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Dear Apsol Community,

We are delighted to inform you that APSOL has just received two awards!

The first school award was: The **Primary Science Quality Mark!**  
A special thanks to Ms Michelle Clough, Science Lead at APSOL, for supporting the school with this and gathering all the evidence for the application.



Primary Science Quality Mark is awarded to schools, recognises the school's commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning.

For over a decade, the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) has been setting children on a path to a life filled with exciting possibilities and opportunities, by giving them access to a strong foundation in quality primary science education.

PSQM is a comprehensive year-long professional development and school improvement programme that gives primary science subject leaders the knowledge, capability and support needed to improve the quality and profile of science education across the entire school. Over 5,500 Quality Marks have now been awarded, impacting on the learning of over 1,000,000 children.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire.

Helen Sizer, PSQM Director said:

*'The Primary Science Quality Mark recognises a whole school commitment to raising the profile and quality of science education, helping children recognise the value and relevance of science in their lives – both now and in the future. Achievement of the Quality Mark reflects the development of effective science leadership, visionary curriculum design and excellent teaching practice which is positively impacting on children's learning across the school. We have been impressed by the dedication of subject leaders, teachers, headteachers, pupils, parents, and governors alike – they all have reason to be incredibly proud.'*

The second award is the **Rights Respecting Schools Silver Accreditation.** A special thanks to Mr Oscar Fielder, Assistant Headteacher, for supporting the school with this and gathering all the evidence for the application.



#### ASSESSOR COMMENT

The Anglo-Portuguese School of London (APSOL) has taken a proactive approach to embedding children's rights across the school. Pupils speak confidently about the UNCRC and the rights they hold, and a pupil said, *'I have the right to an education, to be safe and to play and relax'*. Pupils at APSOL take ownership of their work on rights through class charters, leadership roles like the Eco and Article 12 Student Councils, and directly reflect on their learning through Subject Pupil Voice. Students feel like their voice is heard and that they have a say in their school community. For example, students have recently added gymnastics to the school Sports Day and have advocated for recycling programmes. A pupil said, *'The best thing about being in a Rights Respecting School is that we respect each other and work together to make things better'*. Staff receive regular training, and parents are positively engaged in supporting rights at home. A parent shared, *'I now see my child much more interested in his rights and the rights of others.'* Pupils understand how their rights help keep them safe and healthy, and they make thoughtful connections in their learning to rights. As one teacher noted, *'The children are definitely talking about rights a lot more now and making those links in lessons.'*

### School Admissions

If you would like a place at APSOL, please contact the school office.

You can also complete our school admission form and we will get in touch.

Click here to access the admission form:  
<https://forms.gle/QpoiwtWMek2cG7MY9>

### Medical Needs

If your child needs temporary medication such as antibiotics, please complete a Medication Administration form to consent the school to administer.

<https://forms.gle/XroqQwpz7rQk3vjf7>

If your child has medication that they need regularly for a medical condition, they need to have an up-to-date Individual Health Care plan (e.g allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, celiac disease)

Please complete an up-to-date health Care Plan when submitting medication for your child.

<https://forms.gle/iNSyabL5zWXpsFaU7>



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## Kidz Clean Kitchen - School catering from September Event for parents and carers Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm



Our new caterers for September came to APSOL on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to meet our families, offer a food tasting and answer questions about dietary requirements and allergens.



Presenting our Apsol sports team kit designed by Apsolings!

## Summer Fair - Festa Junina

Moments from our Festa Junina (Summer Fair) organised by the Friends of APSOL. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came along to support our school!







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# ENRICHMENT



## Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 3 had an amazing time exploring the beauty of nature at Kew Gardens today to consolidate their learning about plants and the rainforest. 🌿🌸 So much learning, laughter, and fresh air, what a day!



## Year 4 Cricket Festival at Spencer Club

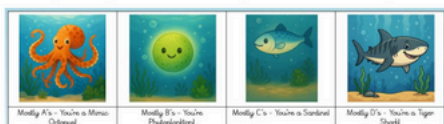
Year 4 had a brilliant day at Spencer Cricket Club! 🏏 The sun was shining, the energy was high, and our budding cricketers showed great skill and sportsmanship. Huge thanks to the coaches for making it such a fun and active experience!



## Eco-Council Update from Ms Lucy, Assistant Headteacher



We have been learning about World Ocean Day in Assembly this month. Eco Council told the school all about the special day and explained why and how we should care for all blue spaces on our planet. All children took part in a quiz to test the fantastic ideas they have for protecting the oceans. At the end of the quiz, they discovered which fantastic creature they were:



## Year 1 Wild Animals workshop

Year 1 showed a lot of bravery, during their interactive workshop handling wild animals: cockroaches, large snails and snakes!



## Rights Respecting Schools Update - June

This month has been a busy and inspiring one for our Rights Respecting Schools journey! We began with a whole-school assembly to mark Eid ul-Adha, where we explored the importance of respecting everyone's right to freedom of thought and religion (Article 14). It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the festival and reflect on the importance of recognising and celebrating different beliefs in our school community.

We also marked Refugee Week with a special assembly focusing on the rights of refugees and migrants, and how they enrich our society. Pupils reflected on the journeys many people take to find safety and a better life, and we celebrated the valuable contributions that refugees and migrants have made.

We are especially excited to share that next week, we will be welcoming a virtual visit from a UNICEF representative. They will be speaking with staff and a group of pupils to find out more about our Rights Respecting work as we aim for our Silver: Rights Aware Accreditation. A big thank you to the School Council, who have been working hard with Mr Oscar to prepare for the visit and share all the fantastic progress we've made. We look forward to updating you on the outcome soon!







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# SCIENCE AT APSOL



## Reception

Reception have been exploring shadows outside. They placed different objects on the ground and used a pencil to draw around the shadow they could see noticing that the shape of the shadow matched the object. It was an exciting way to learn through play and observation that a shadow is made when something blocks the light.



## Year 1

Y1 have been planting vegetables (carrots and radish) and flowers that attract garden pests to stop them eating our vegetables! We have been discussing whether we think they will grow better inside or outside. So, as part of a fair test, we have some growing in class and some growing in the reception outdoor area. We will monitor the growth over the coming weeks to find out where plants grow best in the summer months.



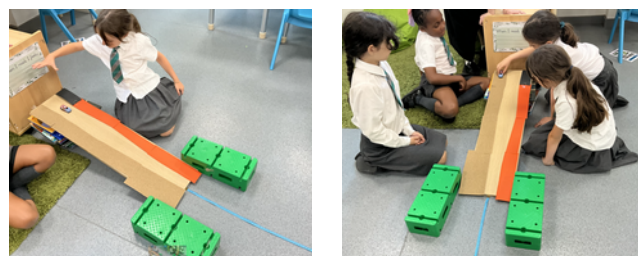
## Year 2

Year 2 have been planting bulbs and seeds to investigate the affect of temperature on how plants grow.



## Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring forces and in this activity, they were experimenting with the force of friction. They set up a ramp, thought carefully about what they would change, keep the same and measure and then had a range of materials that they tested.



## Year 4

Earlier this term Year 4 planted their some seeds of different fruit and herbs they would like to grow. This work is a cross curricular link between DT and Science. Children will care for their seeds and monitor how they grow. At the end of this term children will take their plants home to enjoy with their family.



In Geography Year 4 watched a demonstration of a volcano erupting. They started by discussing the features of a volcano and what type of volcano the model could represent. Afterwards they spoke about the impact on people living around the volcano and how the threat of eruptions or the eruptions themselves might affect them and their families. This is part of our Geography unit on: Extreme Earth this term.





# PORTUGUESE NEWS!

## Notícias de Português

Celebração do 10 de Junho – Dia de Portugal

No passado dia 10 de junho, assinalámos com entusiasmo o Dia de Portugal na nossa escola. Tivemos a honra de receber os guitarristas Luís Barroso e Ni Ferreirinha, que encantaram a comunidade escolar com interpretações de temas de Carlos Paredes, mestre da guitarra portuguesa.

A celebração contou ainda com a presença especial da Coordenadora do Ensino de Português no Reino Unido, Cátia Verguete, que se juntou a nós para reconhecer o trabalho desenvolvido na promoção da língua e cultura portuguesas. Com grande orgulho, anunciamos que duas alunas da nossa escola foram distinguidas com o prémio de Melhor Aluno de Português no Reino Unido: Laura (3.º ano) e Iulia (1.º ano). As duas irão participar numa cerimónia na Embaixada de Portugal, onde receberão um diploma e um prémio monetário. Parabéns às nossas vencedoras!



## Portuguese News

On June 10, we proudly celebrated Portugal Day at our school. We had the honour of welcoming guitarists Luís Barroso and Ni Ferreirinha, who delighted the school community with performances of pieces by Carlos Paredes, a master of the Portuguese guitar.

We were also pleased to welcome the Coordinator for Portuguese Teaching in the UK, Cátia Verguete, who joined us to celebrate the importance of promoting Portuguese language and culture.

We are extremely proud to announce that two of our pupils were awarded the title of Best Portuguese Student in the UK: Laura (Year 3) and Iulia (Year 1). They will attend a special ceremony at the Portuguese Embassy, where they will receive a diploma and a monetary prize.

Congratulations to our wonderful winners!







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# ACHIEVEMENT & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT APRIL



## School Good Manners Badges

Good manners badges can only be awarded to children who display good manners consistently and across the school.

Well done to:

Year 4: Valentina

Year 3: Amanda, Bianca

Year 1: Iulia, Christian, Ilinca, Clara S

## Ambassadors:

Year 1: Naylani

Year 2: Marcel

## Curriculum Enrichment badges

Children representing the school in different areas of the curriculum, will also have additional badges.

School Choir - have music note pin badges

School Football team - have a football pin badge

## Maths Badges: Timetables!

Bronze - Lucas , Eleanor , Maria R

Silver - Matilde , Arabella , Filipp V

Well done children!



APSOL Year 4 & Year 5  
September 2025

Residential - PGL Surrey

September 2025

What a memorable adventure!

We cannot wait!

## Apsolings' Garden Reception & Year 1

We have recently made further improvements to the Reception outdoor classroom - now called 'Apsoling's Garden'.

Both Reception and Year 1 children get to play outside in this space.



# KEY DATES & WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Key Dates  
All on MCAS



**Autumn Term Morning and After school clubs**  
September to December 2025

Booking available from 2 July 2025 on MCAS for internal clubs or directly with providers, for external clubs.

<https://angloportugueseschool.org/clubs-and-activities/>

Date	Year group	Event
17 June	Y4 Whole class	Cricket festival at Spencer Cricket Club
27 June & 4 July	Y3 & Y4 (team)	Netball at Allfarthing
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception	Trip to the London Aquarium
1 July	Year 3 Whole class	Cricket festival at Spencer Cricket Club
3 July	Year 3	Trip to the Wimbledon Synagogue
8 July	Year 4	Trip to Natural History Museum
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 & Year 2	Wandsworth Music Summer Sounds Concert at the Civic Centre
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school	Summer Concert for families 3:15pm at APSOL
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 & Y4	Inter-House Swimming Gala Putney Leisure Centre
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole school	Sports Day at Trinity Fields
23 July	whole school	Airport Day School finishes at 1:30pm



**APSOL Sports Day**  
Whole school event  
All families invited  
Where? **Trinity Fields**  
When? **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**  
More details in June newsletter





# ATTENDANCE & STAFFING UPDATE MAY

## Attendance & Punctuality Analysis June 2025

	R	1	2	3	4	All Years
Attendance	93.79%	95.12%	94.87%	95.52%	93.75%	94.61%

The school target is **96%**. Currently only one year group is on track. Please help us to ensure that this target is met this year. Our current attendance is below at 95%.

This month there has been a lot of childhood illnesses going round, affecting attendance, however, as the children get older and the weather improves, we should see an improvement in attendance and reduction in absence.

The majority of our families prioritise their children's learning and do not take holidays during term-time. Thank you for your commitment to your child's education, this does not go unnoticed.

Children only have school for 190 days per year, the only absences should be medical or illness related.

**The June Attendance Cup winners  
are Year 3!**

Well done everyone!



## Staffing update June

### Reception:

Class teacher: Ricardina Oliveira  
Teaching Assistants: Andreia Santos AM, (Monday and Thursday only - Vanessa and Jessica)  
Lunch Support: Frankie Jenner  
Music teachers: Mr Mauro and Ms Mariana

### Year 1:

Class teacher: Michelle Clough  
Teaching Assistant: Naoual (Naz) Lamaani  
Lunch support: Lauren Regan & Khan Sabahoudin

### Year 2:

Class Teacher: Oscar Fielder  
Teaching Assistants: Vanessa Caldeira  
Lunch support: Lauren Regan & Khan Sabahoudin

### Year 3:

Class Teacher: Tazi Gunde  
Teaching Assistant: Regan McDonald  
Lunch support: Lauren Regan & Khan Sabahoudin

### Year 4:

Class Teachers: Nicola Rice and Lucy Mathieson  
Teaching Assistant: Jessica Fernandes  
Lunch support: Lauren Regan & Khan Sabahoudin

### Portuguese Teachers across the school:

Alexandra Taveira  
Ines Ferreira

### Wrap around care assistants:

Breakfast club:  
Irondina Gomes  
Susan Spinola  
Yamin Njair  
Melissa Parra

### After school club:

Rec & Y1: Fatima Rodrigues & Irondina Gomes  
Y2-Y4: Lauren Regan & Melissa Parra

**SENCO:** Freya Cioffi (at APSOL on Fridays).

**Music Teacher:** Mauro Vergani



### July Leavers

Ms Vanessa (teaching Assistant) and Ms Freya (SENCO) will be saying goodbye to APSOL in July.



We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, care, and hard work they have shown during their time with us. Each of them has made a lasting impact on our school community, and they will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, and families alike. We will be celebrating their contributions with the children before the end of term, and we encourage you to join us in wishing them all the best for the future. Ms Vanessa is relocating to Northampton and Ms Freya has a full-time senco job at another school. We wish them all the success for their future.



# 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  
Great effort  
Kindness award  
Maths Award  
Writing Award  
Portuguese Award  
Reading Award  
Headteacher Award

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.

### June birthdays:

#### Children:

Ana F,  
Isabela Souza,  
Marina,  
Arlo,  
Maria Cecilia,  
Jasmine  
Ilinca  
Benjamin. A

#### Staff:

Ms Dina (Reception)  
Ms Susan



## June House Points

Each child is assigned to a House at the beginning of the year and the points have been reset for this academic year. It is incredible to see how much praise the children at APSOL get given how many points they have already achieved collectively!

Children are also able to see their points individually.

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](#)

23523 Points



Expeditioners

[Click to Enter](#)

22537 Points



Explorers

[Click to Enter](#)

24942 Points



Navigators

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26042 Points