Weekly Update

6th November 2026

Dear Parents,

We are approaching the community highlight of the year - our annual International Weekend! A big thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to help run cultural stalls, celebrating their country and region.

Here is a reminder of our **International Weekend Letter to Parents**, and of the **Link for registering your interest**. Thank you in advance to any other parents or groups of parents who would like to be part of the event in this way.

Last week, we also circulated our **Annual BSL Parent Survey** - however, so far we have only had two responses. It would be great if as many parents as possible could please take two minutes to complete this, to ensure that the feedback we receive is as comprehensive as possible. Thank you for your time with this brief but very helpful task.

We thank you again for all that you are doing in support of BSL.

With best wishes,

Tom Vignoles
Head of School
The British School of Lomé



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Whole School

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.

Please 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!

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



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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PARIS TRIP

We are now well past our 2nd October deadline for expressions of interest for the **Paris Trip**.

The Finance Department are contacting those who have expressed interest but not yet paid. A final decision about whether or not to run this trip will be taken next week.



Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

One of the highlights of our school year is fast approaching, and we are delighted to invite you to be part of this special celebration of our diverse and vibrant school community.

On **Friday 13 November and Saturday 14 November**, we will be holding our annual **International Weekend**.

At the British School of Lomé, we believe that one of the greatest strengths of an international education is the opportunity to learn from one another. By embracing and celebrating our different cultures, languages, traditions, and experiences, we help our children develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. Exposure to different perspectives fosters empathy, respect, open-mindedness, and global awareness, qualities that are essential in today's interconnected world.

International Weekend is much more than a celebration of nations. It is an opportunity to:

- **Celebrate cultural diversity** and the unique traditions that make our community so rich.
- **Connect our global community** by sharing experiences, stories, food, music, and customs.
- **Promote global citizenship and action**, encouraging our children to appreciate both their own heritage and that of others.
- **Build a better, more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and mutual respect.**

We warmly invite you to join us for our International Assembly on Friday, where our students will proudly showcase their cultures and countries while learning about those of others. During the Parade of Nations, we encourage children to wear traditional clothing representing their country, region, or cultural heritage.

On Saturday, we will host our International Fete, and we would love for families to take part by hosting a stall representing their country or culture. This could include traditional food, games, crafts, music, displays, or activities that help us learn more about your heritage and traditions. These stalls are always a wonderful way for our community to come together, share experiences, and celebrate the diversity that makes our school so special.
If you would like to host a stall, please complete the **form here.**

Kind regards,

Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

Judith Opiyo
Assistant Head of Primary

Primary School Looking Ahead

- **Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November -** Global Citizenship week ending with International Weekend Community Event.
- **Monday 16th Nov -** Odd Socks Day
- **Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November -** Assessment week

Secondary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now in the second half of Term One and school life continues to be busy and productive. Students remain engaged in their learning, while preparations for some exciting and important events are also underway.

Our much-anticipated International Weekend is fast approaching, and preparations are currently in full swing. This is always a special occasion in our school calendar, celebrating the rich diversity of cultures and nationalities within our community.



Parents who would like to set up stalls during the International Weekend are kindly encouraged to communicate their interest with the school so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

We have been invited to participate in the Wahala Ceremony on 11th November. A Trip is scheduled to take place next week on the day with staff and student representatives. This will be an important opportunity for our student council to engage in the activities planned for the visit. We will be observing the day, providing an opportunity for reflection and remembrance.

Our Year 13 students are working diligently on their Internal Assessments (IAs) as they approach the completion of their IB Diploma Programme. This is an important stage in their academic journey, and we encourage them to remain focused, organised and committed as they work towards meeting their final deadlines.

Students are also beginning to turn their attention to the upcoming November assessments. There is a growing sense of anticipation as they prepare to demonstrate their understanding and progress across their subjects.

Please take note of the assessment dates: **Monday, 23rd November – Friday, 27th November.**

Please note that this *assessment week does not apply to Year 11 and Year 13 students.*

We encourage parents to support their children during this period by helping them maintain a balanced study routine, get sufficient rest and approach their assessments with confidence.

As we continue through the term, we thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to an exciting few weeks ahead, particularly as we prepare for International Weekend and the other activities on our school calendar.

Warm Regards,

Francis E. Anquandah
Deputy Head: Academic

Jane Snell
Deputy Head: Student Development,
IB Diploma Coordinator

Secondary School Looking Ahead

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November - Global Citizenship week ending with International Weekend Community Event.
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!

