



# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Reports go out to all parents
- ❖ Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Primary Sports Day
- ❖ Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Parent – Teacher Conferences
- ❖ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 Graduation and Honours Day
- ❖ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – End of Year (No lunch)

## Message from The Head of Primary

Dear parents, guardians and carers,

This is the final Primary Newsletter for this school year 2023/2024. I would like to thank you all for taking time to read our newsletters. It has been part of a great learning journey to write and compile these newsletters and I hope that you have also found them a source of learning too.

Next week, our last week of school, you will receive your children's reports. For the first time ever at BSL, you will also receive reports from our assessment partners GL Assessments. These are detailed reports with analysis of results and advice for next steps of learning. The important numbers and results of the GL Assessments will also be on the front of the BSL reports. The numbers you need to look at are the Standardised Age Scores (SAS). If these are between 90 and 110 then your child is at the same level as the majority of children of a similar age all over the world. If your child has scored above 110 then they are doing very well indeed.

We will study these results as they have also been analysed for the teachers. We will pass these results on to their next teacher so that they already know where your child is in their learning journey. If your child is in the small minority that are below this figure of 90 then we will alert our Well-being and Learning Support department and they will be ready to support their learning next term. Also if they are well above that figure of 110 then we will ensure they will be challenged next year too.

Your child's teacher will also give you advice next week at the end of year parent-teacher conferences on Thursday evening. This advice should consist of how you can help your child over the long holidays and keep their mind ticking over and expanding. So please remember to ask your child's teacher what you can do to help your child and what the next steps of their learning journey at BSL.

Thank you to the PE department for organising the wonderful Swimming Gala 2024 this morning, which was full of fun and sportsmanship. Thank you to all our parents who came to support their children.

Have a restful break.

Kind Regards,

Mr Gareth Jones

Head of Primary

## Traffic Wardens and Patrol Officer

In the UK, "lollipop men" and "lollipop women" are colloquial terms for school crossing patrol officers. They help children safely cross roads near schools by stopping traffic with a handheld sign that resembles a large lollipop, hence the nickname. These officers are essential for ensuring the safety of children travelling to and from school, particularly in areas with heavy traffic.



### An interview with Mr Paul Djassayi

Paul is appreciated for his years of faithful service to BSL and his gentle, careful demeanour.

**When did you start work at BSL?**

I began work in August 1997.

**How do you remember the names of all of the children?**

Every day when students line up to go to class and attendance is checked, I just pay attention and seem to remember the names.

**If a former student who is now married and returns to BSL to register their children, would you recognise them?**

Yes I would and I would remember their name.

**What is the best thing about your job?**

I like the children. I like to see them smiling.

**Do you yourself have children?**

Yes, I have one boy and one girl who are now grown up. I do not have any grandchildren yet.

**How long would you like to do your job?**

I would like to continue as long as I can.

Divine is appreciated for being sociable and having many friends. Samuel is appreciated for being a balanced learner who embodies the learner profile attributes.

**What is your favourite thing to do after school or on weekends?**

**Divine:** *Doing activities like swimming, basketball and football.*

**Samuel:** *I like to play some video games.*

**Do you have any hobbies or activities that you really enjoy?**

**Divine:** *I enjoy planting seeds.*

**Samuel:** *Playing football.*

**What's the best thing about school for you?**

**Divine:** *Always doing activities and P.E.*

**Samuel:** *Learning things that I haven't learned before.*

**If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?**

**Divine:** *Flying and shooting laser beams from my eyes because of a cartoon show I saw.*

**Samuel:** *To read people's minds to see their thoughts.*

**What's something special you love doing with your family?**

**Divine:** *Celebrating parties.*

**Samuel:** *I like going out and having lunch or dinner with them.*

**What do you want to be when you grow up, and why?**

**Divine:** *A scientist because I would explore new things. Also a cook.*

**Samuel:** *Probably to be a banker as you have to use a lot of Maths and your brain.*

**Can you tell me something you really want to learn how to do?**

**Divine:** *Gymnastics.*

**Samuel:** *To drive a car.*

**What's your favourite book or story and why do you like it?**

**Divine:** *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory because of all of the chocolate and the girl who chewed gum all of the time.*

**Samuel:** *Dog Man because it is really funny and makes me laugh.*

**Do you have a favourite animal or a favourite place to visit?**

**Divine:** *There are three animals: lion, tiger, snake. Waterpark and a zoo.*

**Samuel:** *Cheetah. Japan.*

**How do you think we can help people who might be sad or upset?**

**Divine:** *By cheering them up. Help poor people by giving them some money and showing them respect.*

**Samuel:** *Try to calm them down and say that everything will be okay.*

**Is there something that was difficult for you at first and then became easy with practice?**

**Divine:** *My division, but now I'm very good at division and subtraction.*

**Samuel:** *Writing. How to do some more writing with some help.*

**What's something you'd like to get better at?**

**Divine:** *Answering difficult questions.*

**Samuel:** *Reading.*

**If you could have any animal as a pet, even if it's imaginary, what would it be?**

**Divine:** *A puppy, a little cat and a dog.*

**Samuel:** *A wolf.*

**What is your favourite food?**

**Divine:** *Spicy chicken, spicy chips and sour candy.*

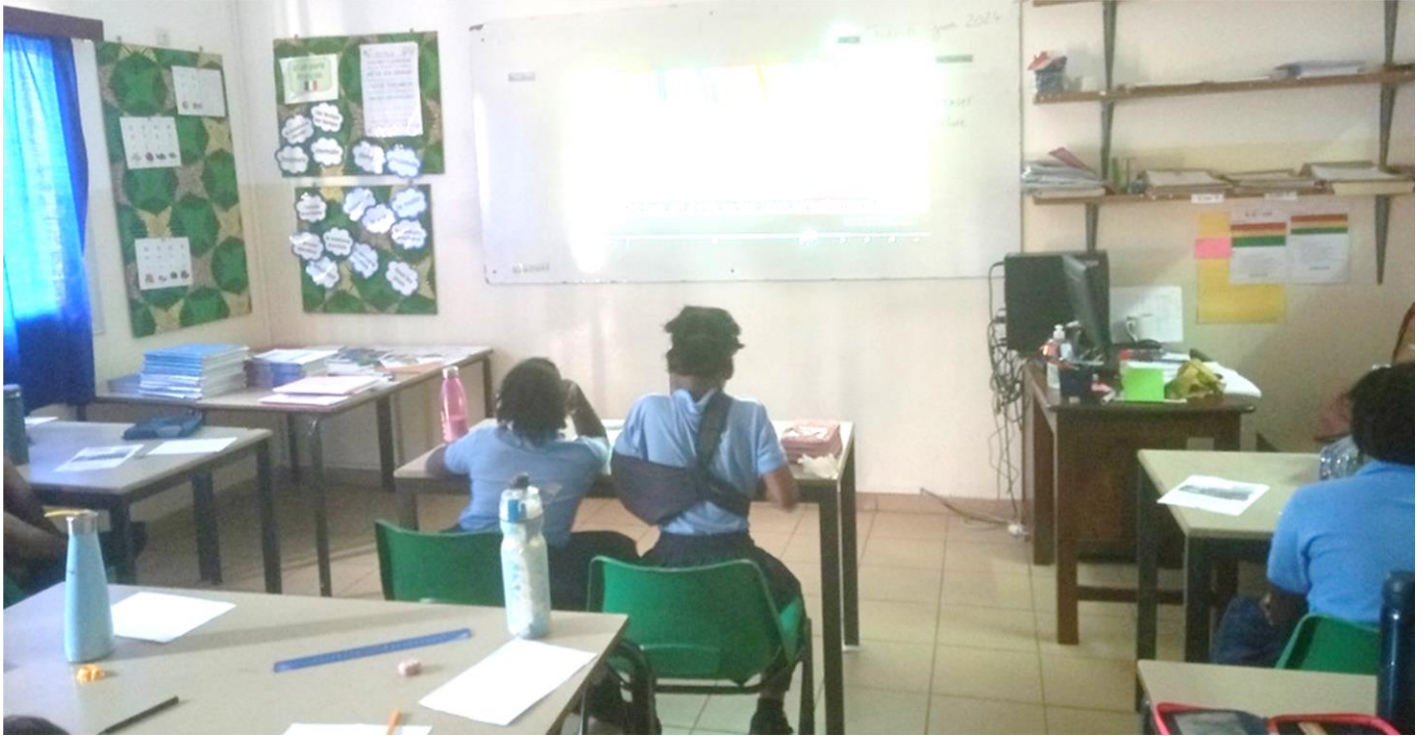
**Samuel:** *Mac and cheese.*





## MFL Department News

In Y3 French HL this week, we spoke about dinosaurs and watched a video on TV5 monde on how to draw a diplodocus. The resulting drawings were impressive and are hopefully going to be finished by next Tuesday.



## World War 2 - Homefront Museum Display

Year 5 used a number of artefacts to inquire into the groups of people that worked to help others back in the UK during World War 2. This was known as the Home Front and it was believed that these groups helped massively in the war effort. Each group had to select artefacts and describe how they were used by each of these groups. The pupils then had to research facts about the different groups and present their findings by curating a museum display that they created.

It was lovely to see the pupils discuss this with other year groups and explain what they learnt in a clear and concise way.





BSL Swimming Gala June 2024

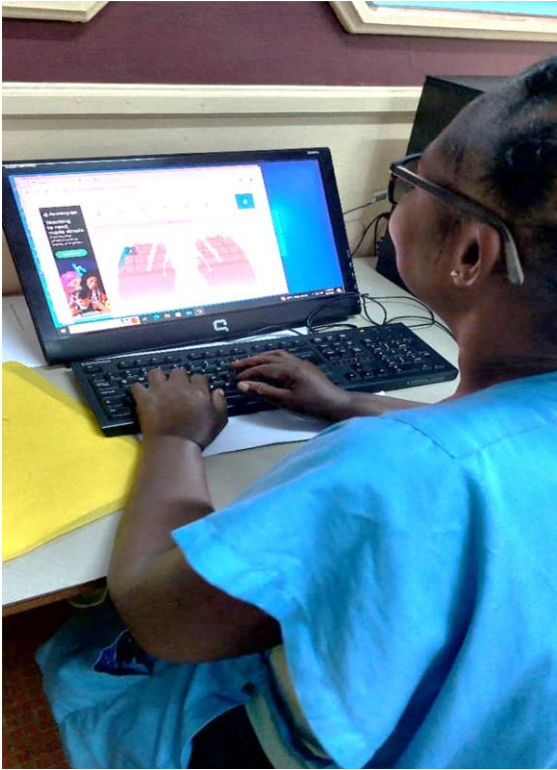




BSL Swimming Gala June 2024



## Celebrating Empowerment



**"Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge." – Simon Sinek**

We would like to take this moment to celebrate our initiative of empowering our operational staff. During his first school presentation, the head of school presented the idea of teaching our operational staff IT and English.

Today, we witness the fruits of our empowering the staff initiative. Ms Chantal has discovered her typing skills and may soon decide that she can do more than just preparing coffee and cleaning classrooms! Her dedication is evident as she sacrifices her lunch breaks to enhance her capabilities.

Her story is a testament to the belief that **where there is a will, there is a way**. Thank you to everyone who is committed to empowering our non-academic staff and fostering an environment of growth

## Celebrating another IBDP 2024 Graduate's scholarship offer: Othni- A Testament to Hard Work and Growth

We delighted to announce that Othni, one of our dedicated students, has earned a prestigious university scholarship. Othni joined BSL three years ago as an ESL student and completed Years 11, 12, and 13 with us. Throughout his time here, he listened to his teachers, worked diligently after school, and demonstrated remarkable growth.

Othni's hard work and perseverance paid off when he took the SAT and applied to numerous US universities, resulting in several scholarship offers. We are thrilled to share that he has decided to attend St. Thomas University, which awarded him two separate scholarships in recognition of his academic achievements and his personal commitment here at BSL.

Othni's journey exemplifies the incredible opportunities that come with dedication and the support of our exceptional teachers and staff. His success is a proud moment for our community and an inspiration to all our students.

Please join us in congratulating Othni on this outstanding achievement.

Let's continue to support and motivate each student to reach his or her fullest potential.



Estimated Financial Aid	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Total
<b>STU Scholarships</b>			
International Scholarship	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$9,000
Villanova Scholarship	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$7,000
<b>Total Financial Aid</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>



Summer months are fast approaching and BSL has something to offer all learners, from our very youngest to our young adults.



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

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

Click the [link](#) or see the school bursar ([bursar@bsl.tg](mailto:bursar@bsl.tg)) to sign up.



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. All this coupled with enriching learning activities.

Sign up using this [link](#) or see the school bursar ([bursar@bsl.tg](mailto:bursar@bsl.tg))



Robotics Summer Camp (12-18 years)

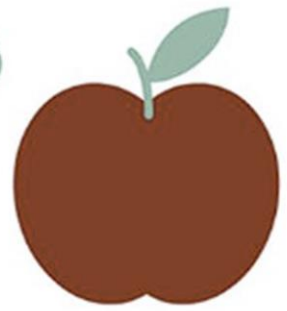
For our older learners, there is an opportunity to bring machines to life during the Robotics Camp.

Wequipu will offer their expertise to pupils to build, design and programme robots through the use of ICT

(Available in French and English!!!)



Happy  
**SCHOOL**  
Holidays!



Please watch this flight safety video if you are traveling this holiday:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wShleWV8U4>

