative to arrange a cover plumber in his absence. This replacement has seamlessly continued the essential maintenance work, ensuring that our school operations remain unaffected.

This proactive approach may seem like a small gesture, but it speaks volumes about Mr Sylvestre's exemplary leadership and sense of responsibility. His actions are a testament to the power of foresight, teamwork and dedication to the greater good.

We would also like to take this opportunity to salute our entire Operational Team, whose unwavering commitment ensures that our facilities are well-maintained. Thanks to their hard work and efficiency, our teachers and students continue to enjoy an environment conducive to teaching and learning every day.

ART FAIR

The British School of Lomé (BSL) showcased its students' artistic talents at the recent Art Fair held at Lalibella Restaurant in Lomé, Togo, during the Christmas holidays. The event drew a sizable crowd, with numerous visitors praising the impressive artworks on display at the BSL stand. Our special appreciation goes to Dr.Grunitzky for the wonderful collaboration.



- AULD LANG SYNE
- BABY
- BALL
- BALLOONS
- CALENDAR
- CELEBRATION
- CHAMPAGNE
- CLOCK
- CONFETTI
- COUNTDOWN
- DANCING
- DECEMBER
- EVE
- FATHER TIME
- FIRECRACKER
- FIRST
- FLUTE
- GAMES

Happy New Year!



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| GOWN | PARTY |
| HAPPY | RESOLUTION |
| HAT | SPARKLER |
| HOURGLASS | STREAMER |
| INVITATION | TIMES SQUARE |
| JANUARY | TOAST |
| KISS | TRADITION |
| MIDNIGHT | TUXEDO |
| MUSIC | VOW |
| NOISE MAKER | YEAR |

HOW TO SURVIVE HARMATTAN SEASON

The Harmattan season in West Africa brings dry, dusty winds and cooler temperatures, which can pose various health and safety challenges. Here are some tips to help you stay protected during this season:

1. **Stay Hydrated:** The dry air can lead to dehydration. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty.
2. **Moisturize Your Skin:** Use oil-based moisturizers, lotions, or petroleum jelly to keep your skin hydrated and prevent dryness.
3. **Wear Protective Clothing:** Layer your clothes to adjust to changing temperatures. Opt for lightweight, breathable fabrics, and include a scarf or shawl for warmth in the mornings.
4. **Use a Face Mask or Scarf:** Protect your respiratory system from dust by wearing a face mask, scarf, or cloth over your nose and mouth when outdoors.
5. **Keep Your Home Clean:** Dust regularly to prevent accumulation, especially on surfaces like shelves and window sills.
6. **Increase Vitamin C Intake:** Boost your immune system by eating vitamin C-rich fruits like oranges, tangerines, guavas, and lemons.
7. **Protect Your Eyes:** Wear sunglasses or protective eyewear to shield your eyes from dust particles and wind.

By following these tips, you can stay healthy, comfortable, and safe throughout the Harmattan season. Stay proactive and take care of yourself!

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Business Hub

5 Harmattan Wellness Tips

1. Always stay hydrated
2. Moisturize regularly
3. Shield yourself with protective clothes
4. oil your lips to avoid tears
5. Healthy immune booster is a must

Pristyn Care

How To Prevent Nosebleed?

1. Wear protective equipment while playing.
2. Place a humidifier in the house.
3. Do not pick the nose.
4. Restrict taking aspirin as this a blood thinner.
5. Beware of antihistamines & decongestants moderately
6. Use a saline solution or gel.
7. Trim the fingernails.
8. Inhale moist area.



**Educating Children from
18 Months to 18 Years
(Day and Boarding)**





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