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# NEWSLETTER 1



What a fabulous start to the academic year with this glorious weather!

A special welcome to our new families in Reception and other year groups. All the children have settled in very well, learning new routines very quickly and showing lots of enthusiasm for learning.

Our school building works are well on the way, with significant demolition works taking place over the summer holiday. It is very exciting to finally see the major development taking place. For safeguarding reasons, the contractors have their own separate entrance to access the building works, leaving the school entrance just for children and staff. Over the next few months, I will be taking photos and sharing building works progress with our school community.

Our school meals are now being provided by St Anne's Primary until our building works are completed in a year's time. As St Anne's deliver the meals by foot, we have reduced our carbon footprint significantly.

Our music sessions started in the first week of term with Mr Jac (Wandsworth Music Service). We are looking forward to welcome Mr Joe back who will be preparing the Year 3 children for their Singing Project and performance in December at Fairfield Halls.

Year 2 start their weekly swimming lessons next week and Forest School for this academic year, will start with Year 1 on Friday 22nd September. Please ensure you have read the emails and ensure your child has the right kit/equipment for their sessions.

## OUR AIMS FOR APSOLINGS

At APSoL, we want every child to:



COMMUNICATE



EXPLORE



CHALLENGE



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# PARENT WORKSHOPS 26TH SEPTEMBER AT 4PM

## Reading Workshop for Reception & Year 1 Parents

On Tuesday 26 September, Ms Dina and Ms Michelle will be leading a Reading workshop for parents. They will go through how you can support your child with reading at home, share phonics resources and discuss procedures of the Y1 phonics screening.

This workshop will be at APSOL at 4pm. Parents who wish to attend, will have to sign up - One parent per child to ensure that we have enough space for everyone.

To book, please complete the below google form. Please remember, one attendee per child/family.

To access the form please click on link below:

<https://forms.gle/vfRe78EFQ7Y9N31JA>

## Maths Workshop for Year 2 & Year 3 Parents

On Tuesday 26 September, Mr Oscar and Ms Tazi will be leading a Maths workshop for parents. They will go through how you can support your child with number and calculation development at home, share maths resources and discuss how you can prepare for the Y4 timetables test.

This workshop will be at APSOL at 4pm. Parents who wish to attend, will have to sign up - One parent per child to ensure that we have enough space for everyone.

To book, please complete the below google form. Please remember, one attendee per child/family.

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**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics



If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

# APSOLINGS IN ACTION

## RECEPTION

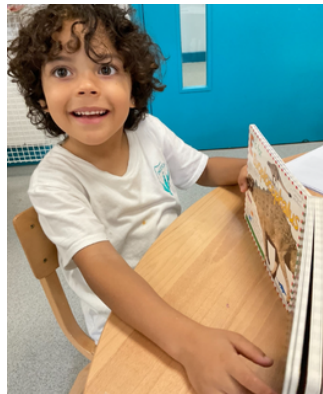
Reception have been exploring their new classroom as they embark on their new learning adventure at APSOL. *The Reception team would like to say a massive thank you to Eduardo's parents (now Year 1), for their kind donation of a light exploring table. This has been a huge success with the little ones!*



## YEAR 1

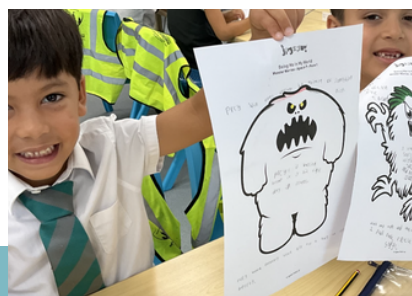
Year 1 have loved immersing themselves in their new topic, dinosaur. The children were excited to become dinosaur detectives; finding out exciting dino facts to share with the class.

In Art, we have been exploring different textures and we printed dinosaur skin using the various textures. We described the differences and imagined how the dinosaur skin might feel.



## YEAR 2

This week Year 2 have been very busy space explorers. We have role played a visit to the moon and written letter to Bob the man on the moon. We have also started our RE topic by learning about the Christian creation story. In computing we have been using scratch and reminding each other how to stay safe online.



## YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have been becoming more familiar with just how different life in the Stone Age was, they have enjoyed listening to Stone Age Boy and have thought very deeply about if they would enjoy living in the Stone Age or not and why. They thought especially hard about this when they had computing and had a go at designing their very own devices.



# SENCO UPDATES

## SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY AT APSOL

Some children with speech and language needs, will have SLT sessions with their NHS speech therapist. However, a significant amount of children with speech difficulties will not qualify for NHS SLT support. Nevertheless, this year we are working closely with London Clinic, Sloane Square and have a private speech therapist to support all our children who need this, attending the school on a fortnightly basis.

Speech & language Therapists can support children with the following:

- Speech fluency and stammering
- Attention and listening
- Play skills
- Understanding and using spoken language
- Recognising and producing speech sounds
- Using other ways of communicating, eg using signing and symbols
- Eating and drinking

The school will be contacting you directly if your child has been referred to our SLT for additional support. It is important for us that your child receives early intervention/support in order for them to achieve their potential at school.

## ELSA EMOTIONAL LITERACY THERAPIST

At APSOL we value the individual needs of each child and aim to support each child so that they can achieve their potential.

One of our teaching team members will be doing ELSA training to become an ELSA teacher.

ELSA is aimed to support children with social and emotional needs. The ELSA teacher will be trained and supervised by Educational Psychologists.

What areas does an ELSA help with?

- Loss and bereavement
- Emotional Literacy
- Self-esteem
- Social Skills
- Friendship issues
- Relationships
- Managing strong feelings
- Anxiety and worries
- Bullying
- Conflict
- Emotional Regulation
- Growth Mindset
- Social and therapeutic stories
- Problem solving

We are very pleased to be able to offer this support to our children at school and looking forward to the sessions starting. We will contact parents directly, if their child has been referred to ELSA?

**If you have any concerns about your child or any of the above, please speak to Ms Marta**

**or email our**

**SENCO, Ms Freya**

**[senco@angloportugueseschool.org](mailto:senco@angloportugueseschool.org)**

# 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

165 Points

Expeditioners  
Click to Enter

126 Points

Explorers  
Click to Enter

160 Points

Navigators  
Click to Enter

205 Points