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NEWSLETTER 6



Dear families,

Thank you for your patience and kind messages regarding the news about the building works from our Chairs of Trustees just before the Half-term. Given that Diamond Build had been in operation for 50 years and progressing well according to schedule, the news were completely unexpected. The DfE are currently procuring another contractor, I will inform you by email as soon as I know more. The priority will be to ensure that there are enough classrooms and play space for September.

In the mean time, we have designed our play areas, Reception outdoors and play decks.

Follow these links to see what these areas will look like:

EYs outdoor area:

<https://youtu.be/VuVm9pn2v8>

EYs covered area:

<https://youtu.be/OU3TuayanHU>

This is one of our play decks for the older children. The surfacing colour hasn't yet been decided.

<https://youtu.be/SSOvHos6U08>

These are incredible spaces, don't you agree?



International School Award

This week APSOL was awarded an International School Award by the British Council given our work in promoting internationalism. We are continuously looking to expand our work with other schools globally, beyond Portugal. If you have direct contact with schools in other countries do let us know.



International School Award

Certificate

This is to certify that

Anglo-Portuguese School of London

has achieved

Foundation level
Introducing internationalism

Scott McDonald
Chief Executive, British Council



If you have any admission enquiry, please contact the school office Tel: 0203 417 0905

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Want to find out more about the clubs at APSOL?

Capoeira with ArtePuraUk



Baking club with Ms Jessica



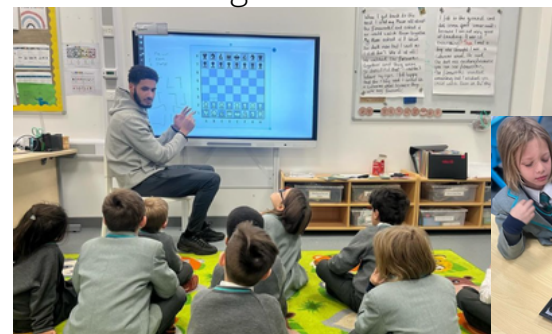
Yoga with Sandra (Moonchild Yoga)



Dance with Ms Vanessa



Chess & Lego club with Coach Regan



Singing club & Creative writing with Ms Alexandra

Maths & Portuguese Tuition with Ms Alexandra are school funded clubs to support children's individual needs.

If you have any club enquiries, please contact the school office Tel: 0203 417 0905 or email Ms Susan: info@angloportugueseschool.org

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WIDER CURRICULUM UPDATES



Carnival - 20th February

We had an amazing Carnival and luckily no rain! A massive thanks to all our families for supporting us with costumes and attending the event. A special thanks to our Capoeira teachers for leading the parade with samba drums. The children were ecstatic about the carnival and enthusiastic to speak about their experience.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C3k440rMJYR/?hl=en-gb>

Science week update from Ms Michelle, Science Lead

This year's theme is: **TIME**
Children across all year groups will be exploring the concept of time through various STEAM challenges.

We are also going to enter the children in this year's British Science Week (BSW) poster competition. An email will be sent separately explaining requirements and showing examples of previous BSW competition winners. This is a nationwide competition, not a school one.

<https://www.ascreatives.com/british-science-week-2024/>

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. The children will be able to dress up as their favourite characters and donate a book for the class libraries as per the email sent with class amazon wishlist. **Please bring your book donations on Thursday 7th March.**

12th March - Author visit at APSOL Toby Glover

Toby Glover is a children's author with over 20 books, his range of fun, rhyming stories are popular for all Primary children. His stories feature naughty dolphins, squirrels with nut allergies, ambitious pugs, pet dinosaurs, flying chickens, short-sighted tarantulas, pirate zombies, green teddy bears and many more! His Mark Shark adventures are in talks to become a new animated series! Toby has been touring schools and will be visiting us on to share his stories with individual classes.

Parents will have the chance to purchase signed copies on the day (card/cash)
www.tobybooktour.com

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SPORTS UPDATES



Wandsworth School Games

SOUTHFIELDS ACADEMY

Sports events - KS2

Now that we have a KS2 cohort, Year 3, we are able to partake in various sports activities provided by Wandsworth School Games.

These activities are restricted for groups of children, not whole classes, therefore the provision will be aimed at children who show confidence in a range of sports and have excellent attendance and behaviour.

From time to time, there will be sports festivals which whole year groups can attend, but these are limited.

Coming up:

March - Year 3 Tri Golf Festival (team)

July - Y3 Cricket Festival (team)

Sports events - KS1 & KS2

We are working closely with Wandsworth School Games and Trinity Fields Trust, to organise KS1 & KS2 Multi-sports festivals for children aged 5+

Sports leagues

Most local leagues only have opportunities for Year 5 and Year 6. However, we are currently exploring the possibility of joining Trinity Fields Trust so that our teams can take part in the Trinity Cup (football), Trinity Shield (cricket) and Trinity Games (Y1-Year 3 Multi-sports from April).

House Competitions & whole school events

All of our House Competitions are available for all children to participate in.

Last term, we had House competitions with coach Regan and Coach Kofi which involved completing circuits outdoors and at Gymfinity.

OUT OF SCHOOL PROVISION:

Please complete the form below to let us know of any activities your child participates in outside of school. From time to time, scholarships and competitions become available to schools, so it is important for us to have this awareness:

<https://forms.gle/tRJAjHdkbeJpppmL8>

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS



Year 4 Timestables Check How can you start preparing your child now?

What is the Year 4 multiplication tables check?

The [Year 4 multiplication tables check](#) is a requirement for all schools and will take place from June every year. To support you and your child, we've gathered together everything you might want to know about the times tables check, including what it involves, when it will take place, and how you can help your child prepare. Although we don't have year 4 yet, our children start preparing for the test from Year 2.

How can I help my child prepare?

The best way to keep the test stress-free is to work some times tables practice into your daily routine well in advance. With regular practice, your child will get used to tackling these kinds of questions with confidence.

1. Use times table wall charts

Wall charts show all the answers for a particular times table. You could download our free [times table wall charts](#) and stick them up somewhere they'll be seen often. For instance, you could put them over the sink so that your child will see them when they're brushing their teeth. You'll be amazed how quickly they learn when they see these number facts every day!

2. Learn the tricks for difficult times tables

There are clever tricks for remembering several of the times tables.

For more ideas, download our free [times tables booklet](#) which is bursting with tips and hints for overcoming some of the harder times tables.

3. Play times tables games

Games and challenges are a great way to support learning, and a few minutes a day will make all the difference. Why not play snap with some [times tables flashcards](#), matching the sums to the answers as fast as you can? Using games keeps practice short and sweet, and makes the process much less of a chore for you and your child. You can find a collection of times tables games and activity sheets on our [Help with times tables page](#).

4. Make it real





If your child can't see any point in learning their times tables, try showing them how this knowledge is useful in everyday life. Instead of just rote learning their times tables, try to create opportunities for your child to use multiplication in problem solving.

For example, ask them to scale up a recipe or calculate whether they have enough money to buy more of their favourite things (such as sweets or football cards). This will help your child see the value of their learning.

5. Practise on the computer

Help your child become comfortable reading and answering questions on a screen. You'll find lots of [Times tables activities](#) in our Kids' activities section to help your child practise.

Activity books and flashcards
More maths books for Year 4 (Age 8-9)

 <p>Times Tables Flashcards These Bond Times Tables Flashcards provide rapid recall practice in all the times tables from 1 to 12, helping children to meet the curriculum expectations for Key Stage 2 maths and the Year 4 multiplication tables check. With questions on one side and the sum on the reverse, the flashcards can be used independently or with a parent, tutor or another child to quickly test knowledge. View product</p>	 <p>Times Tables Workbook for Key Stage 2 Bond Skills Times Tables for Key Stage 2 has been developed by Bond to firmly embed times tables knowledge of the core times tables, and introduces square and cube numbers, ensuring children are confident with the multiplication knowledge required by the National Curriculum for Key Stage 2. View product</p>	 <p>Times Tables Age 7-8 This activity book will help your child become confident with times tables, while having fun! The books in our Progress with Oxford series are focused on the skills your child will need at each stage of the school curriculum. View product</p>	 <p>Addition, Subtraction, Division and Multiplication Age 8-9 This activity book will help your child to progress with these core maths skills while having fun. They will become confident with quickly solving calculations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. View product</p>
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PARENT EVENTS & FOAPSOL UPDATES



We need to continue to fundraise for playdecks and play areas. The quote so far equals to:

Early Years areas:

£ 88,659.00

1 playdeck:

£ 23,955.00

APSOL Play areas Fundraising: How are we doing?!

1) 20km walk & FoAPSOL bakesale £746 Thank you to everyone who participated and our sponsors!

2) school photographs - a total of £1000 has been raised so far.

3) Direct Donations: £150 Year 2 parent

4) International day: £226

5) School disco: £390 (-hall hire)

6) December bake sale £ 295

Total so far: £2,807 (Autumn Term events) + £4,000 (previous years FOAPSOL) = £6,807

FoAPSOL
International
Women's Day
9th March
19h30
Come celebrate
Caravela Restaurant (SW11 3JS)
Set menu with starters, tapas, main and dessert (£35)
(Drinks not included)
With Live Music
Confirmation until 23/02
Sara G 07930205648
Nirvana 07440652017

Reading Volunteers needed: please contact the school office if you would like to come in and support with reading, we are flexible with the timings

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to volunteer. We still need more parents! If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office with your availability.



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PARENT & CARER INFORMATION



My Child at School App

Please ensure that you are logged in to the MCAS app so that you can:

- **Receive/write emails to the school**
- **Provide consent for trips**
- **Purchase uniform**
- **Book your parent-teacher meeting appointments**

Clubs:

Wrap-around care is currently active and can be reserved for the upcoming term through the MCAS app. For parents utilising government website payments, kindly reach out to the school office, as the payment process differs slightly.

Parent-teacher meetings this term:

Teacher-parent meetings appointments have been scheduled for Thursday 22nd and Tuesday 27th February via MCAS.

MCAS App support:

If you encounter any difficulties while using the MCAS app, please see/speak to Ms. Susan in the office for assistance.

School emails will be sent via MCAs:

Please ensure that you have your notifications turned on so that you are always up-to-date with school emails and communication.



A massive thanks to one of our parents, Rita Aldinhas, Year 3 for an iRobot donation. The children are mega excited to use the robot as part of their computing coding programme!

Celebration



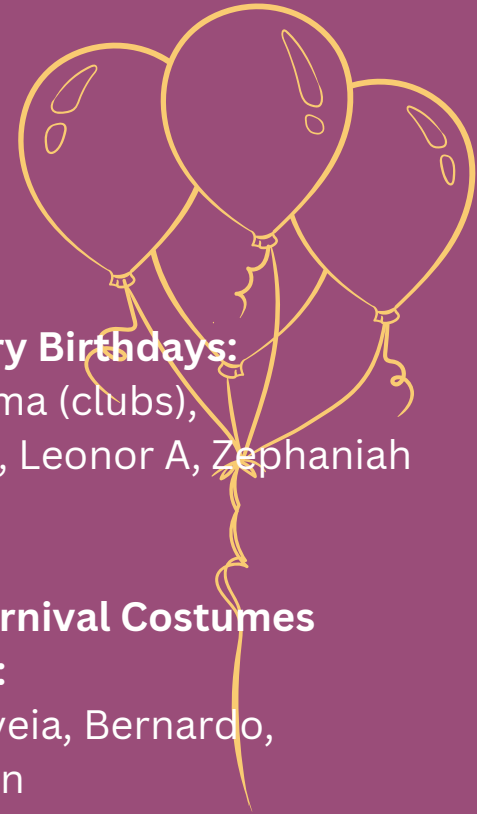
Certificates and Achievement

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.



February Birthdays:

Ms Fatima (clubs),
Clara M, Leonor A, Zephaniah

Best Carnival Costumes Awards:

Rec: Niveia, Bernardo, Christian
Y1: Phillip, Mateo, Mila, Lucas
Y2: Sara, Vicente, Camilla
Y3: Rodrigo S, Gabriel, Afonso, Amaryllis

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

5796 Points



Expeditioners
Click to Enter

4416 Points



Explorers
Click to Enter

4797 Points



Navigators
Click to Enter

5148 Points