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# NEWSLETTER 2



## Building works - Monthly update

The building works are going well and to schedule. The space that is going to be used for playdecks as been cleared with the biggest demolition having taken place in the summer. Internal demolition and construction of new classrooms has already taken place.

The playdecks will be completely resurfaced and have markings drawn, all classrooms will be fully furnished and equipped for learning including brand new IT / computing resources.

We are incredibly grateful to be receiving so much financial support from the DfE for this renovation and are excited to see the end product next September!

## We need your help!

The planned building works includes playdeck resurfacing but not play equipment. Consequently, APSOL and the FOAPSOL will be working together to raise additional funds for this equipment.

Given that the school will have 3 play decks and a new Reception open play area, this is a significant amount of play space. Ideally, each playdeck will match the physical as well as creative development of children of various ages.

We will be sending out a fundraising campaign document with our goals and how you can help!



Our playdecks will be open (fresh air) but covered - ensuring all-year round active play come rain or shine! The children will be involved in the design of the playdecks through their school council.

### OUR AIMS FOR APSOLINGS

At APSOL, we want every child to:



COMMUNICATE



EXPLORE



CHALLENGE



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# FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

## Play equipment for our play decks!

Our school building is currently undergoing a massive renovation project, creating new classrooms, play areas and specialist teaching rooms.

The DfE will support us with the renovation of these areas, but we will need to source play equipment for all the new play decks.

We need your help!

### What we need:

School leadership will be sourcing different companies to design each of our 3 play decks and Reception outdoor area.

The DfE will fund the resurfacing and markings, however, the school will need to purchase play equipment and installation for all play areas.

### How you can help:

You can help us raise this capital by:

- \* Communicating our Fundraising Campaign to as many people as possible including companies
- \* Attending and supporting FoAPSOL events
- \* Making donations on fundraising days
- \* Making a contribution to the school fund

The more people that get involved, the bigger the impact!

## What we will be doing

Given how tight school budgets are with the expense of bills, staffing and resourcing, we need everyone's support.

We will be sourcing different companies to provide us with playdeck designs that are suitable for each key stage. The children will help school leadership to decide on the play equipment via their school council representatives.

Estimate: £5-10k per playdeck/area & 5-10k for Reception Outdoor area. **Total: £20-30k** climbing, jumping, large board game tables, role play huts etc

This is the sort of equipment we will have on each play deck :)

You can make personal donations, get together as a year group and make a group donation, get your family involved and make a family donation.

### How to make a donation:

**Bacs payment (bank transfer):**

Talent Education Trust

Sort code: 30-65-41

Account number: 37501968

Reference: Play Donation + your child's name/Year group OR

Play deck + company name



# APSOLINGS IN ACTION

## RECEPTION

Related to their topic 'All About Me', Reception have been learning about emotions and parts of their body. They have been creating people using various materials.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 received a special visit from Harry and the bucket full of dinosaurs! The role play and talk for writing approach allows children to emerge in their imagination and grow a love for reading.



## YEAR 2

Year 2 went on a fantastic voyage through the solar system in their VR workshop on Tuesday afternoon. They learnt some amazing facts! Did you know that Saturn has 145 moons or that Venus spins backwards compared to the other planets? There were some truly out of this world costumes as well!



## YEAR 3

Year 3 expanded their knowledge on Stone Age life. The children learned about Stone Age tools and especially how they were put together in a time before modern materials and technology. They used different sources to conduct their very own research and then began to plan their reports, all of them found an interesting fact that they would like to share through their report writing.



# NOVIDADES DAS AULAS DE PORTUGUES

## NA PRE-ESCOLA

Os alunos de Reception têm tido dias muito coloridos a experienciar a história "O Monstro das Cores". Através de canções e jogos, têm aprendido as saudações, cores e emoções.

Aqui fica um jogo para praticar o que já sabem;

<https://wordwall.net/play/11790/359/631>



## NO PRIMEIRO ANO



O Year 1 viajou até ao tempo dos dinossauros e tem estado a explorar a história "Os dinossauros não vão para a cama". Através desta história já aprenderam as rotinas diárias e como descrever onde estão objetos. Até conheceram o Tininho, um dinossauro que nasceu na sala de aula!

Aqui fica um jogo para praticar o que já sabem:

<https://wordwall.net/play/61077/125/332>

## NO SEGUNDO ANO

Os alunos do segundo ano, têm estado a estudar o Sistema Solar e as suas características. O livro que estão a ler é "A que sabe a Lua", e também aprenderam algumas canções que os têm transportado para o espaço.

<https://wordwall.net/resource/60491001>

<https://wordwall.net/resource/35894015>



## NO TERCEIRO ANO

### Amigos sem Fronteiras



Os alunos da turma do terceiro ano da Apsol vão embarcar numa nova aventura. Vão fazer parte do projeto "amigos sem fronteiras" em articulação com uma escola em Portugal. Cada aluno terá um amigo e trocarão correspondência em português ao longo do ano letivo, fomentando a troca de experiências e realidades.

É uma excelente oportunidade para praticar a língua em contexto real, com o propósito de abranger todas as competências linguísticas.



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# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT & SUPPORT



## Reading Workshop for Reception & Year 1 Parents

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Reading workshop with Ms Dina and Ms Michelle on 26/9/2023. Hopefully you found this workshop very useful for supporting your child with early reading.

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

## Recommended book lists for children in all year groups

We want to encourage a love for reading from a young age. Some parents who attended the workshop requested a recommended book list for home reading. Please follow this link below, for recommended books for each year group. If your child needs more support or challenge, speak to Ms Marta who can guide on the book selection

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/>

## Maths Workshop for Year 2 & Year 3 Parents

Thank you to all the parents who attended the maths workshop with Mr Oscar and Ms Tazi on 26/9/2023. Hopefully you have found this useful for supporting your child with maths at home. Access slides below:

### [Parent workshop slides](#)

### **Recommended maths app to support children with maths fluency - 1 minute maths**

Children not only need to master mathematical concepts, but also need to develop their fluency and accuracy in maths. Here is a link to some recommended maths apps to support your child with this - we advise that any IT work/use is always under parent supervision:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths#download>

Other maths resources, click below:

### [Online resources](#)

## Volunteers needed

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to volunteer. We still need more parents! If you would like to volunteer, please complete the Google form with your details and availability. <https://forms.gle/ZkfSDuTGVAgYbBQP8>



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# WE HAVE A VOICE SEPTEMBER PUPIL COUNCIL UPDATES



## School Council (Article 12)

School council met with school leadership and provided an update on the new food provision at lunch times. Generally very happy with the quality and all children mentioned the food being warmer which was great. School council mentioned learning lots of new things and having all subjects.

**School council task:** survey a list of fundraising events/ideas to share at the next meeting in October.

## House Captains

House Captains met and provided an update on praise and house points being given in class.

**House captains task:** To create a list of cross-curricular activities for Houses to participate in each month and share at the next meeting in October.

## Eco-school council

Eco-council met with Ms Marta to discuss recycling procedures in class given how much we have to recycle as our food is transported in. Eco-council discussed the issues with the local vicinity and agreed some actions with school leadership.

**Eco-council task:** Each year group eco council to create posters/banners to raise awareness of our school with passers by asking them to:

- not litter
- not smoke so close to our school
- not drive on the pavements

### Our Pupil Voice group:

**School council:** Phoebe, Anya, Rafael, Evie, Amaryllis, Noah

**Eco-Schools:** Clara, Isaac, Elle, Ariana, Alice, Anna Isabel

### House Captains:

Discoverers: Matilde, Sara, Laura  
Expeditioners: Ishika, Olivia, Vladimir  
Explorers: Vicente, Amanda, Rodrigo S  
Navigators: Mila, Nina, Nicole

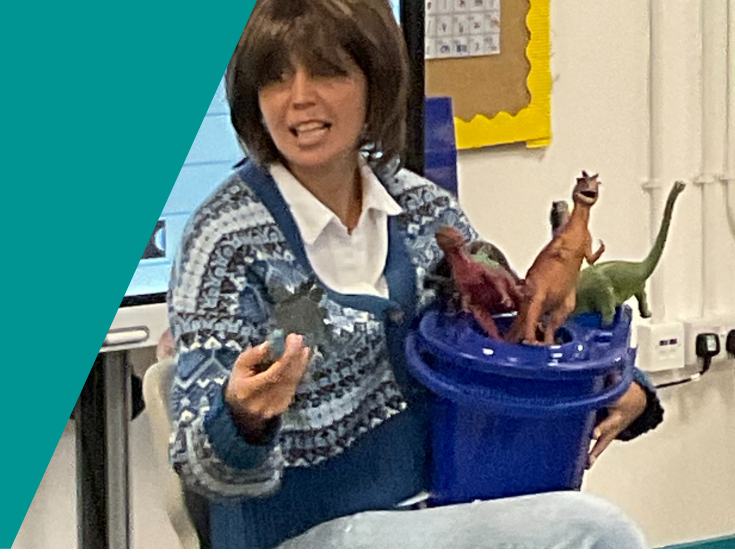
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## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP



*APSoL  
Bilingual state primary  
school*



Open event for  
Reception 2024  
admissions  
Friday 20th October  
at 2pm

To book call 0203 417 0905

## Important dates:

10th October: Reception showcase to families

12th October: Year 3 showcase to families

12th October: Year 1 Fossils & Dinosaur workshop

20th October: International Day at APSOL (school finishes at 1:30pm - no after school clubs)

20th October: Open event Reception 2024 families 2pm

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place in October and November. Please indicate your appointment preference on the Google form below.

<https://forms.gle/ewQFhjGx6N5NyX7N6>

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# Celebration



## Certificates and Achievement

Well done to all the children who have received a certificate this week!

At APSOL we celebrate children for various reasons and certificates can be awarded for the following:

Star of the week

Kindness award

Maths Award

Writing Award

Portuguese Award

Reading Award

Star Award for any area of the curriculum

Children can receive Ambassador badges when they demonstrate excellent learning behaviours and a consistently positive attitude to learning, putting maximum effort in what they do.



## September birthdays:

**Ms Michelle, Ms Raquel, Nicole, Anna Isabel, Sara, Evie, Ariana, Isaac, Vicente A, Gabriel**

## House Points

Each child is assigned to a House at the beginning of the year. Children will participate in several house activities throughout the year. Children receive house points on a daily basis. The winning house has a very special prize at the end of the year.



Discoverers

Click to Enter

503 Points



Expeditioners

Click to Enter

406 Points



Explorers

Click to Enter

451 Points



Navigators

Click to Enter

622 Points