



# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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The British School of Lomé

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ End of Term Student Led Conferences , Tuesday 19th March – Wednesday 20th March
- ❖ Paul Ahyi Art Week – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- ❖ Last Day of Term 2 – Friday 22nd March- School closes at 12.00
- ❖ Students Return - Monday 8th April
- ❖ Eid al Fitre 9<sup>th</sup> (To be confirmed)
- ❖ Term 3 ASEP begins 15<sup>th</sup> March



## Message from The Head of Primary

Dear parents and guardians,

As we approach the end of Term 2, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this academic journey. Your partnership has been invaluable in creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our young learners.

### Student-Led Conferences: A Celebration of Growth

Next week, we have an exciting event lined up: Student-Led Conferences. These conferences provide a unique opportunity for your child to take the lead, showcasing their progress, achievements, and reflections. Here's what you need to know:

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- **Time:** 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Format:** Bookings required through the teacher

During these conferences, your child will share a **portfolio of their work**, demonstrating their learning journey. It's a chance for them to reflect on their growth, discuss their accomplishments, and set goals for the future. We encourage you to actively engage with your child during this process.

### The Importance of Internet Safety

As we approach the holiday season, I urge you to be vigilant about your child's online activities. While the internet offers incredible learning opportunities, it also poses risks. Here are some precautions to consider:

- **Supervision:** Ensure that children are not left unattended while using the internet. Set boundaries and monitor their screen time.
- **Privacy:** Remind them never to share personal information online, including their full name, address, or school details.
- **Cyber bullying:** Talk to your child about respectful online behavior and the harmful effects of cyber bullying.
- **Age-Appropriate Content:** Use parental controls to filter content and protect them from inappropriate material. **It is quite easy to be browsing and accidentally find inappropriate 18+ content; so use the filters below to block this content.**

Let's work together to create a safe digital environment for our students. If you have any concerns or need guidance, feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of our school community. Your commitment to your child's education is truly commendable.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful holiday season,  
Kind regards,

**Gareth Jones**

**Head of Primary**

These are few useful apps for content filtering and blocking:

AURA <https://www.aura.com/parental-controls>

Mspy <https://www.mspy.com/parental-control.html>

Norton Family <https://us.norton.com/products/norton-family>

BARK <https://www.bark.us/>

Google family link (for android devices and chromebooks)

Microsoft Family Safety <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/family-safety>



## Year 2

Year 2 students gathered and read data at different times of the day on sundials. We discovered that sundials function to tell time long ago.



## Crèche and Nursery

Nursery and Crèche have had a busy two weeks. We had a fantastic of Book Week and STEAM week.



We are learning about rockets for STEAM week.



Our stories for this week are:  
'Mog on the moon' and Whatever Next!



You can listen to the stories on these links.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjxIE6z5PW4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c5cb0u0rPM>

## Book Week 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March



## Year 1

Year One had a blast during Book Week, exploring new stories and fostering a love for reading. This week, they're into some exciting STEAM activities. Additionally, in math lessons, they're mastering the art of telling time, a crucial skill for understanding the concept of time. We're proud of their enthusiasm and growth, and we look forward to more exciting learning experiences ahead!





## MFL

What MFL team does well is the inclusion of the global citizenship aspect in French lessons! In the secondary section, Y12 Collaborative work was organised by MFL represented by Mme Eliane Amegnizin (French B) with Miss Laura (English B) and Mr Obaro Oladele (Art teacher). To make sure that this happens, a Togolese artist (Mr Espoir Fadu) was invited to explain how he uses his Art work to fight against war. The artist was in contact with some students in Year 9, Year 10 and 12. Activities started with the year 12 and Mr Fadu explained how his art was used to fight for peace in general. Please have a look at the programme and photos!



<p>British School of Lagos</p>	<p><b>COLLABORATION ENTRE LES LANGUES (GROUPE 2) ET L'ARTISTE</b></p> <p><b>MR. ESPOIR FADU</b></p> <p>THURSDAY 29TH FEB 2024</p>
<p><b>PROGRAMME</b></p> <p><b>PERIODE 1 : YEAR 12 STUDENTS</b>  <b>VENUE 1: ROOM C6 (8:10 - 8:40)</b>          DISCUSSION AVEC M. ESPOIR FADU  <b>VENUE 2: ART ROOM (8:45 - 9:10)</b>          SEANCE DE DESSIN. CETTE ACTIVITE PEUT EGALEMENT INCLURE DES ENSEIGNANTS !</p> <p><b>PERIODE 2 (YEAR 9) &amp; PERIODE 3 (YEAR 10)</b>  <b>VENUE : SALLE D'ART</b>          • (10:30 - 11:30) Y9 &amp;          • (11:30 - 12:30) Y10</p> <p><b>1ERE ACTIVITE : DISCUSSION DE 30 MINUTES AVEC M. ESPOIR FADU.</b></p> <p><b>2E ACTIVITE: SEANCE DE DESSIN DE 30 MINUTES. CETTE ACTIVITE PEUT EGALEMENT INCLURE DES ENSEIGNANTS !</b></p>	<p><b>Y12 ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>MESSAGE DE BIENVENUE</b> ⌘ (1 MIN)</p> <p><b>PRESENTATION DE SUJET : PARTAGER LA PLANETE : PAIX ET CONFLITS</b> (10 MIN) PAR SARAH ET ELLA</p> <p><b>ACTIVITES (PERIODE 1):</b></p> <p><b>A - CARTES</b></p> <p><b>B - PRESENTATION VISUELLE SUR LE SUJET</b> ⌘ (12 MIN)</p> <p><b>C - PRESENTATION DE M. ESPOIR FADU + SESSION DE DISCUSSION</b> ⌘ (15 MIN)</p> <p><b>D - SEANCE CREATIVE AVEC L'ARTISTE + CONTRIBUTION TOK (EN COURS DE THEATRE)</b> ⌘ (30 MIN)</p>

## Year 3 STEAM Week

This week has been all about Science! Year 3 kick started Science Week by watching a live-streamed assembly at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich London last Friday. They had a virtual tour of the Royal Observatory and saw The Great Equatorial Telescope that scientists use to study the stars and planets. On Tuesday, they were fortunate to have EDU - science education for children - host a range of activities. They also had a Bridge Building competition to see which team could build a bridge that would hold the weight of an object. We are looking forward to sharing our results with the rest of Primary in Assembly this week!



## Year 6 STEAM Week

Year 6 have had a challenging and creative week. They made models of the DNA double helix as part of our science study on Variation and Inheritance. The children learned that DNA holds the genetic material that determines the characteristics of every living thing.

They also made fossils (as part of the study on evolution). We were lucky enough to have the pottery teacher, Mr Omer, come to school to help make a model of the head of an Oba. This was part of our topic study on the Benin Kingdom.

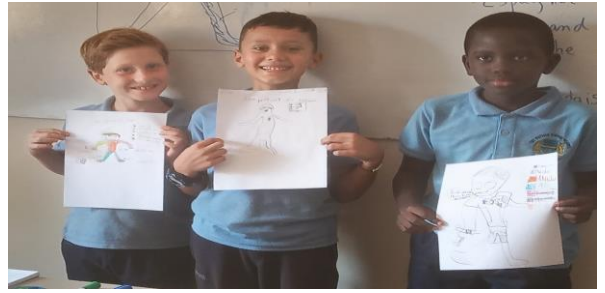
Overall, the children learned some important teamwork skills and some showed a pleasing degree of independence and personal motivation.





## Year 3 French

In Year 3 French HL, we reflected on our languages and the place of these in our lives through an activity called 'my language profile - mon portrait de langues'. The activity involved drawing, and using colours, to represent the languages we speak, hear, as those in which we read and play, and which we may consider part of who we are, in the parts of our body. Next step: writing sentences in time for the students' portfolio presentations next week. A vos crayons!



## Year 5

Year 5 welcomed a visitor into our class last Friday. Prosper, a Year 13 DP pupil in the school, has just finished looking at the parts of a river for her Diploma module. She worked with the class to reinforce the parts of a river and to discuss how a waterfall is formed.

It was great to see the pupils respond so positively to an older pupil, who has a deep understanding of this topic. The class impressed both Prosper and Mr Fairlie with their knowledge of this area of the curriculum. Building positive relationships between members of the BSL community has always been a cornerstone of the school and we look forward to taking advantage of more opportunities to grow together as learners.



# MARCH MADNESS

16TH OF MARCH 2024 | BRITISH SCHOOL OF LOME

FROM:  
8:00  
TO  
19:00

FOOTBALL

CHESS

BASKETBALL

Schools Invited: Canadian International School of Lome, Mariam, Cours Lumiere, American International school of lome, Lycee Francais de lome, Maarif, Arc-enciel

## STEAM Week

Tuesday of STEAM Week with EDU

- Stimulating creativity and self-expression
- Encouraging collaboration and sharing
- Developing logical reasoning and critical thinking
- Preparing our children to live in a digital world



An Interview with Frida Mina PALMA and Mohamed Bocar CISSE from Year 3.

Frida consolidated her confidence by participating in the school play. Mohammed has impressed by his academic ability and love of football.

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

Frida: *After school to go horse riding and on the weekend to go to the beach.*

Mohammed: *Play my PS5.*

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

Frida: *Horse riding.*

Mohammed: *Football.*

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

Frida: *Sometimes we have fun and I like Art.*

Mohammed: *Art and Mathematics.*

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

Frida: *A game about horses.*

Mohammed: *Monster Trucks.*

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

Frida: *To fly and get horses easily.*

Mohammed: *To fly and teleport.*

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

Frida: *Go horse riding and go to the beach.*

Mohammed: *Play board games.*

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

Frida: *To Germany and Italy because they are my home countries.*

Mohammed: *Bermuda because of the beaches.*

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

Frida: *A horse riding trainer because I love horses.*

Mohammed: *A footballer.*

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

Frida: *To learn how to draw horses well.*

Mohammed: *Science.*

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

Frida: *Black Beauty but there may be others as well.*

Mohammed: *BFG because they capture the giants.*

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

Frida: *Horses and cats (I have two cats at home).*

Mohammed: *Dog.*

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

Frida: *Say good things to them and make them happy.*

Mohammed: *Make them happy by doing something funny.*

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

Frida: *Swimming.*

Mohammed: *Number lines with fractions.*

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

Frida: *Mathematics and horse riding.*

Mohammed: *Better at swimming.*





## Internet Safety Week Poster Competition

To celebrate Internet Safety week at BSL, pupils from KS2 took part in an internet safety poster competition. The posters were designed to advise people on how to stay safe online. There were a large number of entries and it was lovely to see the efforts by each of the pupils who participated in the competition.

Due to the number of entries, the competition was divided into a Year 3 and 4 and a Year 5 and 6 competition. The results were as follows

Year 3 and 4		Year 5 and 6	
1st	Prishna (Yr 4)	1st	Gabriel (Yr 5)
2nd	Sanvi (Yr 4)	2nd	Vidhit (Yr 6)
3rd	Sathvika (Yr 4)	3rd	Hassan (Yr 5)

A big well done to all entries and congratulations to the winners of the competitions. Keep an eye out for the posters as you make your way around the school.

Why not scan the following link to have a better look at each of the posters that were entered into the competition?



## DID YOU KNOW?

Our esteemed school parent, Abira Bonfoh, has recently published her book  
**" DÉPUTÉE DE LA NATION: Les leçons d'un sacerdoce du coeur"**

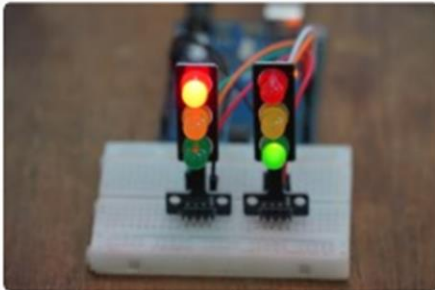
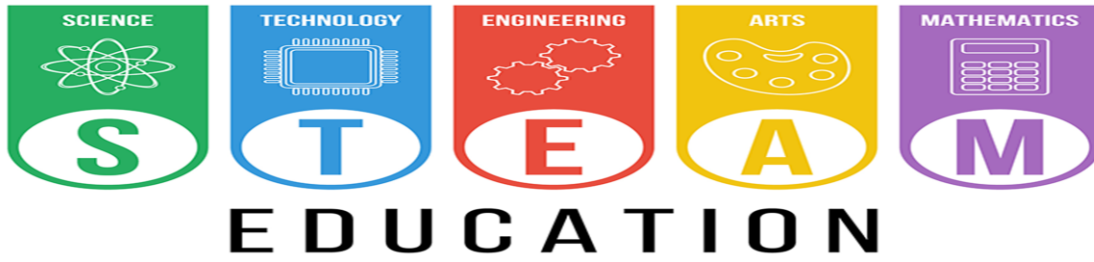
This book takes the reader on a revealing journey through Abira's political endeavours and tireless efforts to uplift Togolese women and girls in breaking barriers. Abira's incredible achievements highlights her assertiveness and charismatic leadership. She serves as an Honourable Member of Parliament in TOGO and has founded numerous non-profit organisations such as ASAAL, AWA. Additionally, she established the "REINE DES SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGIES"; a prize that celebrates high school girls' achievements in STEM in Togo. Abira's remarkable contributions inspire us all. As Nelson Mandela once said: "It always seems impossible until it's done."



Join us in congratulating her for  
this incredible milestone!



# STEAM Week Gallery





# This Weeks Golden tickets and Swimming Awards





## BSL Miafe adzwo (Our businesses - Yellow Page)



### 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](mailto:admin@bsl.tg) by Wednesday each week.

In the subject line, kindly type **BSL Miafe adzwo (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](mailto: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.

Veillez 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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## Digital and creative workshops

### Objectives

- Stimulate creativity and self-expression.
- Develop logical reasoning and algorithmic thinking
- Encourage collaboration and sharing
- Prepare children to live in a digital world and seize opportunities

### Our workshops

- Robotic
- Electronic
- Do it yourself
- Coding

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