



# Weekly Update

24th November 2025

## FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DAY COMMITTEE and SLT

Dear BSL Community,

Thank you to all our students, staff, and families for your incredible support, enthusiasm, and energy throughout International Weekend. This event is both a celebration of the BSL spirit and a valuable learning experience for every child.

We are especially grateful to our generous sponsors whose contributions made it possible to run the event so successfully:

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It was also our privilege to welcome His Excellency, Mr. John Marshall, British High Commissioner to Togo, and Ragavi Thayananthan, whose presence brought great honour to the occasion.

The rest of this newsletter captures the diversity, colour, and joy of the two days, along with reflections from students on what they learned through performing or fundraising on their country stalls. Funds raised will be donated to local charities, including Vivendah School for the Hearing Impaired, several orphanages, and Hälsa International, which supports street children.

Thank you once again for making this year's International Weekend such a memorable success and helping BSL to continue to make a difference to so many people in our community.



# International Weekend

**Friday 14th November 2025**

**Parade of Nations, Assembly, Carnival around La Caisse, Year Group activities**

41 countries were represented in our parade of nations - BSL is truly an international school!



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The Secondary Student Council led the British National Anthem with His Excellency, whilst Togolese students gave a passionate rendition of the Togolese national anthem.

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***(Year 13 graduate).***



***"It's a tradition to sing the national anthem and represent my country every year. I'll miss the annual International Weekend and this annual highlight once I graduate" (Year 13 graduate).***

# International Weekend

Year 9 and Friends performed a piece they had composed and arranged themselves for International Weekend. They've been learning new instruments and are beginning to explore the craft of performance. Their collaborative creativity really shone through. One performer reflected, "I enjoyed going with the vibe and being in the moment when on stage. It came together better than I thought it would because everyone knew their own part and listened to each other".



# International Weekend

This started a trip around the world with each Primary year group entertaining us with their performances including songs and dances from Ghana, Scotland, South Africa, India, Japan, a fabulously flamboyant play about the fashion icons from France, and the fighting Haka from New Zealand.

The Carnival around La Caisse led by the Togolese stilt walkers and drummers is always a vibrant part of our celebration.



*"The variety of Primary performances was excellent and brought an international feel to everything that was being done." (staff member)*



*"It was brave of the younger students to sing in front of all of us - something that I wouldn't be comfortable doing. They were really cute and sang so well" (Year 13 student).*

# International Weekend

## Saturday 15th November 2025 - International Fete Day

On Saturday, the International Weekend Fête shifted its focus to fundraising. Students competed to run the busiest, most informative and highest-earning stalls, while outside vendors added a wide range of shopping opportunities. Our Secondary students had each been assigned a country to research and represent. In doing so, they discovered that many cultures share similar dishes — often a chicken recipe or a pastry filled with meat or vegetables — while also celebrating the unique traditions that set them apart. Quizzes about Indonesia, games, food, cultural information and language activities were all on display. Throughout the day, students learnt about both the challenges and the rewards of working collaboratively, supported by their tutors.

***"The carnival this year was a bitter sweet thing, I look forward to walking with my friends every year and knowing that this is the last one of my 13 years at BSL is sad." (Year 13 student)***



***"I'm proud of how quickly our food sold out because everything was so tasty. 100 pieces of chicken seemed so much but sold so fast and the BBQ sauce and spices made it authentically Belizean." (Year 11)***



***"We could have distributed responsibilities more equally to prevent any group member from becoming overloaded, resulting in more balanced contributions and better overall preparation." (Year 13)***

***"Preparing the posters went well and we worked together in committees to design them." (Year 8)***



***We love to support our alumni as they make a difference in this world. Sammy Sarr, Kailend Farm, owner by BSL alumni, Sammy Sarr***



***"It was inspiring to see the enthusiasm of Year 7 and the collaboration in Year 9." (Year 8)***

***"We were proud of our bright, inviting and culturally appropriate stall. Next time we would spend more time planning earlier, and hold more regular planning meetings so we are not rushed. If we agree on a budget in advance it would avoid shortages and the need for last-minute shopping." (Year 11)***

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***"Seeing performances and creative contributions from staff members was inspiring and livened up the event. We didn't know they had such talent!"***  
***(Year 13 and 7)***

Thank you to everyone who helped to clean up and get our school site ready for looking beautiful on Monday. Well done especially to our Year 13 Eco-Committee members who very quietly litter picked throughout the event, separating rubbish from the plastic and cans which they will send for recycling and raising money for more eco-projects at BSL.

Finally, a MASSIVE thanks to the whole team who work under Chantal - the unsung hero's!



We will share the amount of funds raised in the next newsletter!!

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# BSL OPEN HOUSE - Friday 21st November

On Friday, we invited parents and guests into BSL for our Open House. Parents were able to see their children in action during a regular working day, as well as taking a tour of the school and meeting informally with staff. We are always pleased to welcome parents onsite and we will be running another Open House later in the academic year.

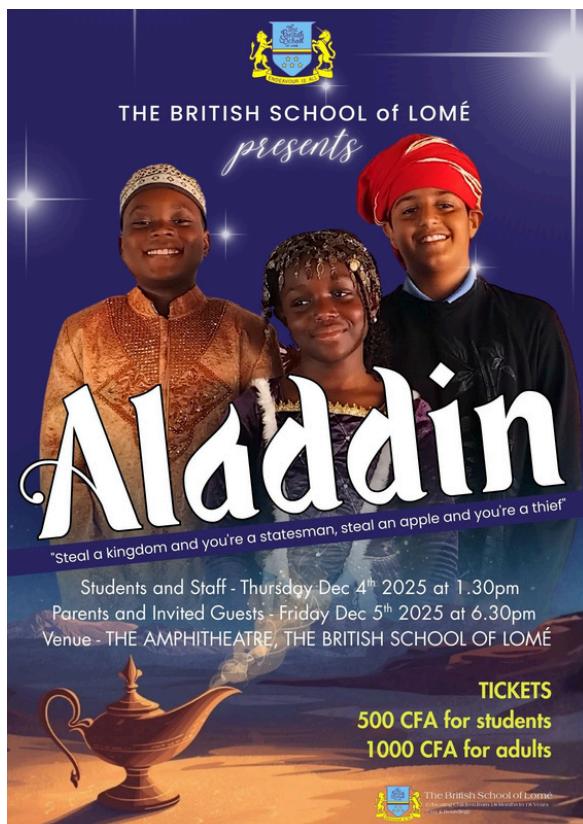


## Whole School Looking Ahead

Primary production of Aladdin.....4th and 5th December

Primary parents evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm.....10th December.

Christmas Carols in Lomé Cathedral.....8th December



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