



Primary Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 beginning 4 September 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a very busy three weeks back at school. The children are already settled into a good routine and I see many happy smiles on faces as I welcome you in the morning at the gates. Also as I have been to everyone's class I have seen learners engaged, thinking, asking questions and enthusiastically learning in a calm but inquiring environment.



We have begun our weekly assemblies where we are learning about the importance of taking the right decisions and being responsible for our own actions. We are also making particular discoveries this term about being inquisitive, being determined (tenacity), courageous, compassionate, inventive, problem-solvers, self-aware, responsible, appreciative of diversity, being aware of sustainability, communicating well and working as a team.

Two particularly important things that I have seen and heard being talked about is the meaning of working as a TEAM, remember Together Everyone Achieves More. The second thing is that it's OK to make mistakes. In fact, I always say that "there are no mistakes, just learning opportunities." I found the quote below to be very powerful. Think on this:



It's not the mistake that matters.
It's how you deal with it, what you
learn from it, and how you apply
that lesson to your life.

As you should have already seen we have made some important changes to our extra-curricular activities. We now call it an 'After School Enrichment Program.' This program is aimed at providing opportunities for students to delve deeper into subjects of interest, explore new areas of knowledge and engage with challenging material that stimulates their intellectual curiosity. This form of enrichment

can take various forms, both inside and outside the classroom. **ASEP begins on 18th September.** Please look at what we are offering and sign-up:

<https://forms.gle/U1ag3UW7xSMhR6J36>

This year 2023 is a very important year for the British School of Lomé, we are 40 years old! In September of 1983 our school was officially opened with just 22 students. BSL began with the intention to provide an English language education for the children of the Anglophone, expatriate community in Lomé. Our Primary Curriculum is based on the updated National Curriculum for England (also known as The British Curriculum) with some adaptations for life in Togo and Africa. It is designed to be 'balanced and broad.' The aim is to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural and physical development of pupils and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. Our teaching approach is based on Inquiry-based learning that encourages students to construct their own understanding through active learning and investigation. BSL Primary curriculum fosters creativity, curiosity, collaboration, critical thinking, and independent exploration.

We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary from 21st to 24th September. This will take the place of our International Weekend this year. It will include a Parade of Nations with many past Alumni, a football and basketball match, a Gala ball and disco, very interesting workshops with our Alumni, an International Fete and so much more. It will be an amazing weekend for our school community, so please mark the date in your diary.

Kind regards,
Mr Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

