

NEWSLETTER 9 – 3rd March 2023

Our aims for our Apsolings

At APSoL, we want every child to:

Communicate – fluently in multiple languages

Explore – develop a love for learning and an inquisitive mind

Challenge – think critically and build resilience

Our Core Values:

Apsolings work together to create a safer, happier and fairer world for everyone. Apsol's values provide an ethos which unites and empowers everyone to gain confidence, think critically, and seize opportunities to excel in an ever changing world.

We:

- understand our rights and respect the rights of others
- value and respect everyone equally
- behave with consideration and kindness
- care for our environment and our planet
- embrace challenges and put in our best effort
- communicate, explore and challenge



Arts Weeks at APSOL:

Carnival 2023



This year's carnival was a true success, with the support of our families and Capoeira teachers with samba drums! Thank you to all who came along and to the FoAPSOL for organizing a social event for our fabulous families!



APSoL's Got Talent 2023

Wish over 20 entries initially, 15 children performed at this year's Talent Show. We would like to say a special thanks to Ms Alexandra who led and organised the Talent Show and another special thanks to our School Council members (Article 12, Eco Schools and House Captains) for supporting Ms Alexandra with the Talent Show shortlisting and judging.

Congratulations and well done to all children who entered and those who took part!

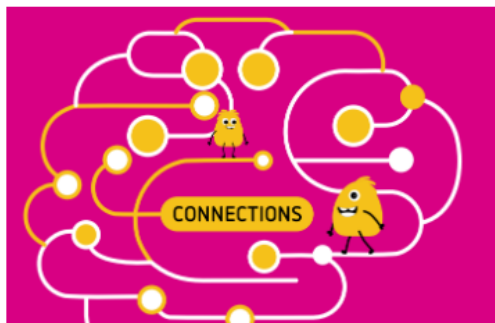
A massive well done to R S in Year 2 who is this year's Talent Show winner. RS sang a Portuguese song and has been shortlisted for another competition: Camões Tem Talento, an event that is organised by the Camões Institute who provide our language lessons.



Coming up!

British Science Week 2023

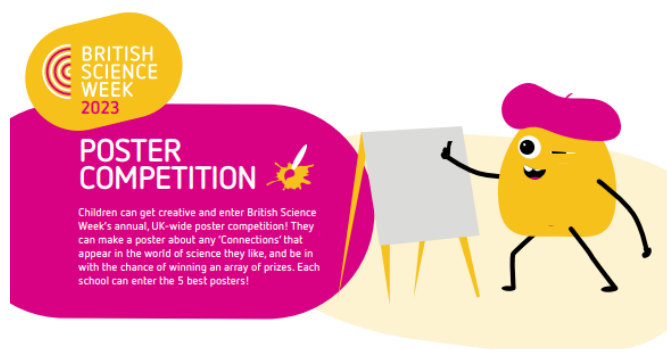
This year's science week theme is: Connections!



Nearly all innovations in science, technology, engineering and maths are built on connections between people; two (or more) heads are better than one, after all! 'Connections' as a theme offers a huge range of topics to delve into as part of your British Science Week 2023.

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/the-theme-for-2023-connections/>

Science Week officially takes place between the 10th and 19th March, however, we will be celebrating Science week at APSOL, during the week **13-17th March** with various fun activities and workshops supported by our parent community including an i-robots session!



Science Week Poster Competition

Children can get creative and enter the British Science Association's annual, UK-wide poster competition! Encourage your child to think about different types of 'Connections' so they can come up with ideas to include in their poster. Here are some points and questions to get them going:

- How have they connected with their classmates, teachers, family members or other role models in a way that has helped them learn more about science?
- How is the world built on connections? They could consider evolution and the ancient family tree that connects all animals, how atoms connect or bond to make up our surroundings, connections in construction or even how all our body parts are connected.
- How connections are made in the brain.
- Can children think of scientists who connected with other people to make world-changing innovations? Perhaps they could create a portrait of them to show this?

How will the posters be judged?

- Creativity in approach – innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme
- Content – clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Posters must be A4 or A3 in size. Children can be as creative as they wish, use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or use materials such as pencils, paints, crayons and paper to create their posters. *If you need support with resources in order to do the poster at home, please send an email to the office.*

If your child is entering the poster competition, please send your posters to school by 9 am on 24th March.

We would like to kindly ask parents to not enter directly as each school can only put forward a total of 5 entries.

Examples of winning posters from 2022:

Forest school sessions

Reception	Year 1
27 th January	3 rd February
10 th February	24 th February
3 rd March	10 th March
17 th March	24 th March
<p>Forest school wellbeing break: As previously communicated, staff take oat/rice cakes and fruit organised by parent reps and the school for children to have at the Forest School. Please do not send large amounts of snacks as it is not fair on the children to have to carry these. Thank you for your co-operation with this.</p>	

Important Dates:

13-19 th March	Science week at APSOL Theme: Connections
8 th March	Year 2 trip to Dulwich Gallery
17 th March	Year 1 trip to Vauxhall City Farm
22 nd March	Reception trip to Polka Theatre
31 st March	Last day of Term 4, school finishes at 1:30pm – no after school clubs
17 th April	First day of term, all clubs on as usual
1 st May	Bank holiday – school closed

Safeguarding concern?

For some children and families, home isn't a safe place.

If you have heard or seen anything that makes you concerned about a child's safety, even if you're unsure, please contact SPA (Wandsworth Single Point of Access) on 0203 513 5000., to speak to a professional for advice, support and information.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. #KeepOurChildrenSafe.

If you think a child is in immediate danger you should call 999

<https://www.swlstg.nhs.uk/our-services/find-a-service/service/ww-spa>

You can also share any concerns about a child's safety with Marta Correia, Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Friends of APSOL News and Events



The FoAPSOL Carnival social event raised £114.80 towards the school fund. Thanks to everyone!

The FoAPSOL are organising a family social event so that all APSOL families can get to know each other.

Sunday 26th March, 2pm at St George's Park

As this is a family event, parents and carers are fully responsible for the safety of their child whilst attending. The school will not take any responsibility for any safety or safeguarding issue during the event.

For more information about the event, please email school office.

Calling all parents/carers: We need your help!

At APSOL, we value the power of **creating** and the **higher-level thinking** that ‘junk-modelling’, has on the children. This is usually offered to children in the Early Years, but if we get a significant amount of donations for our very own APSOL Recycling Centre, more children can benefit from this!

Using different types of recycled objects enables children to learn about the basic properties of everyday materials – such as plastic, paper, cardboard, metal and wood – through a hands-on approach.

These are some items that we need donated on a weekly basis – if we get lots of items in, other year groups can have fun at playtime too!

APSOL Recycling Centre – please hand in at the office

Cereal/food boxes – different sizes
Cardboard tubes, cardboard, egg boxes
Beads/ buttons
Yarn, thread, ribbons
Bottle tops
Fabric, materials that children will find interesting (old clothes, different fabric and patterns)
Natural materials (seed pods, feathers, shells)
keys
corks
milk/drink cartons/plastic bottles
yoghurt pots
paper rolls
brown paper, bubble wrap found inside packages such as Amazon.



Health & Safety:

Please ensure that all items being donated are clean/have been washed where applicable and that there are no broken/sharp edges.

Items can be handed in at the school office.