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APSOL BILINGUAL PRIMARY SCHOOL WANDSWORTH



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SCHOOL
NO FEES!

Apsol is a bilingual primary school in Wandsworth with a unique family-approach to teaching and learning, working closely with our families and a team of professionals to ensure all children have the best start to their education. Our children learn the curriculum in English and have daily Portuguese language lesson with specialist teachers. From Year 3, the children also learn Spanish. The school day is from 9:00-4pm to accommodate the additional, daily language learning without impacting on the rest of the curriculum.



WHAT WE OFFER

AMBITIOUS CURRICULUM

An ambitious, well-sequenced curriculum following UK National Curriculum guidance, see Ofsted 2023 report.

LANGUAGES

Daily Portuguese lessons and weekly Spanish lessons from Year 3

MUSIC

Whole class instrument tuition from Y1-Y6 and music lessons with specialist teachers

SPORTS

Swimming programme for Year 2 for the whole academic year. Sports lessons with specialists for all year groups

SEN & SPECIALIST SUPPORT

Onsite Speech therapist and psychologist
Free tuition for children who need additional support

ENRICHMENT

Thorough enrichment programme, including workshops, trips and participation in inter-school events
Range of clubs: chess, performing arts, cooking, yoga, capoeira Forest school (outdoor learning) with specialist teachers for Reception & Year 1

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Working with bilingual schools in the UK, USA, Portugal and Brazil

HIGH QUALITY TEACHING & OUTCOMES

Our teachers are all highly qualified and have UK QTS. Our children perform very well at every stage

ENQUIRE NOW

0203 417 0905

<https://angloportugueseschool.org/en/>

info@angloportugueseschool.org

Open days

26 September 9:30
20 November 9:30
Book now to see the school in action



International School Award



Admissions:

If your child was born between 1/9/2019 and 31/8/2020 they should be starting Reception in September 2024. If your child was offered a place at APSOL, please accept the offer on the e-admissions portal and complete the Google form emailed with important dates. If you haven't got a Reception place for your child, please contact our office so we can support with this.

Admissions to other year groups:

We currently have Reception to Year 3, in September we will have Year 4. If you would like your child to join APSOL or would like to visit the school, please contact us!

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

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25th April 1974

The Carnation Revolution also known as the 25th April, was a military coup d'état, putting an end to the dictatorship in Portugal. This group of junior army officers wanted democracy and to put an end to long-running wars against independence movements in African colonies. The Carnation Revolution resulted in Portugal becoming a democratic state and Portuguese troops being withdrawn from African countries that were colonies, becoming independent countries.

The Carnation Revolution got its name from the fact that almost no shots were fired and from restaurant worker Celeste Caeiro offering carnations to the soldiers when the population took to the streets to celebrate the end of the dictatorship, with other demonstrators following suit and carnations placed in the muzzles of guns and on the soldiers' uniforms.

At APSOL we marked this special day by singing Vila Morena to our families.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnation_Revolution





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SCHOOL UNIFORM



APSOL uniform

We are mega proud of our school uniform and how smart our children look, but most importantly - so are the children.

We have noticed that our school uniform requirements, aren't being adhered to by all and would therefore like to ask that you kindly review your child's uniform.

| STANDARD UNIFORM Boys & Girls FOR RECEPTION AND YEARS 1-6 | | | |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Uniform Items | Photos | Required | Where to purchase – available at |
| Apsol school blazer | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) |
| Apsol V-neck school jumper (grey/teal) | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) |
| Apsol school tie | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) |
| School dark grey trousers or shorts (Boys) | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice |
| Dark grey pinafore dress or skirt (Girls) | | | |
| *girls can also wear dark grey school trousers or shorts | | | |

| PE KIT UNIFORM FOR RECEPTION AND YEARS 1-6 | | | |
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| PE Kit Items | Photos | Required | Where to purchase |
| PE jumper | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) |
| PE joggers | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) |
| PE T-shirt with logo | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) |
| PE school bag with logo (this will also be needed for swimming in Y2) | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) |

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| White buttoned shirt long sleeved or short sleeved (Boys & girls) | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice |
| Plain dark grey socks or tights (no other colours allowed) | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice |
| Black shoes (no other colours permitted) *In the winter children must bring their school shoes in their bags if they choose to wear something warmer for the journey to school. | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice |
| School backpack Reception to Year 6 | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) |

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|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Black shorts | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice |
| Trainers (plain trainers – no logos) or plimssoles | | Required for Reception to Years 6 | Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice |

School PE joggers - based on previous feedback, the school has changed the provider. The quality of the new joggers is better. Please ensure your child has the correct school joggers for PE/.

Light grey joggers or leggings are not permitted.

If you need support with uniform, please speak to Ms Marta or Ms Susan.



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SPECIAL NEWS



GB Athlete visiting APSOL

On 16th May, Saffron Severn, a GB gymnast, will be visiting APSOL.

Saffron grew up in London where she was inspired to take up sport by her figure skater mother. Saffron won a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games.

Last year, we raised over £1000, which allowed us to buy various sports equipment kits.

Your child will have a special assembly to learn about this adult and how they can get sponsored.

On the day of the visit, the athlete will be carrying out several activities with each class.

With the donations from this year, we are looking to get:

- additional active playtime equipment
- purchase additional sports equipment kits including gymnastics, dance and netball

To donate directly onto our GB athlete sponsorship page, please go to:

<https://portal.sportsforschools.org/events/22811/promo>

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Thank you in advance!

See below all the kits bought with last year's fundraising!

Building Works Update:

The DfE is in the process of appointing a new contractor and work is expected to recommence on site in early summer. The contractor has already been attending site to carry out inspections. The accommodation and facilities required by the school for September are being prioritised for completion by then.

Local MP (member of parliament) Fleur Anderson, visits APSOL

On Monday 22nd April, our local MP, Fleur Anderson, visited APSOL. We are looking forward to Fleur visiting more and speaking to the older children about her role as an MP.



Mr Oscar Assistant Headteacher

We are delighted to announce that Mr Oscar, who was covering Ms Lucy's (Assistant Head) maternity leave, has been officially appointed as Assistant Headteacher and will be continuing at APSOL from September. Apsol will have 3 AHTs from September: Mr Oscar, Ms Lucy and Ms Freya who is the AHT for Inclusion and SENCO.

Ms Raquel, Teaching Assistant

As some of you may already be aware, Ms Raquel who was supporting Y3, has had to initiate her leave earlier due to pregnancy and will be relocating to Portugal. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Raquel for all her hard work and involvement whilst at APSOL, she will be very missed by all. Parents and children can say their goodbyes to Ms Raquel in the morning of 17th May.

Ms Naoual Lamaani (Naz) Teaching Assistant

We would like to welcome Ms Naz to APSOL team, who will be joining us in September as a Teaching Assistant.

This term, as part of our wider curriculum offer, Reception are going to the Wetlands Centre, Year 1 are visiting having a workshop with wild animals



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CLUB & SERVICE UPDATES

Breakfast and After school clubs

Our wrap around care (breakfast and after school club) is prioritised for families who need this support due to work commitments and should therefore not be used as additional playtime.

Club prices from September 2024

Due to increase in pupil number and additional staffing requirements, the club prices will be as follows:

Breakfast club: £4.50 from 7:30-9:00am

After school childcare:

4-5pm (1 hour) £5

4-6pm (2 hours) £9.00

New School Psychology Service

The school is pleased to announce that we have appointed a new psychology service starting in May.

The London Children's Practice, who already support Apsol children with speech and language needs every fortnight, will also be providing psychology support once a month.

This means that an Assistant Psychologist (AP) will be assigned to APSOL, working alongside the team and SENCO to ensure that all children are well supported from the off. The AP can do observations and screenings for a range of psychological and educational needs. They can also provide therapeutic support on a 1:1 basis as well as support for staff and parents. Where a child demonstrates significant need, and requires significant support, the school will consult with a London Children's Practice Educational Psychologist for a more specialised assessment.



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PARENT INFORMATION & EVENTS

New Reception families September 2024

We would like to welcome our new families to APSOL and thank everyone for choosing APSOL for their children's education!

We would like to invite new Reception parent and carers to an information evening with the Reception Team taking place on **Tuesday 4th June at 5pm**

New Reception children will have the opportunity to spend some time at APSOL with their parents and teachers on **Tuesday 25th June from 1:30-3pm**



APSOL is currently hosting a raffle where you could win 2 Personal Trainer sessions, valued at £100, generously donated by one of our parents, Marcia Fernandes-Gartside. These sessions will be held at a gym in Morden and must be utilised by 31st May 2024.

For your chance to win, please make a donation for the school fund (Play Areas) via MCAS under Products. Once your payment has been received, you will be issued with a raffle ticket. We will draw a raffle ticket on Friday 3rd May 2024 - the winner can collect their voucher on the same day.

A special thanks to Ishika's parents who have generously hired a hall for our summer fair. A special thanks also to Mateo's mum for donating the Easter egg for the school fund raffle and Taye's mum for donating personal trainer sessions. We truly appreciate it!



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SUMMER TERM IMPORTANT EVENTS



| Date | Year group | Event |
|------------|---|--|
| 29th April | Reception | Physic Gardens |
| 16th May | All | GB athlete at APSOL |
| 17th May | Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 (whole class) | Sports trip - Trinity Games |
| 8th June | School community | Festa Junina |
| 25th June | Reception | Clip n climb |
| 25th June | Year 2 | Around the world workshop |
| 28th June | Year 1 | Production for families 2:45pm |
| 28th June | Year 2 & Year 3 | Sleepover |
| 1st July | Year 3 | Kew Gardens |
| 5th July | Whole School | Sports Day |
| 10th July | Whole School | Music Summer Concert 3:45pm |
| 12th July | Year 2 | Production for families 2:45pm |
| 22nd July | Whole school | Airport Day School closes at 1:30pm |

All trips and workshops information for parents/ carers on MCAS app
School reports will be sent to parents in July



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SUMMER TERM WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS



APSOL SUMMER CONCERT 2024

Wednesday 10th July at 3:45pm

Outdoor concert with performances from all year groups.

All parents and carers invited to attend.

Theme: Friendship

Reception: You've Got A Friend (James Taylor)

Y1 Glockenspiels: With A Little Help From My Friends (The Beatles)

Y2 Recorders: Lean On Me (Bill Withers)

Y3 Samba Percussion: Reach (S Club)

Whole School: The Best Ships Are Friendships (Mr Jac)



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We look forward to seeing our whole school community at the
Summer Concert

Feel free to bring a friend who wants to join APSOL!



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SUMMER TERM WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS



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APSOL SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 5TH JULY

Wandle Recreation Centre 1:30-4:00pm

All parents and carers welcome to attend

All children must wear School PE T-shirt, black shorts and trainers

Parents/carers participating in family sports activities must have appropriate sports wear and footwear.



We need your help!

If you would like to help us with the organisation and leading activities on sports day, please send an email to the school office!

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.



April Birthdays:
Ms Tazi, Ms Freya

Vincenzo, Emily, Maria R,
Matilde, Jessika, Rodrigo S,
Eleanor

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](#)

6605 Points



Expeditioners

[Click to Enter](#)

5428 Points



Explorers

[Click to Enter](#)

5954 Points



Navigators

[Click to Enter](#)

6533 Points