



# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> April - Term 3 ASEP (clubs) begins
- ❖ 27<sup>th</sup> April - Togo National Day
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> May - Labour Day Public Holiday
- ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension Day Public Holiday
- ❖ 18<sup>th</sup> May - Year 13 Prom
- ❖ 20<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost Public Holiday

## Message from The Head of Primary

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we step into the final term of the academic year, I extend a warm welcome back to all our students and families. It's hard to believe how swiftly the year has flown by, and yet here we are; ready to embrace the last leg of our educational journey together.

**Eid al-Fitr Greetings:** First and foremost, I would like to convey heartfelt **Eid Mubarak** wishes to all our Muslim families. May the blessings of Allah continue to illuminate your lives, and may the spirit of unity and togetherness that Eid brings remain with you throughout the year. Eid ul-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting, prayer, and reflection. As we celebrate this joyous occasion, let us remember the values of compassion, gratitude, and community that define this special time.

**Upcoming Exams:** Our older students in Year 11 and Year 13 are gearing up for their crucial IGCSE and IBDP exams, and I want to assure you that we are committed to providing them with the best support and guidance. The students and families will receive a full timetable of the exams very soon.

**End-of-Year Exams for Everyone else:** All our other students will also have their End-of-Year assessments towards the end of May. These exams will cover all subjects for our secondary students and the core subjects for Primary students and they will serve as a valuable checkpoint for their progress.

**Support and Encouragement:** I encourage parents to create a conducive study environment at home, ensure adequate rest, and provide emotional support during this intense period. Our teachers are available for any academic queries, and we believe in the potential of every student to excel.

As we approach the finish line, let's celebrate the achievements of our students, acknowledge their hard work, and look forward to a well-deserved break. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education—we are honoured to be part of their growth and development.

Wishing you all a successful and fulfilling term ahead!

Warm regards,

Gareth Jones

Head of Primary School

## Crèche and Nursery

This term we have started our new topic 'Ticket to Ride' all about transportation. Our book this week is 'We all go travelling by'. Here is a link to the story to share with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSw50Jw0H34>

Over the course of the term we will be learning about different modes of transport and making a range of creative activities. This week our focus is on cars.



## Art and Design

One of our newest Year 4 students, Nihal, designed and made this beautiful model. We have such talent at BSL!



## Year 1

As we kick off the first week of Term 3, it's fantastic to see our Year 1 students returning to school, brimming with happiness and vitality. They've come back ready to dive into their studies, and it's evident that they're in great spirits and health. Notably, they've completed all 42 phonics sounds and have been diligently practicing, showcasing their dedication to learning. This week, they also enjoyed outdoor sport activities like Goose Tag, fostering both physical activity and fun. Here's to a promising and fulfilling term ahead for our vibrant Year 1 cohort!



## Year 2

We read the story Red is Best, and identified key words that are helpful when writing to persuade an audience. Students participated in a quick write after reading the story to give a clear opinion about a topic with reasons.



## Leader in Me—An Interview with two students from Year 2

### An Interview with Spruha KHAIRNAR and Marc Emmanuel DELEPLACE

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

Spruha: *To play with my friends and to do homework.*

Marc: *To play tennis.*

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

Spruha: *Crafting.*

Marc: *Basketball.*

#### What's the best thing about school for you?

Spruha: *Doing homework and recess.*

Marc: *Doing homework and recess.*

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

Spruha: *Cat Nap.*

Marc: *Cat Catch.*

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

Spruha: *Reading minds so that I can tell if people are telling me the truth.*

Marc: *Climbing up walls like Spiderman and shooting webs to catch people.*

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

Spruha: *To have a family night watching a movie.*

Marc: *Cinema.*

#### If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Spruha: *Disneyland because I can meet princesses and Mickey and Minnie Mouse.*

Marc: *To Asterix's and Obelix's country.*

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

Spruha: *A teacher, like Miss Anderson, because I want to help other people to learn.*

Marc: *Somebody who teaches people to become great dancers.*

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

Spruha: *A back flip and a front flip.*

Marc: *A web shooter.*

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

Spruha: *Cinderella because she's a princess and I love princesses.*

Marc: *All of them.*

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

Spruha: *A puppy because they are so cute.*

Marc: *An eagle.*

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

Spruha: *A handstand.*

Marc: *To listen to other people.*





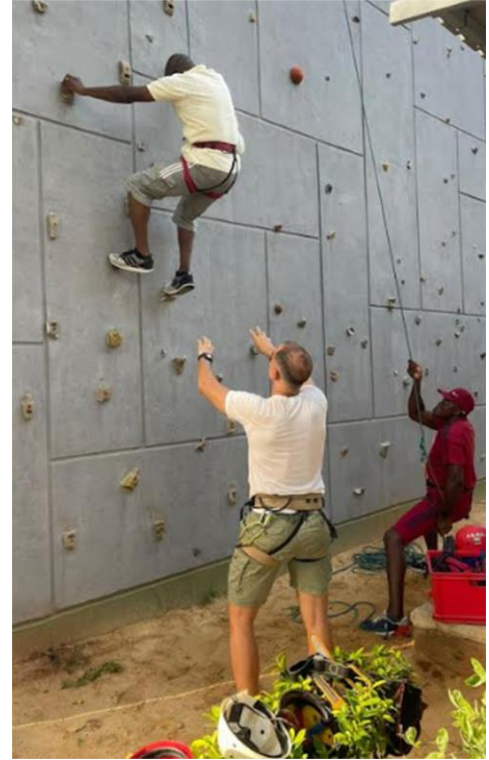
## We are learning some great skills at BSL!

The climbing wall is no longer an obsolete ornament on our school wall!

The climbing wall has been there for more than 20 years, for the first 15 years or so, it was well used but recently it has been neglected and not used.

Now with the help of an expert rock climber and parent, Mr Militello we have been able to breathe new life into the climbing wall. Mr Militello passed on his skills to our PE teachers and therefore allowed an amazing team activity to begin again.

Thank you to **Strong Mr Militello** and well done to our **Strong BSL PE staff**.



## Year 6

Year 6 have been reminded that they only have a short time until they should be ready for Secondary School.



## Year 3 French

In Year 3 French, we studied an advert for a fruit juice and finished by writing the components of a balanced meal and illustrating our work.

