



# NEWSLETTER



**Guest Writer – Saii Nandhani (Year 10)**

**Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,**

We gladly start afresh in the new month of February with great hopes that our hard-working students and staff members will meet all their goals and stay motivated!

As a BSL community, we appreciate all the efforts that everyone has shown throughout the beginning of this year and we hope they continue to work harder.

We would also like to extend Happy Valentine's Day wishes or as we say in french Joyeuse Saint Valentin to all our family and friends that we have made over these past few years and hope we continue to share this marvellous bond.

We would also like to extend our thanks to our new newsletter family members: Audrey Ateyaba (Yr 8), Aviel Dussey (Yr 8), Gideon Oluwole-Isaac (Yr 8), Francis Chardey (Yr 10) and Newal Abdulaziz (Yr 10).

Thank you for joining us on our exciting journey. Hope we continue to work together!

**Saii Nandhini**

## CELEBRATING CREATIVITY IN OUR ART DEPARTMENT

Our Art Department has been buzzing with creativity this term! The students have been exploring various mediums and techniques, producing an impressive array of artwork.

From painting and drawing to construction with cardboard and mixed media, our students have been encouraged to experiment and push boundaries.



We are providing our students with a platform to express themselves and showcase their talents.





"TOO GOOD  
TO BE TRUE?"

THIS TOPIC FOCUSES ON SCAMS AND TRAPS SET BY  
PEOPLE ON THE INTERNET TO STEAL YOUR DATA:

MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT CLICK ON ANY DUBIOUS  
LINKS OR IMAGES YOU SEE.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE SAFE AND SECURE ONLINE

# FLOURISHING IN THE DIGITAL WORLD – CELEBRATING SAFER INTERNET DAY

By Aviel (Year 8)

Every February, Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, the theme was "Together for a Better Internet". Its goals are to educate and reiterate to people about the significance of online safety and encourage users, especially young ones, to navigate the internet responsibly. It also promotes respectful and thoughtful use of technology to foster a safer experience for us all.

This year, Safer Internet Day was on the **11th February 2025** but as a school we also marked the occasion on Monday 10th February 2025 and throughout the week. To promote Safer Internet, groups in the Year 7 class have presented a slideshow on the importance and reason why we should protect ourselves from dangers on the internet. The Year 8 class have represented this day by performing a skit showing the different ways people can scam and endanger you on the internet, also showing ways to protect yourself and keep you safe. The Year 10 participated by having their ICT students present an engaging survey they had recently shared amongst the Years 7-9 based on the topic of cyber bullying.

These are different ways you can protect yourself on the internet :

- **Backing up your data**

Safeguard your most important data, such as your photos and key documents, by backing them up to an external hard drive or a cloud-based storage system.

- **Protect your accounts by using strong passwords**

Cyber criminals can use your email to access many of your personal accounts, leaving you vulnerable to identity theft.

- **Keep your personal information, personal!**

Hackers can use social media profiles to figure out your passwords and answer those security questions in the password reset tools. Lockdown your privacy settings and avoid posting things like birthdays, addresses, mother's name, etc. Be wary of requests to connect with people you do not know.





# THE FUTURE OF VIRTUAL REALITY!

By Audrey (Year 8)

After school, several students participated in the VR activity in the library. As Safer Internet day was celebrated this week on the 11th of February 2025, our BSL community fostered an entertaining yet informative environment for students to enjoy and learn about online safety.

The motto this year is **"Together for a better internet"** and we would like to remind everyone that we should always be cautious online and make sure we do not fall for fake calls, emails and deals.

During the VR exhibition, our students were given the opportunity to take part in several games. The many who participated got the opportunity to experience games through a VR headset. We really hope that our students enjoyed this wonderful exhibit showing the numerous opportunities that virtual reality presents them with!

In the end, all the students had a wonderful time during this entertaining experience.

If you and your children would like to try as well, please visit JUEXDIA or you can call +288 93 69 54 63



This year's theme is **"Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online."**

Safer Internet Day has become a key event in promoting online safety. Initially launched as part of the EU SafeBorders project in 2004 and later adopted by the Insafe network in 2005, the initiative has expanded globally and is now observed in around 170 countries: [saferinternet.org](https://saferinternet.org).

For tips on staying safe online, visit: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

At BSL, students engaged in various activities such as presentations on **Misinformation, Online child abuse, Scamming, Cyberbullying** etc to raise awareness about internet safety. Secondary students attended an assembly on Monday, while primary pupils had theirs on Friday. Throughout the week, tutor sessions included discussions and activities focused on online safety.

Additionally, **Shawn, Isaac, and Yash** designed an engaging quiz on Kahoot, with Year 10 emerging as the winners—congratulations!

As the saying goes, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." On Tuesday after school, we were honored to have Mr. Desire Akoda, CEO of JEUXDIA (a BSL alumnus), treat students to an exciting virtual reality gaming session, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

A huge thank you to Mr. Desire Akoda for this generous contribution!

A glimpse of the upcoming IT Exhibition at the end of the term – Year 10 Computer Science students have been working with Arduino boards for some time. On Monday, they showcased their projects, including a robot, smartphone-controlled Light, and a traffic light simulation with LEDs.



## **YEAR 7 OUTING TO THE FRENCH INSTITUTE ( L'INSTITUT FRANÇAIS DU TOGO )**

Friday, 31st January, lunchtime, the group of Y7 French SL students along with their French teacher and Ms Gibbons visited the French Institute of Togo.

Located in the administrative area of the capital city, the bus trip took 20 minutes from door to door. Strung together in a matter of ten days, the outing represented an opportunity for both new and familiar visitors among the group to enjoy the colourful, relaxing and welcoming reading room of the youth library as well as the leafy garden and local restaurant in the Institute's precincts. If time was short, the students nonetheless made the most of their time, browsing the books available.

All demonstrated inquiry, asking numerous questions to the librarian about titles they were interested to read in French, and care, offering each other fresh fruit drinks in the restaurant.

Miss Claire





# THE POWER OF THE PYTHAGORAS WATER WHEEL!

By Saii Nandhini and Newal (Year 10)

On Wednesday 12th February 2025, the Year 10 students along with the Year 12 students, who had happily volunteered to help the IGCSE class with Additional Maths, had a fun one hour session.

Together, along with the assistance of our most respected art teacher, Mr Obaro, they were able to get the supplies ready for their art. Afterschool, they started the project and are yet to finish with their work but we are kept in deep anticipation as we believe that our students have a brilliant artistic side. There was strong responsibility and teamwork shown by all the students who worked on the project.

In the hour that our artists had, they spent their time thinking about ideas, having some fun with the paint and taking turns drying the paint.

We await restlessly for their wonderful masterpiece!

This is the hard work of our students:



# PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

This week in the Primary assembly, Mr Kodjo talked about Safer Internet Day which was on Tuesday. Our Primary learners have been finding out all week about different ways of keeping themselves safe on the internet. The Year 8 students told us how to stay safe from scammers and we had a very interesting quiz too.



Also Aiden told us about volcanoes and he had made one to show us.



Stars of the week



Happy Birthday





# PE NEWS

## Building Bonds: The Spirit of a Friendly Football Match

### The British School of Lomé VS ECOLE INTERNATIONALE COURS LUMIERE

The senior boys football team played a friendly football game against their Cours Lumiere counterparts last Saturday (8-2-2025) in preparation for their annual invitational multi-sport weekend competition (March Madness).



## STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN!

**By Saii Nandhini (Year 10) and  
Gideon (Year 8)**

Last Saturday, February 8, 2025, our football team faced off against their counterparts from École Internationale Cours Lumière in a friendly match. This game served as an essential preparation for the upcoming annual invitational multi-sport weekend competition, commonly known as March Madness.

In addition to the football match, students participated in friendly chess matches, showcasing their strategic thinking and problem-solving skills. These chess games provided a wonderful opportunity for students to demonstrate their tactics and foster a spirit of friendly competition.

The basketball teams also took to the court, engaging in a thrilling series of matches that highlighted teamwork, agility, and skill. Players demonstrated impressive coordination and sportsmanship, making the basketball games a memorable part of the day's events.

Together, the football, chess, and basketball matches not only allowed our students to refine their skills but also promoted camaraderie between the two schools. As all teams geared up for the competitive season ahead, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and anticipation.

We look forward to seeing how these experiences contribute to our team's performance in the upcoming tournament!

# LEADER IN ME

## AMY & MARVEN (YEAR 7)



Amy

Marven



### • What is a leader to you?

**Marven** - A leader is a person who can lead his team to victory and makes the team better.

**Amy** - To me, a leader is someone who guides others, helps solve problems, and makes decisions for the good of the group. A leader should inspire others and make them feel supported.

### • How can you be more of a leader at BSL?

**Marven** - I will be learning and influencing my friends. I will act more responsible to set a good example forward for friends and the younger ones.

**Amy** - At BSL, I can be more of a leader by setting a good example, being respectful to everyone, and helping out when someone needs it. I can also encourage others to participate and be kind.

### • What should a leader be concerned about?

**Marven** - A leader should be concerned about whether his team is doing good or bad. They should worry about their team's confidence towards winning

**Amy** - A leader should be concerned about making sure everyone feels included, making fair decisions, and keeping things organized. They should also care about the well-being of the group.

### • As a leader, are there any qualities or traits you believe you should have?

**Marven** - Leaders should be able to communicate with their teammates, be knowledgeable and open-minded. Leaders should be risk-takers because leaders have to take risks based on the decisions they make.

**Amy** - As a leader, I think I should have qualities like being responsible, honest, kind, and a good listener. It's also important to be confident but humble, and always willing to learn from others.





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