Weekly Update

30th October 2026

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome a number of existing and prospective parents to BSL for our annual BSL Open House event. It was great to have the opportunity to talk with parents to hear their feedback about the school, as well as to hear the first impressions and objectives of a number of parents who are thinking of sending their children to BSL in future.

We are always here to listen to our parents - and this is the time of year when we are particularly keen to have your feedback. Please take a minute to complete our **Annual BSL Parent Survey**. The information you share with us will be extremely important as we continue our efforts to continually develop BSL further.

There are many ways in which parents can stay connected with the school - and we wrote to parents just before the break to ask for parent volunteers to be **Parent Reps** for each section of the school. This informal role would help us greatly to be proactive in understanding parents' views on any topic, and we do hope you will consider stepping forward to assist us with parent voice in this way.

As I write this, our annual **International Weekend** is approaching. In a change of format from previous years, and in response to previous parent feedback, this year we are inviting parents to gather together to run stalls relating to their countries and cultures. Further details are in the letter linked below. We warmly invite you to join us on Saturday 14th November for what is always one of the highlights of the school year, whether as a stall-holder or as a visitor.

We wish you a very pleasant weekend.

With best wishes,

Tom Vignoles
Head of School
The British School of Lomé



International Weekend 2026

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PARIS TRIP

We are now well past our 2nd October deadline for expressions of interest for the **Paris Trip**. We do not yet have a sufficient number of confirmed students for the trip to be viable. However, a number of other students have also indicated that they are interested but have not yet returned their form and/or deposit for the trip.

The French Department and Finance Office are in the process of following up to ensure that forms and initial deposits have been received, as we cannot treat your child's place as confirmed until this has occurred. If your child is interested in the trip and you have not yet done so, please urgently complete the form and pay the deposit. We need to move quickly onto the stage of confirming the group size, booking flights and accommodation, and commencing Schengen visa applications for those who need them. Please contact Mrs Eliane Amegnizin (**eliane.amegnizin@bsl.tg**) as soon as possible if your child wishes to join the trip but you have not yet confirmed this.



Whole School

Both Information Sessions at the Open House event provided valuable insights, practical ideas and opportunities for meaningful discussion on two topics of significance to parents with students of all ages. We are especially grateful to the parents who participated, shared their thoughts and contributed to the interactive presentations.

For parents who would like to revisit the material or those who were unable to attend, you can access the supporting learning at home workshop presentation here:

- **Supporting learning at home**
- **Raising safe, smart and responsible digital citizens**
- **A selection of useful websites, apps and tools** to support online learning for all ages and subject interests.

Working together, we can continue to create a safe, supportive and enriching environment for our children, both at school and at home. Please tell us if you find anything particularly useful, or would like more information on any aspect of these topics.

BSL Community Goal: To rapidly install a substantial number of solar panels at BSL.



International Weekend:

As usual, we warmly invite all of our families to join us for our annual International Weekend Community Fête on Saturday 14th November.
Following requests from parents, we also invite families to come together to host Country & Culture Stalls to celebrate their own national and cultural heritages, sharing for example: games, music, clothing, crafts, artefacts, demonstrations, children's activities. Food from your country and culture is welcome but not essential. We encourage families to work together, choose what aspects of their country's / group of countries' culture they would like to share and nominate a main contact.

lease see further details in our **Letter to Parents: International Weekend.**

Participation as a stall holder is entirely voluntary and you are of course very welcome as a guest if you do not wish to assist with a stall!

Whole School

Lunch Menu

Here is the **Lunch Menu for November.**

BSL Calendar - 2026-2027

Here is our **BSL Calendar for 2026-2027**. Please note that some public holidays have not yet been officially confirmed, so further minor changes could still be possible.

Parent Handbook

Here is a link to our **BSL Parent Handbook**. Further information can also be found on the **BSL Website**, including the current list of **Educational Staff.**

Whole School Looking Ahead

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November - Global Citizenship week ending with International Weekend Community Event
Monday 16th November - **Odd Socks Day**





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Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the weather continues to warm up and we move into the hot, sunny season, we would appreciate your support in helping children stay comfortable and ready to learn throughout the school day.

Please ensure that your child arrives each morning with a **full, clearly named water bottle**. Students are welcome to refill their bottles at the water stations during the day, but starting the morning well hydrated helps them begin the day in the best possible way. We also encourage children to bring a **hat** to wear during break and lunchtime when outdoors.

A gentle reminder that supervision begins at **7:45 a.m.** We kindly ask that children do not arrive before this time. We know many students enjoy spending time with friends before school, but arriving at the appropriate time helps us ensure that all children are safely supervised and ready for the start of the day.

We have noticed that some children arrive eager to play energetic games before lessons begin. While it is wonderful to see their enthusiasm, some students are arriving in class rather hot, tired, and sweaty, which can make it more difficult for them to settle quickly into their learning. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to save their energy for breaktimes and organised activities later in the day.

Similarly, we ask for your support in ensuring that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day. Occasionally, students ask drivers to wait while they continue playing with friends. As supervision concludes at **4:30 p.m.**, students should leave campus at that time unless they are participating in a specific supervised activity, such as the Football Academy or another after-school programme.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Open House event on Thursday. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome families into the school, share our learning environment, and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every child is safe, happy, and ready to make the most of each school day.

Kind regards,

Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

Judith Opiyo
Assistant Head of Primary

Primary School Looking Ahead

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November - Assessment week.
Monday 16th Nov - Odd Socks Day

Secondary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We began the week with an informative and engaging Cancer Awareness Assembly. We were pleased to welcome a visiting expert, Dr Fedor, who spoke to both staff and students about cancer awareness, helping to deepen our understanding of this important topic. The session was informative, and we are grateful to our guest speaker for sharing their valuable knowledge and expertise with our school community and for those Year 12s and staff who took the lead of arranging it and providing a translation of his speech. The week has ended with a Year 12 led bake sale and mufi (non-uniform) day with a pink and white cancer awareness theme.









A big thank you to all the parents who were able to visit us during our Open House event. We enjoyed welcoming you to the school and appreciated the steady flow of visitors throughout the morning. Your interest, involvement and continued support mean a great deal to us.



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Secondary School

There is more to look forward to as we prepare for our **International Weekend on 13th and 14th November**! This promises to be an exciting opportunity to celebrate the diverse cultures and traditions that make our school community so special. We welcome your participation.

As always, thank you for your trust, encouragement and partnership. Your involvement plays an important role in making our school community a vibrant and successful place for our children to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. We look forward to another productive and enjoyable week ahead!

Warm regards,

Francis E. Anquandah
Deputy Head: Academic

Jane Snell
Deputy Head: Student Development,
IB Diploma Coordinator

Secondary School Looking Ahead

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November - Assessment Week (except Year 11 and 13)

KEY DATES

Here is our **Key Dates Calendar for 2026-2027.** Please save the dates for key events in your schedule!