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Secondary News

A word from Mr Travis

Block 6 Week 2

This week, students and teachers dived head first into their Atlantis swim trip, enjoying a range of activities such as water polo, water volleyball, walking on the 'mats on water', sliding down the slides and of course swimming! All students were safe and well looked after. Many thanks to Mr. Černi for organising yet another successful trip.

The Science Assembly on Thursday signalled an explosive (literally) start to Science Block! Ms Tusar conducted five live experiments in front of Secondary students, culminating in 'The Whoosh Bottle', which demonstrated the ferocity of concentrated ethanol. Such fun! The Science team have a range of activities planned for the coming weeks, including 'Amazing Animals' - bringing a range of different live species into BISL at the end of the month. We are certainly looking forward to that one! It is wonderful to see such an enthusiastic group of teachers bring their subject to life, stressing the importance of Science in different aspects of everyday life, not least with the environment. Fantastic work.

Thank you also to Ms Pirnat for kickstarting a charitable initiative to help 13,000 socially disadvantaged primary school students in Slovenia, by asking all students to donate a large, lined notebook to the cause. Posters have gone up around the school and I urge parents to get involved. These notebooks will make a huge difference to thousands of children who want to continue to learn and make progress in their academic studies.

The upcoming UKMT maths competition is the 4th and last maths competition of the year. Entries are

now open to all students in Year 9 or below. Mr Batson is extremely keen to see a large number of students involved, so please sign up!

With the Sixth Formers off to a University Fair in Trieste on Monday and plans for Adventure Days quickly taking shape, it promises to be an exciting time as always at BISL.

Please be sure to read the latest Update from the Principal and I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.



Head of Secondary
Mr Jonathan Travis, Head of Secondary

2024 February Ski Trip

We have two options from the tour company so if you are interested for your children to attend next year, between February 4th-10th 2024, please fill in the Google Form that was sent to all parents on Wednesday 13/4 to let us know which option you would prefer. It will also help us to collect some initial interest in numbers that would attend the trip.

The trip will be open to all secondary students in the next academic year, so that is the current year 6-12.

Please fill in the form by the end of next week, 21/4/23.

Note that at this stage there is no commitment, and that the prices may change due to factors such as student numbers.

Simon Astbury

Science block

As part of the science block Secondary students enjoyed an assembly where we saw some exciting science experiments performed.



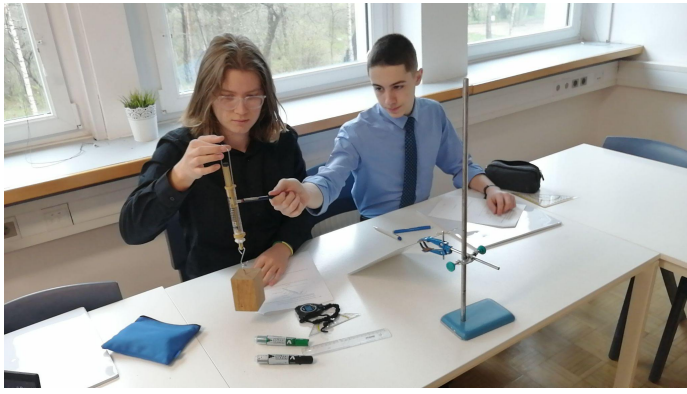
Second hand clothes drive

Another event in Science block will see us organising a second hand clothing drive to promote sustainability. This is particularly important for the clothing sector as fast fashion has a significant negative environmental impact. There will be an empty plastic box located within the entrance of the school with a clear sign showing where to donate. The second hand clothes will be donated to the charity “Društvo verjamem vate”, a charity that sells second hand goods to help people with disabilities become more included into society. Please donate any unwanted good quality second hand clothes, jewellery, books and shoes by the 5th May.

Science news

Year 12 conducted two experiments. In the first experiment they were studying the properties of a spring balance when exposed to different loads, In the second they were studying a swing balance and measuring the period of oscillations.





MFL News

MFL - Slovene Advanced

As part of their **Year 8** Slovene Advanced lesson, students have been exploring the fascinating world of visual poetry. With the poem "Cesta" by Vinko Moderndorfer as their guide, the students have been analyzing the poem.

To further develop their understanding of visual poetry, the students were also asked to assess a variety of other examples, using a set of rubrics to evaluate the effectiveness of the design elements used. Through this process, the students gained a deeper appreciation for the intricacies of visual poetry and developed their critical thinking skills as they analyzed and evaluated each piece.

Ms Kotnik

MFL - Slovene Foundation

Year 8 students at Slovene Foundation have been learning about body parts and their functionality this week. They also repeated the singular, dual and plural and defined which parts of the body belong to "*glava, roke, trup/telo* and *noge*". Moving forward, students will learn how to make a conversation with a doctor at a medical appointment.

Ms Kotnik, Ms Drofenik and Ms Jakup, MFL department

PE news:

Throughout PE this week, we continued to work on our new sporting units and develop our understanding of how each game is played. **Year 7** focused on the importance of finding space when playing kickball, whilst **Year 8** developed their striking and pitching techniques when playing baseball. **Year 9** and **Year 10** were introduced to the various rules of cricket in a conditioned, game setting, whilst **Year 11's** took part in some team, tactical games.

In addition, **Years 7, 8 & 9** visited Atlantis, where they took part in a range of swimming activities. A huge thank you to Mr Černi for organising the swimming days.



Mr Hayes, PE Department

Maths news

Year 7 students learnt how to calculate percentages of amounts. They engaged in a Percentage war game, where they had to strategically select their soldiers and work out percentages of amounts in order to win.

Year 8 students reflected on their work from last week and learnt how to use a simple conversion diagram used between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 9 students learnt how to use multipliers to solve problems involving percentage increase and decrease. They also discussed how percentages are used in everyday households, including tax, salary, loans and interest.

Year 10 students made study plans to address their target areas before their quiz next week. They also solved a variety of examination-style questions and consolidated their work collaboratively.



Do not miss out new challenges published next to room 316 next week.

Ms Zupanc, Maths Department

Creative Arts - News

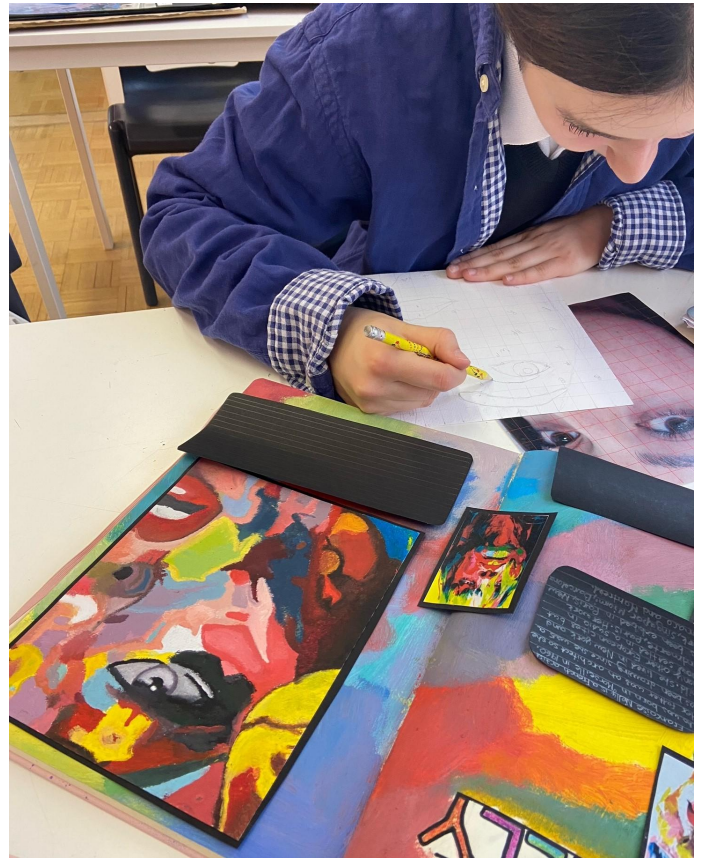
Year 10 Art- Developing from chosen artists.

Year 10 Art students have been busy developing their project based on the theme of "Identity". They have all started to select their own artists and have produced artist research spreads, as well as accurate artist copies. This provides students with the opportunity to work like the artist, using similar techniques, colours and processes. Next, students focused on developing the work in a personal way, taking photographs, and working from primary sources. A range of artists are currently being explored, from Andy Butler to Junji Ito! Now they are experimenting with composition, colour, media, imagery and digital manipulation. Keep up the good work artists!



Year 11 and 13 students reflected on their work on their final internal assessment. They made plans how to move forward and solved examination-style questions. Year 11 students focused on functions and differentiation, while Year 13 students focused on differential equations, partial fractions and binomial expansion.

Maths challenge wall





Humanities News

Business & Economics - Year 12 & 13

In preparation for the forthcoming external exams, our Business and Economics students have been refining their approach to tackling data response questions.

For both subjects and year groups, the exams include case study questions which require the students to interpret and analyse the economic or financial data which is presented to them. The students were split into pairs or small groups, each tasked with answering a past paper data response question, in presentation format. They have spent some of this week's lesson time presenting their work to the rest of the class, and each presentation was reviewed by their peers and myself to provide constructive feedback, using model answers as a benchmark. The main takeaway points being how each answer could have been enhanced to score maximum marks.

Generally the students' work demonstrated a good knowledge and understanding of the topics covered, and helped them to refine their approach to answering these types of exam questions successfully. With only one more week left in school for the sixth formers before they go on study leave, it is vital that

they keep the momentum going with their revision and practicing past paper questions.

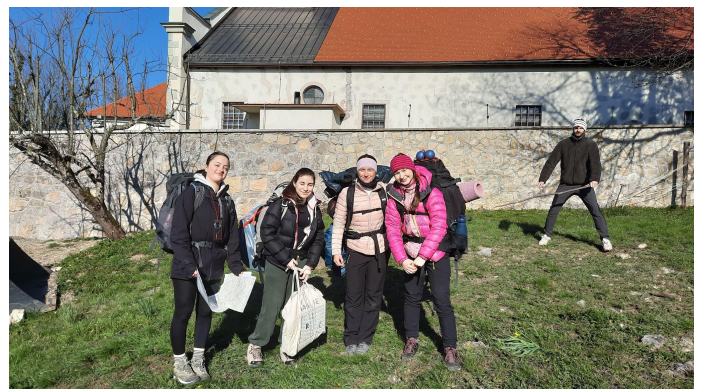
Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their hard work and application to date, and to wish them all the very best of luck and success with their exams.

Mr Chuter, Business and Economics.

MEPI news

The Mepi students successfully completed bronze and silver awards last weekend.

Silver award students Ema, Lila, Elise and Zoja started on Thursday in Hrenovice, and walked to Nanos where they experienced sub-zero temperatures overnight that they survived due to their excellent planning, preparation, and additional sleeping bags from Mr Astbury and Miss Tusar!



Friday saw the addition of the bronze award students, who joined the hike as everyone trekked up and down mountains to Col. Students cooked hot meals before climbing into their tents for another night under the stars.



For Term dates and school holidays, [click here](#).

Saturday morning saw a breakfast of pancakes and spoons of Nutella before the final day of hiking up to Predmaja. Students finished the day in fine spirits and in excellent time.

Congratulations to all involved, and good luck for the final expedition that takes place in Block 7!

Dates to Note

Thurs	April 27th	Public Holiday	-
		School closed	
Fri	April 28th	School closed	
Mon	May 1st	Public Holiday	-
		School closed	
Tues	May 2nd	Public Holiday	-
		School closed	

All upcoming events and details are available on our [website](#).

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