



17th June 2023

Secondary News

A message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This week we re-opened the school library after a short period of re-organisation. Several thousand euros has been spent on new books, with more to arrive in the early part of the next academic year. A new library space has been created for our older students and bean bags purchased to make the space more inviting. Thank you to Mr Wilkins, Mr Fordham and Mr Eve for their hard work on setting up a library that we can now build on.

In another piece of exciting news, the school has secured significant funding to purchase new interactive flat panel screens for all Primary classrooms which will be fitted over the summer. These will enable our students to learn collaboratively, access online resources and interact with educational software.

This week has been all about transition as students prepare to move up into their new year groups in August. A transition day was held across school during this week to give students a flavour of what they could expect as they move up into the next year of their schooling and Year 6 held their graduation ceremony. I am confident that Mr Kokalj has prepared Year 6 well and that they are ready to embrace the exciting move into Secondary.

Finally, June is Pride month and to celebrate this the Secondary Student Council held an assembly on the history and importance of celebrating Pride. The library has included a display of books dedicated to this subject and we encourage our young people to read more on this important topic.

Enjoy the weekend.



Mel Hitchcocks, Principal.

A word from Mr Travis

Block 7 Week 4

This week, Secondary students were treated to a very informative assembly exploring the history of Pride and the importance of representation and individuality. Prejudice has no place at BISL and it was great to see the students standing up for diversity and equal rights across the world. Just a reminder that there is a Pride walk in Ljubljana on Saturday!

Transition has been a focus in Week 4, and Secondary teachers were delighted to welcome Year 6 students into the Secondary School for the day. They began with a presentation from myself, where we considered the *what* and *how* of learning in Secondary, as well as the many logistical changes they will face in their daily routine. Year 6 students then engaged with sample lessons in Science, History and English - great fun was reportedly had by all, especially in History where the students learnt about the many ways to storm a castle! Many thanks to all the teachers and students involved. I wish Year 6 students a worry-free summer - we will look after you next year!

Exams are finally finished, hooray! Congratulations to our Year 11, 12 and 13 students for staying strong until the bitter end. Even though it has felt like a marathon, I am convinced that you have all done everything you can to achieve your very best. Have a relaxing summer and we all look forward to results day!

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

Jonathan Travis, Head of Secondary

MFL News

MFL - Slovene

In the Y7 Slovene Advanced class this week our students wonderfully presented descriptions of countries of their choice. They showed excellent research skills, carefully choosing relevant information and focusing on specific keywords. Their

presentations were insightful, demonstrating a strong grasp of the Slovene language.



Our **Year 8** Slovene Advanced class did a great job presenting their book reviews last week. They showed a strong understanding of Slovene language and literature. Their presentations were clear, thoughtful and sparked interesting discussions. They

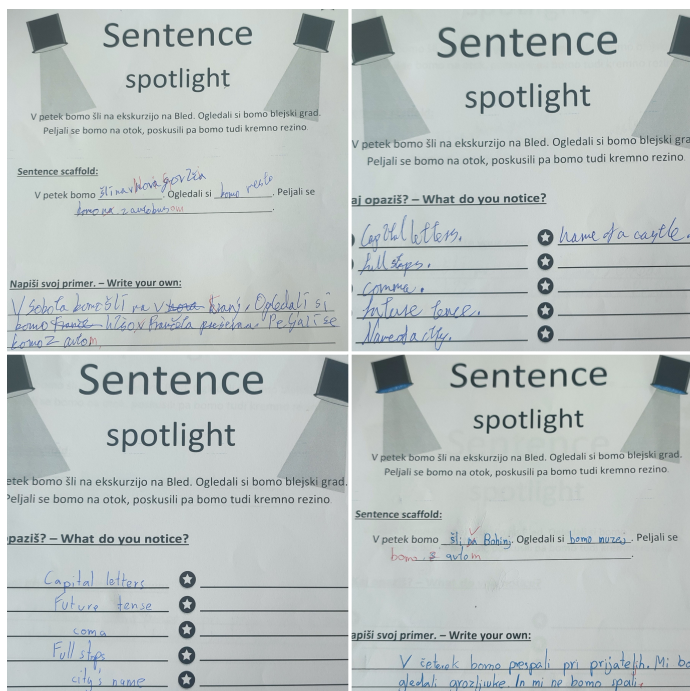
also showed strong skills in public speaking. Their love for Slovene literature shone through. I'm very proud of their hard work and excited to see them grow even more.



Ms Kotnik, Slovene teacher

MFL - Slovene Foundation

Year 7 and 8 students in Slovene Foundation understand the Slovene Past Tense quite well, so the Slovene Future Tense is a real piece of cake for them! They have been learning about it this week. Firstly students had to write what they noticed in sentences. Following their observations, we continued with explanation, and finally with writing their own examples. The concept of Slovene Verbs is not overly difficult, but what makes it a challenge is really all the exceptions that follows a "different set of rules". *Ampak naši učenci so vsemu kos!*



Ms Drofenik, Slovene teacher

Students in Year 8 started making posters about chosen cities (either Slovenian ones or across the world). First they had to answer several questions by themselves, then they did some research about natural and cultural sights online and finally they had to write their own opinion on why they recommended visiting those cities. Stay tuned to find out about their ideas next week!



Ms Jakop, Slovene teacher.

PE news:

Block 7, Week 4

Throughout Week 4 of the PE block, students continued with their competitive BISL Olympics events.

It has been another brilliant week of sporting action, with some incredible individual and team performances.

Years 7 through to 10 took part in badminton and basketball tournaments, with a high playing standard on display across the school.

Here are the current BISL Olympics scores - across the whole school (15/06/23):

Zircon: 537

Sapphire: 598

Hessonite: 505

Emerald: 627

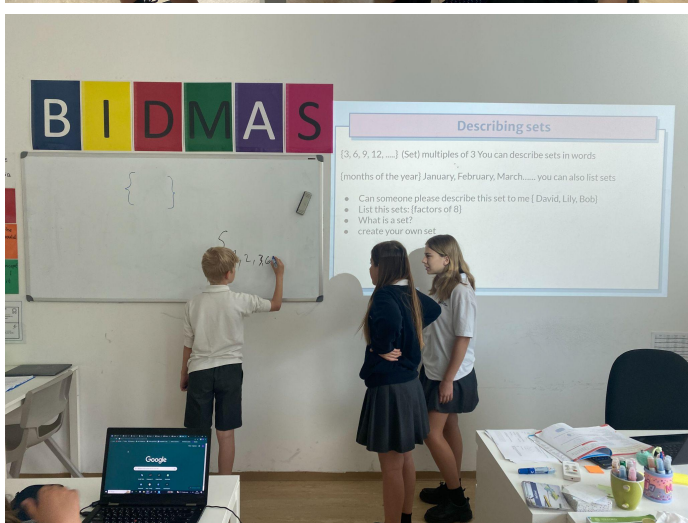
The BISL Olympics will continue throughout the whole school, across Block 7.

The PE department are also looking forward to hosting the 2023 BISL Secondary Sports Day at Siška Sports Park next Tuesday, 22nd June.

PE Department

Maths news

Year 7 and 8 students stepped into the role of teachers and taught their classmates how to interpret and use set notation. They engaged well with the class and provided well-thought out explanations. The activities they chose for practice include a worksheet, domino cards and a murder mystery.



Year 9 students were split in groups as well and started to create their student-led lessons that will teach them how to use Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry to solve problems in right angle triangles.

Year 10 students increased and decreased amounts using a given percentage or ratios and solved past exam questions on these topics.

Maths challenge wall:

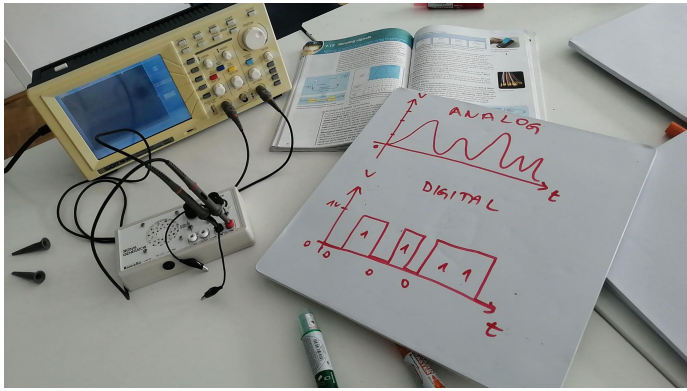
Check out new challenges published on Monday next to room 316.

Ms Zupanc, Maths Department

Science News

This week the year 7's focused on general science knowledge skills, specifically variables and what independent, dependent and control variables mean. Knowing what each term means and applying that to different experiments is a skill students need all the way through secondary, so this is vital practise that'll help them retain this knowledge and skill in their long term memory.

This week year 10's were practising and learning about practical applications of analog and digital signals. To demonstrate this, they were using a simple signal generator with a variable frequency and amplitude, connected to an oscilloscope to observe the digital and analog wave patterns and compare them.

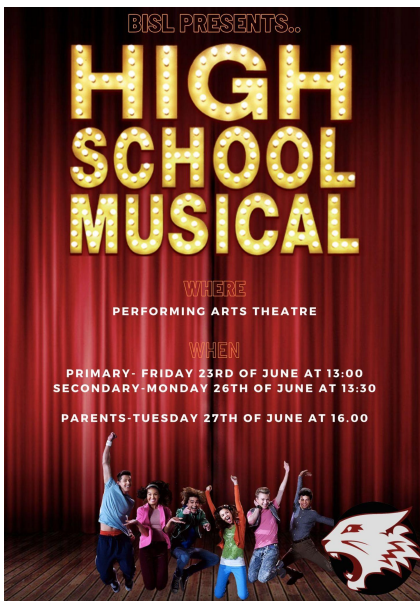


Mr Stanič, Science teacher

Creative Arts news

Year 8: have been learning about reggae music and how to play off beat. In pairs they are developing their timing and keyboard skills, playing chords, bass line and melody together.

Year 10: are currently revising the set study piece, Mozart's clarinet concerto in A. They are creating revision materials that break down all the main components, such as melody, harmony, timbre and instrumentation etc.
High School musical



This week the cast had their first dress rehearsal for the show. They are busily preparing themselves for the upcoming performances, with the first show happening next Friday 23rd of June. Wish them luck - Go Wildcats!

Ms Kenealy, Art Department

MEPI news

This week our MEPI participants are completing their final expedition of the year. Yesterday the silver team walked from Kranj to Podblica and finished their day with a game of Uno. Mr Atsbury did not approve of our game rules.

Today, the bronze team joined and made a fantastic time on their first day. The Silver team was trying to keep up but then decided to enjoy a long lunch with a view instead of finishing early. Tomorrow both teams will have to make their way from Talež to Bled and we can only hope they don't get lost 😊.





Ms Tušar and the MEPI team

Dates to Note

Thurs	June 22nd	Secondary Sports Day		
Fri	June 23	BISL	High	School Musical
Mon-Tues	June 26th - 27th	BISL	High	School Musical
Fri	June 30th	Final day of Term - End of the Academic Year		

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

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School Calendars

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