



British International School
of Ljubljana
an Orbital Education School



Coffee with the Principal

Friday 7th January 2022



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Coffee with the Principal

Format:

A chance to talk/meet/mix and mingle with other parents.

1. Updates from the **past** 4 weeks by Paul.
2. An update of events **to come**.

All slides will be sent out to parents in the Update from the Principal in the [news section](#) of the website.



1. Updates from the past 4 weeks.



General Updates 1/3

Happy New Year and we wish you all the best for 2022!

Thank you - a very busy first week back at school. Extra self testing day on Tuesday to help with the return of the students. Year 2B online learning, Year 12 and 13 on Study leave today in preparation for IGCSE and A Level exams on Monday (1 week of exams). Over 2000 tests have now been taken at school.

Covid Update - new questions added to the FAQs in the Update from the Principal, the mock exams will be held in the new building and we will keep everyone separated. The extra space helps us do this.

Block theme - Block 3 celebrated 'Creative Arts', an amazing collection of performances.

<https://britishschool.si/news/2021/creative-arts-block-round-up>

Block theme Block 4 is celebrating 'Languages'. Competitions, celebration and events. Lots for students to get involved in, have fun and learn about Maths.

Health and Safety - Road Safety Campaign started (slide 11).

Health and Safety - Reminder in the Update from the Principal, no smoking on the campus. Either through in the public car park or in any other public area, not in the private car parks please.



General Updates 2/3

New Building - Projectors installed on the top floor. Sixth Form lessons now using rooms 7, 8 and 9 for lessons.

Winter Adventure Trips - Following the trips in the first block, we now have trips going out 21/01 (Year 7 and 8), 28/01 (Year 9 and 10) and 04/02 (Year 11 - 13).

Learning outside- we have had some wonderful experiences this week from our students learning outside in the woodland area, in the snow and enjoying being with friends. This is a very important part of school life at BISL

- Thank you to parents for ensuring children have warm coats, gloves, hats and footwear to play outside.
- We will keep encouraging students and staff to enjoy the fresh air
- We all promote an active and healthy lifestyle.
- Unless there is heavy rain or extreme weather, we dress for the conditions and enjoy the climate of Slovenia.

BELL Foundation - BISL has achieved a [BELL Foundation accreditation](#). The first international school in Orbital and the world to achieve this. The full report is released in 2 weeks. The purpose of the accreditation scheme is to help international schools improve their EAL provision across the whole school. This accreditation Provides a recognised accreditation mark to help schools to stand out from the competition and highlights the quality of the EAL provision the school offers

First Aid - **First aid course** with the **Red Cross (Rdeči Križ)**, to be held at British International School on **Saturday 29th January**, starting at **8:30 hrs**, and finishing at 13:00 hrs. Please see Mr. Irving for more details: simon.irving@britishschool.si



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General Updates 2/3

Weekly Updates - All main messages and changes are included in the Update from the Principal. Published at the end of each week, shared on social media, emailed to parents via the newsletter and available on the Website.

Next Coffee with the Principal - Friday 4th February



Creative Art Roundup

Link- <https://britishschool.si/news/2021/creative-arts-block-round-up>



An amazing list of projects for the whole school:

1. Virtual Art Exhibition
2. Recreations of Famous Artwork and Music Albums
3. BISL Does Merry Christmas Everybody
4. House Competition - Music Quiz and Window Art
5. Winter Shows
6. COBIS Art Competition
7. Guess the Artist - Primary
8. Mathematics and Art
9. On this Day in Music - Secondary
10. Early Years get Creative
11. National Gallery Trip



Storytime sessions

Storytime- <https://britishschool.si/events/story-time-at-bisl-6>



Story Time at BISL

Thursday, January 13 | 15:00 - 16:30

If you have children aged 3-6 and are looking to make new friends in a fun international setting, if they love stories and are interested in learning English, join our Story Time sessions! After the story time in our new library, you'll also be invited to take part in some themed hands-on activities in our Early Years area.

Further sessions available:

[Thursday, January 27 | 15:00 - 16:30](#)

[Thursday, February 17 | 15:00 - 16:30](#)

[Thursday, March 3 | 15:00 - 16:30](#)

[Thursday, March 17 | 15:00 - 16:30](#)

Numbers are limited, please register below.

Please note that visitors will be asked to show proof of PCT upon arrival.



2. Looking ahead, improvements and events to come.



Improvements

Areas to improve:

1. **Events** - We have planned for a Spring Concert to use the new stage (Painted, Completed with cover during the next week) in Performance Theatre.
2. **Road Safety** - We have started a Road Safety Campaign this week.



Upcoming Events

All upcoming events and information are on the website, the [events page](#).

January

Tue Jan 4th - Languages Block begins
Fri Jan 7th - Coffee with the Principal
Thu Jan 13th - Story time at BISL
Thu Jan 20th - IGCSE Subject Evening
Fri Jan 21st - Student Appreciation Day
Fri Jan 21st - Winter Trip (Year 7+8)
Fri + Sat Jan 21st + 22nd - Informativa
Thu Jan 27th - Sixth Form Subject Evening
Thu Jan 27th - Story Time at BISL
Fri Jan 28th - Winter Trip (Year 9+10)

February

Wed Feb 2nd - Open Day
Fri Feb 4th - Last day of Block 4/ Winter Trip/ Dress Down House Colours



Discussion and Ideas:



Road Safety at BISL to raise awareness:

1. Sign at the entrance, Designed and ordered - **COMPLETED**
2. Primary and Secondary Road Safety Poster Competition - **STARTED**
3. Primary and Secondary Road Safety BISL Slogan competition
4. Student Council - raised in the next meeting for ideas to encourage parents to drive slowly
5. Primary and Secondary Road Safety Article - **STARTED**
6. Added to Assembly Slides
7. Included in the newsletter
8. Contact at local police station to report incidents - **COMPLETED**
9. Organise police presence next week - **STARTED**

Speed limit 30 kph on road, 20 kph in the car park

Proposal:

Dangerous driving: warning to driver, email in writing, reported to the police/Head of Črnuče/Bežigrad sector with Photo of car. The police contact was confirmed 05/01.

Further suggestions and discussion welcome...



Thank you.