



NEWSLETTER

Student Led Conference Wednesday 9th April and Thursday 10th April

Dear parents and guardians,

Across the whole school, your children are currently preparing for a different type of end-of-term parents' evening. It is called a **Student-Led Conference**, a new concept at BSL that we introduced last year. It is called a Student-Led Conference. In these your children will share with you portfolios of their chosen work pieces and their own reflections on their work.

Below you will see a table which explains some of the differences and benefits of Student-Led Conferences.

WHY STUDENT LED CONFERENCES?

- Students develop **ownership** of their learning
- Students build **independence**
- Students take **pride** in their success
- Students identify areas for **improvement**
- Students **share** knowledge and skills learned

Regular Parent-Teacher Conferences	Student-Led Conferences
Format: In traditional conferences, teachers lead the discussion, and parents listen to updates about their child's academic performance.	Format: In Student-Led Conferences, students take the lead. They actively participate in the conference alongside their parents and teachers.
Purpose: The focus is on teacher feedback and assessment results.	Purpose: The primary goal is to involve students in advocating for their own learning. Students share their progress, achievements, and areas for growth.
Process: Teachers share information about grades, behaviour, and overall progress. Parents ask questions and discuss any concerns. Students are not actively involved.	Process: Students prepare by reflecting on their work, setting goals, and selecting evidence of their learning (such as projects, assignments, or portfolios). During the conference, students guide discussions about their learning journey, showcasing their work and explaining their insights. Parents listen, ask questions, and provide feedback and praise.
Benefits: Provides a snapshot of academic performance. Allows parents to address specific issues.	Benefits: Encourages student responsibility and ownership. Fosters transparent conversations about progress. Empowers students to articulate their learning experiences.

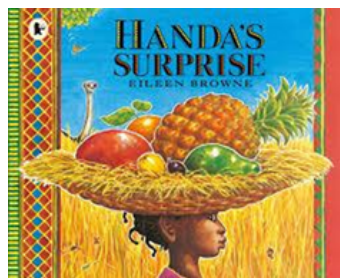
In summary, Student - Led Conferences emphasise student agency, self-reflection, and goal-setting, while regular conferences focus on teacher feedback. Both formats serve different purposes, but Student-Led Conferences empower students to take charge of their learning.

Student-Led Conferences take place on Wednesday 9th April and Thursday 10th April. We look forward to seeing you and your child there.

Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

NURSERY AND CRÈCHE NEWS

Play, Learn and Grow



This week in Nursery we have continued to learn about land animals. Our story of the week is Handa's Surprise you can listen to the story on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUdLhWdrITQ>.

RECEPTION NEWS

Reception has been exploring our theme "**Healthy Lives**", discussing the many ways we can take care of our bodies

conversations about **eating healthy foods, keeping our bodies clean, getting enough sleep, exercising, and maintaining a clean environment.**

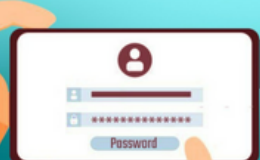
A highlight of our learning was an exciting hands-on activity where the students made their own **fruit salad!** They had so much fun selecting and mixing fresh fruits while discovering the benefits of healthy eating. **Let's live healthy!**



IT NEWS

Some things are meant to be kept to yourself

Don't share your password



Your school login details are private and personal—please do not share them with anyone, even your friends. The only people who should know your password are you and your parents. Sharing your login details can lead to unauthorised access, misuse of your account, and security risks. If you ever think someone else knows your password, change it immediately and inform the IT team. Stay safe online and keep your accounts secure!

DR KRISTINE N. MARBELL-PIERRE, PHD, TO VISIT BSL FOR STUDENT AND PARENT CONSULTATIONS, LESSON OBSERVATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS



We are delighted to announce that Dr Kristine N. Marbell-Pierre, PhD, a Harvard-trained Licensed Clinical Psychologist, will be visiting the British School of Lomé (BSL) later this month.

With over 15 years of global experience in school-based mental health, Dr Kristine specialises in educational psychological assessments for students requiring access arrangements for international exams such as Cambridge IGCSE, A-Levels, and IB, as well as supporting the needs of students and adults of all ages. She has also served as the Head of Counselling, Career Guidance & Community Life at Ghana International School (GIS), where she provided comprehensive support for students' academic, personal, and career development.

Dr Kristine is a doctoral-level licensed psychologist with extensive experience in therapy and assessments. She utilises evidence-based approaches, including Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT), and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), to empower individuals and families to reach their full potential. Additionally, she has specialised training in Neuropsychological Assessments, including ADHD testing, to help clients better understand their learning differences and develop effective interventions for school, work, and home environments.

Her philosophy is rooted in the belief that feeling understood and supported is essential for personal growth.

As the Head of Psychological Services at Mission Pediatrics, Dr Kristine and her team provide expert consultations, workshops and seminars focused on staff and student well-being and special education support. During her visit to BSL, she will meet with students and parents she has previously assessed, observe lessons, and provide valuable insights to teachers and parents.

Schedule of Dr Kristine's Visit:

Thursday, 27th March

- Arrival in Togo
- Visit to BSL to meet with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), students, and their parents
- Follow-up session from her previous Zoom workshop for staff at 3:30 PM

Friday, 28th March

- Full day at BSL, observing students and meeting with teachers and parents (both those she has assessed and others who wish to consult with her)
- Informative Workshop for Parents on Educational Psychology and Special Educational Needs (SEN) at 5:00 PM

Saturday, 29th March

Second Workshop for Parents at 9:00 AM

We strongly encourage all parents, teachers, and staff to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to learn from Dr Kristine's expertise. Her workshops will provide insightful guidance on Educational Psychology, Special Educational Needs, and student well-being.

For further information or to **book a meeting** with Dr Kristine, please contact the school's office via email at contact@bsl.tg or call **+228 22264606**.

Akif Naqvi
Head of School

YEAR 1 NEWS

We've had an exciting week in Year 1!
The children have been showing off their skills in our End of Term 2 Assessments.

They've demonstrated their math talents in arithmetic, reasoning and problem-solving, as well as sharing their reading skills.

We're so proud of their hard work and progress!



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 students are embarking on an exciting journey of map exploration, working together to uncover the wonders of continents and landforms! Through hands-on activities, they're mastering map reading, boosting their geographical knowledge, and building strong teamwork skills.



SHIRT MACHINES IN YEAR 5

Year 5 have been working on explanation texts over the last week in their English lessons. They have been looking at building a 'Shirt Machine' and coming up with a piece of writing explaining how the contraption works. Before beginning their writing, the pupils read as writers and picked out the language features in a modelled example of an explanation piece of writing.

They then worked in pairs to design a shirt machine for themselves and to discuss some of the magical powers the shirts produced may possess. Our next step is to begin planning and writing our own explanation pieces of writing using the features that we found in our modelled explanation examples.



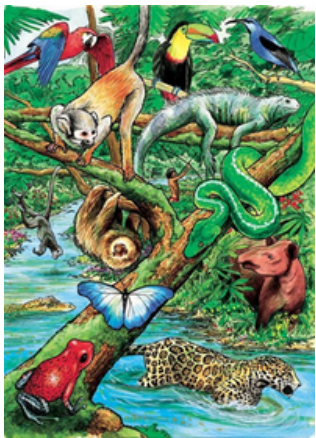
ROCKS AND SOIL, YEAR 6

In the unit Rocks and Soil, Year 6 students investigated the different layers of soil and how drainage systems work in different types of soil. Students had fun investigating how water moves through the soil layers, from the organic layer rich in nutrients to the rocky bedrock layer. They carried out a test on the soil drainage system to understand how drainage plays an important role in the environment. This informed us on how economic activities like farming can be improved to help sort the food security in Togo.



ARTS AND CRAFTS WEEK

From **March 18th to 21st**, the primary school will be joining the senior school for the Art Exhibition. The theme for Primary Art Week is **Rainforest**.



Each child will have their work displayed, showcasing their creativity and the diversity of art styles that can be achieved using a range of materials.

We warmly invite you to visit our exhibition to admire your child's amazing work, as well as the artwork of other students.

We look forward to seeing you all at the event!

Many thanks,
Ms. Jenny

ART EXHIBITION: EXPRESSION

After the success of our first Art Exhibition last year, we are thrilled to announce that the annual British School of Lomé Art Fair is just around the corner! Join us from 18th March to 21st March as we celebrate the creative talents of our students, staff members, and the local community.

The Art Fair will showcase a wide range of artwork, including paintings, constructions, and mixed media pieces created by students and staff.

We also invite any parents who would like to exhibit their artwork—please contact our Art Teacher, Mr Oladele Obaro, for more details.

Opening Ceremony: Tuesday, 18th March at 3:15 PM

Exhibition Hours: Daily from 3:15 PM – 5:00 PM

We look forward to seeing you there! Come and appreciate the artistic talents at BSL.



Arts and Crafts

Rainforest/ Expression

18th to 21st March 2025

- ✓ Opening 18th March: 3:15pm to 05:00pm
- ✓ CRECHE TO YEAR 6
- ✓ SECONDARY

JOIN US to admire your child's amazing work, discover the creativity of other students, and support their artistic journey.

Contact: admissions@bsl.tg



BSL ARE TOP OF THE TOGO CHARTS



A huge well done to all pupils for giving up their lunchtimes to compete in the TTRS World Rocks Times Table Challenge.

Pupils competed against schools from all around the world to answer multiplication and division questions in as quick a time as possible. The school battled to a very commendable top 150 in the World finish. The most exciting news was that the pupils cemented the school as top school in Togo for the Whole World Rocks competition.

Special mention should go to the Year 5 class for their outstanding finish as the top class in the school (which means the top class in the whole of the country at Times Table Rockstars!!!!)

SUMMER @ BSL – FOR CHILDREN AGED 2 TO 12 YEARS OLD

Summer months are fast approaching and BSL has something to offer all learners, from our very youngest pupils up to our older primary aged learners!



BSL is offering a Creche facility for our very youngest community members.

Each morning will be spent enjoying arts and crafts, playing and exploring the themes on offer! All before a quick snack then home for a snooze!!!!

Creche hours will be between 8:30 - 12:30 and pupils will be able to play in the familiar surroundings of their very own creche environment.

Sign up by scanning the QR Code below or see the school bursar (bursar@bsl.tg)



Beat the boredom of the summer months by coming along to the fun-themed weeks at BSL.

Each morning will be spent participating in a number of activities ranging from rock climbing to relay racing and swimming to cooking and trips around the sites of Lome. All this coupled with enriching learning activities.

Sign up by scanning the QR Code below or see the school bursar (bursar@bsl.tg)

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY: MEET MR CHRIS WOODCOCK FROM PROJECT INTERNATIONAL AT BSL!

We are delighted to welcome Mr Chris Woodcock, CEO of Project International, to the British School of Lomé on Monday, March 24, 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the upcoming UK summer trip and to meet Mr Woodcock in person.

Mr Woodcock brings a wealth of experience in international education. Educated at The Dragon School and Westminster School UK, he later earned an Honours Degree from the University of London before embarking on a distinguished teaching career. As Head of History at a leading UK boarding school for 12 years, he developed a passion for providing exceptional learning experiences beyond the classroom. In the early 1990s, he founded Project International, which now specialises in UK summer schools, hosting students from over 30 countries, including Europe, Asia, South America, the Middle East, and North Africa. Recognised globally as one of the leading providers of UK-based international summer programmes, Project International offers enriching educational and cultural experiences for students worldwide.

This will be Mr Woodcock's first visit to West Africa, and he is eager to meet with students, parents and staff. If you have expressed interest in the UK summer trip, or if you would like to learn more about this incredible opportunity, we encourage you to attend this session. Following his visit, we will begin the booking and visa process for the trip.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Date: **Monday, March 24, 2025**

Location: **British School of Lomé**

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PRIMARY ASSEMBLY



In the Primary Assembly today Year 6 treated us to some different arguments. The difference was that Year 6 showed us what a balanced argument was and how we can see and understand opposing views. They argued about plastic, going to bed time and screen time.



Our Stars of the Week, including Ali representing all of Year 6!

Stars of the week

Birthday

The Green Card is given by the Primary Student Council for kindness and responsibility in the playground, well done Year 2!



Green card






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BRITISH SCHOOL OF LOMÉ SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to introduce an important initiative led by the Sustainability Council at the British School of Lomé: a community-driven effort to recycle plastic waste and cans! As part of our commitment to protecting the environment, we aim to reduce waste and promote responsible recycling practices.

Plastic pollution is a growing problem, and we believe that change starts within our community. To make a real impact, we are asking for your support in collecting plastic waste (such as bottles, bottle caps, bags and containers) and empty cans. Instead of throwing them away, we invite you to bring them to school, where our team will ensure they are properly sorted and sent for recycling.

How You Can Help:

- Collect clean and empty plastic bottles, bags, containers, and cans at home.
- Drop them off any day at the school's trash dump next to the second gate.
- Encourage family and friends to participate and spread awareness about the importance of recycling.

By working together, we can make a difference in reducing waste and protecting our planet. Let's inspire our children to become responsible global citizens and take action for a sustainable future!

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, feel free to contact us at 25c.moukpe@bsl.tg. Thank you for your support in making our school and community more environmentally friendly.

Sincerely,

Sustainability Council

Chers Parents et Tuteurs,

Nous sommes ravis de vous présenter une initiative importante menée par le Conseil d'écologie de la British School of Lomé : un projet communautaire visant à recycler les déchets plastiques et les canettes ! Dans le cadre de notre engagement pour la protection de l'environnement, nous souhaitons réduire les déchets et promouvoir des pratiques de recyclage responsables.

La pollution plastique est un problème croissant, et nous sommes convaincus que le changement commence au sein de notre communauté. Pour avoir un impact réel, nous sollicitons votre soutien pour collecter les déchets plastiques (tels que les bouteilles, bouchons, sacs et contenants) ainsi que les canettes vides. Plutôt que de les jeter, nous vous invitons à les déposer à l'école, où notre équipe s'assurera qu'ils soient correctement triés et envoyés au recyclage.

Comment vous pouvez aider :

- Collectez à la maison des bouteilles, sacs et même contenants en plastique et ainsi que des canettes propres et vides.
- Déposez-les à tout moment à la décharge de l'école située à côté du deuxième portail.
- Encouragez votre famille et vos amis à participer et à sensibiliser sur l'importance du recyclage.

En travaillant ensemble, nous pouvons faire une réelle différence en réduisant les déchets et en protégeant notre planète. Inspirons nos enfants à devenir des citoyens responsables et à agir pour un avenir durable !

Si vous avez des questions ou souhaitez vous impliquer, n'hésitez pas à nous contacter à l'adresse suivante : 25c.moukpe@bsl.tg. Merci pour votre soutien dans notre démarche pour une école et une communauté plus respectueuses de l'environnement.

Sincèrement,

Le Conseil d'écologie



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