

## Happy Birthday

30<sup>th</sup> – Emmanuel King  
1<sup>st</sup> – Victor Udoh Nsikan  
1<sup>st</sup> – Jesus Udoh Nsikan  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Isabella Okeowo



## Stars of the Week

### Toddlers – Kikiopefoluwa Ladimeji

She has settled well into the toddlers' class and is eager to learn. She is kind and loves to help her peers as well as her teachers.

### Playgroup – Chisom Okafor

Chisom participated actively during circle time activities and has shown an understanding of classroom routines.

### Nursery – Imina Omenai

For being an active participant in all lessons and always taking steps to ensure she is giving 100% effort.

### Reception – Taydan Alex-Eyitene

He has been a wonderful friend by including everyone and comforting friends when they are upset.

### Year 1 – Athena Adenuga

She has an excellent attitude to her work and she is always eager to participate in all class activities. Her participation in our numeracy class this week has been commendable, working on related facts above 20.

### Years 2/3 – Alicia Djhourri.

Alicia stays very much focused on tasks and has worked really hard on her Balanced Argument – "Should deforestation be allowed to continue?" She produced an amazing piece of writing to be very proud of.

### Years 4/5 – Oreoluwa Olafimihan

For demonstrating appreciable zeal towards her school work.

# Banana Island School

## *A Happy School with High Expectations*

### Friday 29th January 2021

It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of January. We have welcomed new children, had fun with our friends and made great progress towards achieving our goals.

It has been a fantastic week exploring nutrition and healthy activities with the **Toddlers** - they learned about colour, size, shape and the smell of foods. They sang the song 'One potato, two potatoes' and more.



**Playgroup** class caught a praying mantis and put it in their classroom insect jar. They observed it every day and talked about its features - comparing it to other insects. They also made a ladybug craft.



Ahoy Captain! This week, **Nursery** explored the book 'Who Sank the Boat' by Pamela Allen. Off they sailed in their paper boats to Mr. Peffer's place beside the sea to find out who sank the boat. They later discovered some items that could float and sink in the Science world. Can you fill a bottle with water at the count of 10?



This week in **Reception**, the focus was on Space and what they might see. They learned about fiction books and explored weight and capacity through balance scales - filling cups with sand until they were half full and full. They have also been very busy learning about habitats and what animals need to live.

**Year 1** class had a jam-packed week with lots of practical learning activities. In literacy, they began writing their stories, changing the characters and settings, followed by lots of practical maths on related facts to 20 and beyond. Not to mention assembly practice. What superstars you all are. Year 1 was really on fire this week – 'London's burning, London's burning...'

It has been a fun week of outdoor exploration in **Years 2/3** – counting mini beasts and using this information for a tally chart and pictogram. They also investigated the different ways the shape of objects can be changed, relating this to the properties of the materials the objects are made from. They had a very intense debate today on whether or not deforestation should be allowed to continue - they are very passionate about stopping deforestation.



**Years 4 and 5** have been young scientists this week. The class had a practical session on 'States of Matter'. The children observed different changing phases of matter such as boiling, condensation, evaporation and freezing. Whilst this was just a fraction of the work done, they also learned about figurative language, fronted adverbials, long division and related multiplication facts. The list goes on and on. Never a dull moment!

## Key dates for February

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February** –

Chinese New Year celebration

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Fun Sports.

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of first half of the term



## Sports Day

Sports Day, like many of our planned events, will look a little different this year.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to invite parents to join in with the fun but would love to share the memories with you through photographs. Each class will take part, one year group at a time. The children will participate in different races and obstacle courses. There will be refreshments and snacks for the children as well as some healthy competition. All children should come to school on **Friday, 12th February** in their PE kits. School for Early Years will end at the usual times. Primary, however, **will finish at 2 pm**. Please note that this will be the final day of the first half of the term.

## We need your help

We are looking for the following items for our book corners: **old pillows, beanbags, rugs, throw blankets, picnic blankets** etc. We will of course take every precaution to ensure we are COVID compliant.

## Reading with your child

**A polite reminder – Please read with your child every day and ensure you sign their journals.**