

Message from the Principal

Dear families,

It has been a pleasure to see you all. I would like to formally welcome our new families to APSoL! Thank you for all your support with the beginning of the academic year; we hope to continue to work with you more closely in order for all children to thrive at APSoL.

Covid-19

Although restrictions have been lifted, we still recommend that all families take extra precaution when visiting public sites or using public transport. This can be done by regular hand-sanitizing and wearing a face covering. If your child becomes unwell and develops Covid symptoms, please do not bring them to school in order to avoid an outbreak. We ask that you contact the school immediately and request a PCR test from NHS III.

Get involved!

Our current Year 1 parents raised £130 last summer with coffee mornings for families - this money is going towards books for the reading corners. We are going to restart our coffee mornings or café da tarde next Tuesday. Please come along on Tuesday morning/afternoon and bring cash with you. This is a great opportunity to meet other families and support the school. You will also be able to sign up if you would like to run a coffee morning/afternoon on another day.

Thank you to all the parents who have emailed to volunteer on our open mornings for new families. This is very much appreciated. I will be contacting you soon with more details.

Special event - Dress up day

Next week, we will be celebrating European Languages Day on Friday 24th September. The focus of the day is to celebrate cultural diversity and languages. We would like all children to come to school wearing an outfit of their choice, that reflects a culture or language of their choice. The children do not need to wear their uniform to school on Friday 24th September.



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Music @ APSoL

Year 1 and Reception had their first music lesson with Mr Joe Prescott this week and the feedback from children and staff was amazing! As part of our music provision, the children learn to sing and play instruments as a class. Reception are exploring music and rhythm creatively. From year 1, the children learn to play a musical instrument: glockenspiels and learn to compose music also!

Portuguese Teacher

As you know, Ms Ana Figueiredo from the Camões Institute was here until the recruitment process for Ms Alexandra's maternity cover was concluded. This has now taken place. Ms Carina Carmelino will be commencing at APSoL next week supported initially by Ms Ana for a smooth transition. Ms Carina is a qualified teacher with primary and early years' experience. We would like to thank Ms Ana Figueiredo for all her support with Portuguese teaching this term.

Welcome meetings

Last week, Year 1 had their welcome to Y1 meeting. Next Monday, Reception families will also have theirs with Ms Amy.

The purpose of this meeting is for parents to learn about the curriculum, daily routines, how they can support at home and the end-of-year expectations. We hope you find these meetings helpful and supportive.

Reporting/ requesting absence from school

Please contact the school office on the day of absence, by phone or email, if your child is unwell.

If you need to request special authorization for school leave during term-time, please email the school office as there is a form you need to complete.



This week we had our first assembly in the hall. Well done to these children for receiving an award! At APSoL we give Principal awards, Star of the week, Special award for good citizenship or values.

"Children see magic, because they look for it"

Year 1 Showcase for parents: Monday 11th October at 3:30pm

Reception Showcase for parents: Thursday 14th October at 3:30pm

Maximum 2 people per child. Please wear a face covering.

Emotional wellbeing comes first

At APSoL we prioritise emotional wellbeing and adapt our day according to individual needs of the children.

This week we have used various strategies to support children with settling in, on an individual level and feel that they are all happy at school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Principal or class teacher if you feel there is something that may affect your child at school, we prefer to work closely with our parents/carers so that the child thrives at APSoL.

Parabéns!

September birthdays

We would like to wish the following children a wonderful birthday 😊

Muitos parabens: Nicole, Tiago, Sara, Zion, Taylor, Eveline, Ariana, Anna Isabel, Vicent