

Happy Birthday

6th February – Maxwell
Ying Hao Guntert



Stars of the Week

Toddlers – Salim Ojulari

He grasps new ideas readily and is working well on self-control and finishing tasks. Well done, Salim!

Playgroup – Athena Wehbe.

Athena finds school activities fun and has a fantastic attitude to learning - she is always excited to learn new things.

Nursery – Hussein Saade

For participating confidently in all class activities, especially in sports. Great work as always, Hussein.

Reception – Ese Thomas-Ideh

Ese has been a wonderful friend to everyone in the class and makes sure everything is fair. She is always willing to lend a helping hand. Way to go, Ese!

Year 1 – Sky Okpe

Sky achieved brilliant work in her Phonics Early morning intervention task. Great work, Sky!

Year 2/3 – Lucile Pelletier

Lucile has worked hard on following instructions and completing tasks on time. Well done, Lucile, fantastic improvement!

Year 4/5 – Noah Collins

For active participation in class activities and readiness to take on challenges.

Key dates for January

Thursday 11th February – Chinese New Year celebration

Friday 12th February – Fun Sports.

Friday 12th February – Last day of Lent term



Banana Island School

A Happy School with High Expectations

Friday 5th February 2021

A happy new month to you all!

This week has been incredibly active with lots of PE practice for sports day and investigatory outdoor learning. The school grounds have been alive with very busy bees.

Special People were the focus in **Toddlers**.

They had lots of fun looking at family photographs whilst reading the book 'Owl Babies'. The children also had fun collecting flower petals and leaves from the garden to build their own homes.



Playgroup class focused on **moving slowly and quickly** this week. We talked about things that move at different speeds and used snails to demonstrate this - the children were fascinated as they watched the snails move. They showed amazing care and consideration while holding the snails and were reminded to be gentle. Of course, the snails were sent back to their habitats safely!



This week, **Nursery** went on board the airplane with Peppa Pig at the airport. Captain Emergency, the pilot, lifted off the runway into the sky! Can you blow up a balloon without using your mouth? **Nursery** can, with the help of some extraordinary scientific knowledge!



This week, **Reception** continued to learn about **space**. The children asked questions such as "What are asteroids made of?" and used non-fiction books to answer the questions. They also continued learning about **capacity and weight**. They had fun pouring water from one container to another to see which ones held **more or less**.

A recap on **Place Value** took **Year 1** on lots of outdoor pursuits this week, which resulted in the building of many Place Value homes. **Poetry** took them on a descriptive adventure through the World of verses, stanzas and rhyming-words. Year 1 has definitely been on a fantastic learning journey.

The adventure continued in **Years 2 and 3**, learning about **persuasion** and how to use it in adverts and letters. They also squished and squelched in the land of slime - making different types of slime to explore **reversible and irreversible changes** that occur when you combine different materials. After some research about indigenous people of the **rainforest**, the children found out the types of homes they live in and how they survive in the rainforest.



As always, **Years 4 and 5** have been smashing through the curriculum. Their journey began with the **water cycle** and a helpful mnemonic to help remember the stages – Eve Can Pet Ants: E for evaporation, C for condensation, P for Precipitation and A for Accumulation. **WW1** was next, with the powerful and emotive works from **Wilfred Owen and Rupert Brooke**, the children certainly enjoyed some moving **poetry** in preparation for their own masterpieces. Years 4 and 5 then stumbled upon a great method for **calculating fractions** - The butterfly method. What an amazing week!

Sports Day

Sports day will commence on Friday, 12th of February. Each class has a designated time slot for activities which has been designed by the pupils themselves! Pupils have been mastering these activities in readiness to compete. **All pupils should come to school in their PE kits.**

Please note that pick up times will vary on Friday:

Toddlers, Playgroup and Nursery will be collected at the usual time.

Reception: 1:45pm Year 1: 1:50pm Year 2/3: 1:55pm Year 4/5: 2:00pm

We need your help

We would appreciate donation of 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. **THANK YOU ALL!**