



# NEWSLETTER

## INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

### Thank You for Making Our International Day and Fête Unforgettable!

Dear BSL students, staff, parents, guardians, family members and friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of both the International Day on Friday and the International Fête on Saturday, 2024. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our guests, parents, and students, for which we are immensely grateful. It was particularly inspiring to witness our students take the lead, showcasing their confidence and pride in our diverse community.



This event coincided with similar celebrations at international schools around the world, notably an international school in Kazan. However, what set BSL's International Weekend apart was the inclusion of a Fête on Saturday, which engaged the entire community—an initiative that was truly wonderful to behold. This exemplifies our unwavering commitment to fostering inclusivity and celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures within our school.

I would like to express special thanks to the Estates team and the organising committee for their exceptional efforts in ensuring that the Fête was both well-organised and enjoyable. I must also acknowledge Mr Sylvester, a valued member of the Estates team, who unfortunately had an accident some time ago and is currently on leave recovering. I visited him in his village and found him in good spirits. It is inspiring to see how the rest of the team has come together to support one another in his absence.

The students, staff, parents, vendors, and visitors greatly appreciated the day, and I would like to thank those who shared their feedback with me. It was a delightful and memorable occasion for all, filled with laughter, learning and connection. Events such as these not only strengthen our community bonds but also remind us of the beauty and richness of our diversity.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and all the best to our Duke of Edinburgh International Award participants for their weekend excursion.

Best wishes,

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**Head of School**



**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support and participation in our recent International Weekend. Your presence truly made the event special and memorable for everyone involved.

On Friday, we were treated to an unforgettable International Assembly. The performances were nothing short of spectacular, with dancing, singing, poetry, and inspiring speeches that showcased the diverse talents and cultures within our community. It was a joy to see the students shine on stage and share their heritage with such pride and enthusiasm.

The festivities continued with an unforgettable carnival around La Caisse, where we were entertained by the vibrant rhythms of Togolese drummers and the mesmerising skills of stilt walkers. The atmosphere was electric, and it was wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate and enjoy the day.

On Saturday, we had a fantastic International Fete filled with fun, games, food, and entertainment. It was a delightful day where families could relax, enjoy various activities, and savour delicious international cuisines. The joy and laughter shared by everyone truly highlighted the spirit of our community.

Your support, whether through attendance, food donation, volunteering, or encouragement, played a crucial role in the success of this event. We are deeply grateful for your involvement and for helping to create such a positive and enriching experience for our students.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. We look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate and learn together.

Warm regards,

**Gareth Jones**  
**Head of Primary**



# NURSERY NEWS



## RECEPTION



During our International Weekend celebration, Reception students embraced the spirit of cultural diversity! Dressed beautifully in their colorful cultural attires, they represented Ghana with pride and performed the traditional Ghanaian dance, Adowa. This dance, known for expressing praise, warning, or showcasing power, was a wonderful addition to the event.

The children had been practicing Adowa for a week, and their hard work truly paid off as they danced with so much energy and excitement, bringing smiles to everyone.

This celebration perfectly ties into our current theme on Traditions and Celebrations, helping the children understand and appreciate the richness of diverse cultures. What a fantastic way to bring learning to life!



# LEADER IN ME

## KEREN AND ALI (YEAR 2)

An Interview with Keren Tatagan and Ali Hawili Year 2 Both. Keren and Ali took major roles in the International Weekend by educating others about the country of Germany.

- **What was your favourite part of International weekend(Friday)?**



Keren

Ali



**Ali:** Traveling to Germany because we pretended to be on a plane and ate popcorn , colouring our passports and learning that they eat pretzels

**Keren:** Visiting Australia in the Year 1 class because we made boomerangs. We learned that when you throw it, it comes back to us.

- **What was your favourite part of International weekend(Saturday)?**

**Ali:** Playing in the castle

**Keren:** Bouncy castles because my friend Celina and I could play catch inside and afterwards my friend Mabinti joined us

- **What was your favourite food you had at the weekend?**

**Ali:** Sweeties from my brother's shop

**Keren:** Popcorn , i liked how it was crunchy on the outside and different colours

- **Tell me one interesting thing you learnt about the country your class studied?**

**Ali:** It is a lot of history and inventions in Germany

**Keren:** Germany has the most castles of any country in the world.

- **Which country would you like to learn about next year?**

**Ali:** Senegal

**Keren:** France





# YEAR 1'S INTERNATIONAL DAY: EXPLORING AUSTRALIA!

For International Day, Year 1 took a fascinating journey to Australia! All week we explored Australian culture and history, discovering many fun facts about this incredible country. The children were amazed to learn about animals found only in Australia, like kangaroos and koalas, and enjoyed comparing Australian culture to their own. Our week culminated in a wonderful performance where the children sang a brilliant song showcasing everything they had learned. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and curiosity, celebrating the rich diversity of our world through the lens of Australia!



## YEAR 4 NEWS



To kick off our international week, the Year 4 class hosted three international poets to recite their work and inspire the Upper Primary students in their poetic pursuits. The poets were in Togo for an international poetry slam competition hosted here in Lomé. Each represented their own countries, specifically Germany, Denmark, and Scotland. They gave performances of their original poems in their native languages (German, Danish, English, and Scots) and then led us in a creative writing activity. This activity had students making small poems from combining their favourite animals with negative adjectives, and lesser liked animals with positive adjectives. It was a great morning of sharing ideas, languages, cultures, and creativity!



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**YUT NORI RULES**

- The four possible courses of the game of Yut. In order to turn at the corners, the counter must be landed on the corner first.
- If the counters land on the same team, these counters will move together.
- If the counter catches an opponent's counter, the opponent's counters are returned to the start.

**윷놀이**

1	도 do
2	개 ge
3	걸 geol
4	윷 yut
5	모 mo

- One facing up stick makes "do" which means to go 1 step forward.
- If the player gets yut or mo, the player will go 4(yut) or 5(mo) steps forward plus an extra turn.

# YEAR 5 NEWS

This weekend, we celebrated International Weekend by investigating China. We looked at a factfile, developed and wrote instructions for a game connected to the country. On Saturday, pupils ran a stall at the school fete where they organised and ran the new game that they developed. It was an extremely successful weekend and one which highlighted the diversity and action-driven pupils here at BSL.



## How to play Chin Pong?

Chin Pong is a very interesting game created by Year 5 in 2024. Chin Pong was created to celebrate China. Have you ever heard of a game named Chin Pong?

Equipment needed:  
ping pong balls (all of the same size)  
tins of different sizes

Top Tip  
Make sure the ball bounces properly

### Instructions:

1. Firstly, a year 5 student will give you some ping pong balls.
2. Secondly, you have to do a level the hardest level is EXTREME. It is so hard even the Year 5s couldn't do it.
3. Next, you have to bounce the ball on the table before it goes in the tin.
4. Lastly, you are going to get some points based on the size of the tin the ball is bounced into.

## YEAR 4 / YEAR 5 INTERNATIONAL WEEK

For the International Weekend assembly, the Year 4 and Year 5 classes teamed up to sing a song adapted from Australian country singer Geoff Mack's "I've Been Everywhere". This song was written in 1959 and gained so much popularity that American country star Jonny Cash recorded his USA adapted version in 1996. We performed our BSL adapted version "I'm From Everywhere" on Friday morning to celebrate our diverse and globalised community.

For the Saturday weekend event, the Year 4 stall offered several traditional South Korean games. We had 박터트리기, a Korean piñata that drops blessings, and 윷놀이, Yunnori- a Korean board game similar to Ludo that uses divination sticks representing animals for dice.





## YEAR 6 CÔTE D'IVOIRE



Year 6 students had fun exploring the dance and games for their chosen country Cote d'Ivoire. They shared in a praise song to share the pride of the country's football team, the traditional games like mancala, lion and the impala and kudoda with other students who enjoyed the cultural integration and immersion for the day while improving on their coordination and critical thinking.

## YEAR 3







# INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND ASSEMBLY PARADE OF NATIONS







# INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND ASSEMBLY INTERNATIONAL FETE







# HUGE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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We extend our heartfelt **GRATITUDE** to the **parents, sponsors, and everyone** who helped make the **International Weekend** celebration a true success. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and involvement made this event a memorable one, filled with cultural diversity and meaningful exchanges.

- Mr Monnien
- Chris Jr
- Gracia
- Van de Velde
- Mr Dele
- All year 12 students



## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The Primary Assembly this week was all about how making mistakes and learning from them and overcoming setbacks is all part of life. We had a very interesting quiz between 3 Year 5 students (with help from all Year 5's and a few others) and 3 Teachers. The quiz was about recognising famous people from some of the setbacks that they have had to overcome in their lives. The quiz ended in a two all draw! We also celebrated some birthdays, our Stars of The Week and Our Green Card Winners, Year 2, for being kind and courteous. Finally our Student Council and Head Boy and Girl got their beautiful badges so that we can recognise them. Well done everyone!



Birthdays



Stars of the week





# SOON

  
THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF LOME  
*presents*  
A PRIMARY MUSICAL DRAMA  
**JOURNEY To BETHLEHEM**

Students & Staff : THURS. 5TH DEC 2024 1:30PM  
Parents & Invited Guests : FRI 6TH DEC 2024 6:30PM  
VENUE : THE AMPHITHEATRE, THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF LOME

**Admission Ticket for Friday show : 500 FCFA for students, 1000 FCFA for adults**

Bring family and friends to share in the joy of this classic Christmas story, reimagined by our primary students!



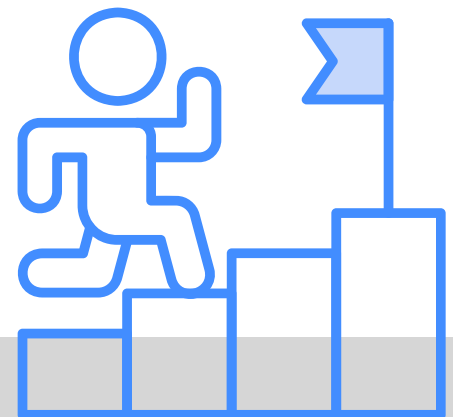
By only using each letter once, how many different words can you make from 'International Weekend'?



Two to start off:

Train  
Wake

How many more can you find?







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