BANGABANDHU WEEKLY

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WEEK ENDING 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

A message from Carly

I hope you have all had a lovely week and a great start to the second half of the autumn term. We can certainly feel the weather getting colder, so please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat or jacket, preferably with a hood, as we continue to enjoy outdoor play throughout the colder months.

Congratulations to Helen Zughaib Class, our VIP Attendance Winners for Autumn Term 1! They achieved an impressive 97.64% attendance, the highest across the school. Well done to all the children and their families! Their teachers, Shahana and Anum, will be arranging a special treat for the class very soon.

This week, we were delighted to welcome back Corin, our specialist music teacher, who is delivering music lessons to Reception and our specialist classes. Corin was absolutely thrilled to be back at Bangabandhu, and we were equally happy to see him! It was lovely that some of our children remembered him straight away.

Our specialist music provision continues to grow. Next week, violin lessons will begin for Years 3 and 4, alongside keyboard sessions for Years 5 and 6. We are also working on arranging African drumming lessons for Years 1 and 2 and are currently awaiting tutor availability. We will keep you updated!

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming you to our parent meetings next week. These are a valuable opportunity to look through your child's books, hear how they have settled into their new class and discuss the progress they are making. We ask that all parents book an appointment with their child's class teacher. If the available times are difficult, please speak to the teacher so that an alternative can be arranged.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Carly Lawrence, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

92.2% this week

Well done to **Pioneers Class** who had the highest attendance this week with an impressive **100%** 🎉
Our target: 97%
Every day and every minute of learning matters:

- 8.45am – Gates open – come into the playground, say hello and help us start the day together!
- 8.50am – Classroom doors open – time to settle in and get ready.
- 8.55am – Registration and learning begin.
- 8.56am onwards – Children are marked late.
- If your child is absent, please let the School Office know each day.

Our attendance target is 97% – thank you for helping us get there together.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER	• Parent meetings - **school closes at 2.45pm.** • No clubs today.
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER	• Parent meetings - **school closes at 2.45pm.** • No clubs today. • 11.30am: Nursery Stay and Read.

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 17th November - Y1 & Y2 Portrait Gallery.
- 27th November – Flu Vaccination team in PM.
- Friday 4th December - Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 4.45pm in the main hall.
- Wednesday 8th December – Nursery and Reception Class Christmas Show at 9.30am in the main hall.
- Tuesday 15th December – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Show at 9.30am in the main hall.
- Wednesday 16th December - Class Ambassadors visit to the Houses of Parliament
- Wednesday 16th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Show at 9.30am in the main hall.
- Thursday 17th December – all classes Christmas parties in the afternoon (except nursery).
- Thursday 17th December – nursery Christmas party in the morning.
- Friday 18th December – last day of term. School closes at 1pm.

BANGABANDHU PARENT WORKSHOPS AUTUMN 2

10.11.26 11.30 in the nursery classroom	Stay and Read	Nursery	Stay and read with your child in class. We would like to welcome you in to share some wonderful stories with your child.	Nazma and Katie
25.11.26 2.30 in the reception classroom	Stay and play - How to support your child's physical development and writing skills	Reception	There will be activities showing what we do in school to encourage and support your child's physical development, including writing in all areas of learning and showing you how you can continue this at home.	Imrean, Shuhana, Katie and Melissa English Lead
01.12.26 9am in the main hall	Supporting Children's Mental Health & Wellbeing – strategies.	All	Strategies to help children build resilience and signposting to local mental health support.	COMPASS
02.12.26 08.50 - 9.10am in the computing room	Device Awareness	All Year Groups including Provisions	Come along to our Device Advice workshop where Sameer will advise you on internet safety at home and show you how to put restrictions on your devices.	Sameer
2.12.26 11.30 in the nursery classroom	Stay and play - How to support your child's physical development and mark making skills	Nursery	There will be activities showing what we do in school to encourage and support your child's physical development, including mark making in all areas of learning and showing you how you can continue this at home.	Nazma, Katie and Melissa English Lead

BANGABANDHU NEWS AND UPDATES

Our New Green Book Shed



Welcoming our new green book shed! You may have noticed a new green book shed in our playground. The book shed was donated by the Children's Book Project with a range of new books. The book shed is designed for children to select a book to read at playtimes and lunchtimes. You are also welcome to borrow or take a book from the shed to read at home.

Happy reading!

Melissa

English Subject Leader

School Photographs Update

We hope you're looking forward to seeing your child's school photographs! Please keep an eye on your emails, as you will soon receive your child's photograph proofs, along with details of how to order. Don't forget to check your junk or spam folder too, just in case!

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY FOCUS

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

For Parents and Carers – Talking About AI With Children

Artificial intelligence is becoming an increasingly familiar part of children's lives, whether that's through chatbots, homework tools, games or the apps they use every day. As AI becomes more common, it's important that children understand both what it can do and where its limitations lie.

Internet Matters has produced a useful Talking About AI guide for families, with age-appropriate conversation starters and activities to help parents explore AI with their children. The guide encourages families to talk about how AI works, question the information it produces, consider privacy and develop healthy habits when using AI tools.

It's a practical resource for parents who may not feel particularly confident about AI themselves but want to help their children use it safely and responsibly.

Link:

Internet Matters – Talking About AI: A Guide for Families https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/AI_conversation_guide_for_families_Internet_Matters_2026.pdf

Safeguarding – Keeping Children Safe

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to our **Designated Safeguarding Lead, Naz Begum,** who oversees safeguarding and supports children and families. If Naz is unavailable, please speak to one of our **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Katie Mik, Aysha Khanom or Carly Lawrence.**

No concern is too small to share.

CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

Children's Wellbeing – Looking After Mental Health

Children's mental health is just as important as their physical health. Signs that a child may be struggling include changes in mood or behaviour, becoming withdrawn, increased worry or irritability, difficulties sleeping or losing interest in activities they usually enjoy.

Parents and carers can support positive mental health by making time to talk and listen, encouraging physical activity, maintaining regular routines and ensuring children get enough sleep. Most importantly, help children feel safe, loved and comfortable sharing their feelings.

If you are concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing, please speak to a member of staff at school. We are here to help.

A QUICK REMINDER

Quick Reminder – Questions or Concerns

We are always happy to help if you have any questions or concerns about your child. Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, as they know your child best and are usually best placed to help. Teachers are available from 8.45am – 8.50am in the playground if you would like to arrange a convenient time for a longer conversation. If further support is needed, the Senior Leadership Team will be happy to help.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Looking for information about school uniform, attendance and absence, medication, healthy snacks, the curriculum, school policies or the start and end of the school day? You can find these, along with other useful information and guidance for families, on the Bangabandhu Primary School website https://www.bangabandhu.towerhamlets.sch.uk/