

Dear families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for all the parent engagement we have this week. There was a significant level of attendees at our showcases, phonics workshop and first coffee morning this academic year!

**Showcases this week:**



Reception ‘All About Me’, Year 1 Dinosaurs and Year 2 Space. Thank you to all the families who came.

**Curriculum enrichment workshops this term:**

Reception & Year 1 Dinosaurs session and Year 2 Space VR session



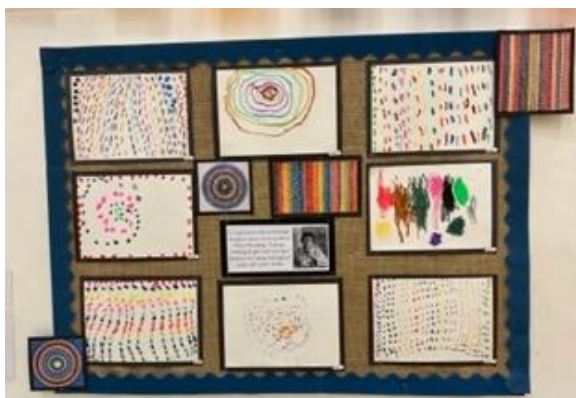
**Unicef Rights Respecting School: Our focus for October is Black History Month**



During October, children at APSoL will be learning about Black History Month (BHM). During this month, the children will complete activities linked to Black History using RRSA resources. In assembly, the children will be learning about the Articles 2, 12, 29 and 30 as part of BHM. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate Black contributions to British society, and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. Please refer to our Unicef Rights Respecting School page to find links and websites that you can share with your child.

<https://angloportugueseschool.org/en/unicef-rights-respecting-school/>

If you would like to get involved or come and lead a workshop at school next week or on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, please let us know!



In expressive arts and design, Reception have been learning about Alma Woodsey Thomas creating bright and colourful abstract art using rectangular dabs with paint-sticks.

In Portuguese assembly, Ms Alexandra spoke about the life and achievements of Patricia Mamona, a Portuguese triple jumper of Angolan descent.



**APSoL Coffee Morning:** At our coffee morning today, the parents had the opportunity to have questions answered by the leadership team and make suggestions for parent workshops in order to support their children at home. Thank you to everyone who attended and brought delicious cakes! The staff are very grateful too!



**APSoL International Fair:** On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, we are holding an international fair at APSoL. This is a great opportunity the children to learn about the different nationalities at APSoL, buy foods from different countries and take part in arts & crafts at different stalls. If you would like to be part of organising a stall, please come to the school office to sign up. We would like to see

all the APSoL nationalities represented at the fair! Tickets for entry will be on sale soon via Pay 360.

Stall Country	Parent names	Ideas
Greece	Ellie Reception	Greek food, Greek gods
Brazil	Mariana Y1	Forro ball for adults – session with capoeira teacher
Portugal	Sara Y2	Traditional Portuguese food and roasting chestnuts as part of S. Martinho
America	Laurie Reception	Thanksgiving
Morocco	Naoual Reception	Morrocan food
Italy	Daiane Y2 Rafaela Y1	Italian food
Madeira	Jessica Staff/Parent2023 Susan Staff/Parent2023	Madeiran food and traditional crafts

**You can join a stall or sign up to a new one! Please register at school office!**

**Key dates coming up:**

<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent consultation appointments (Year 1 appointments Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct & Thursday 20 Oct)
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	School closed. Parents can organise virtual meetings with Ms Alexandra regarding Portuguese
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November (pm)</b>	International Fair at APSOL – stalls from different countries, arts and craft making
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November 3pm</b>	KS1 SATs Meeting for Year 2 parents



The Forest School location will be changing after the half-term. Ms Dina will be doing a thorough risk assessment to ensure the sessions continue as usual and according to schedule. The Forest School providers will be the same group.

The children have truly enjoyed the sessions so far and report on these enthusiastically upon return to school.

### Attendance monitoring:

#### Reception – Portugal

Reg Group Portugal		Percentages	
w/b	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences
05/09/2022	96.4	3.6	0.0
12/09/2022	89.9	0.0	0.0
19/09/2022	79.6	20.4	0.0
26/09/2022	95.9	4.1	0.0
03/10/2022	96.3	3.7	0.0
10/10/2022	96.3	3.7	0.0

It is super important that your child is at school every day and on time. When children are late, this not only instils bad habits for the future, but also affects the children emotionally as they feel self-conscious about their lateness. Please continue to help the school to achieve **96%+** attendance every week, our children deserve to

get the best out of their education. In outstanding schools, attendance is above 96% every week. Please support us to achieve this.

#### Year 1 – Guinea Bissau

Reg Group Guinea Bissau		Percentages	
w/b	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences
05/09/2022	92.8	4.4	2.8
12/09/2022	95.0	3.9	1.1
19/09/2022	78.3	21.7	0.0
26/09/2022	87.9	1.1	0.8
03/10/2022	95.3	4.2	0.5
10/10/2022	96.0	2.5	1.5

#### Year 2 – Cape Verde

Reg Group Cape Verde		Percentages	
w/b	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences
05/09/2022	95.0	0.8	4.2
12/09/2022	95.4	3.3	1.3
19/09/2022	78.3	21.7	0.0
26/09/2022	79.6	10.8	0.8
03/10/2022	95.4	4.6	0.0
10/10/2022	94.1	5.9	0.0

Thank you to all the parents for your continued support!

Marta Correia

Principal

#### **Regular parent volunteers needed:**

To become a regular volunteer, please email the school office.

Reception Forest school outings	Year 1 Forest school outings	Year 2 swimming lessons
16/9, 30/9, 14/10, 4/11, 18/11, 30/11, 9/12	23/9, 7/10, 20/10, 11/11, 25/11, 2/12, 9/12	Every Thursday