



16th June 2023

Primary 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 have 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.

Finally, this week has been all about transition and diversity. June is Pride month, celebrated with a display of library books and a Secondary Student Council display dedicated to this important topic.

As students prepare to move up into their new year groups in August a transition day was held across the school this week to give students a flavour of what they could expect.

Year 6 held their graduation ceremony as they prepare to move into Secondary, and I am confident that Mr Kokalj has prepared them well and that they are ready to embrace this exciting move.

Enjoy the weekend.

*Mel Hitchcocks,
Principal*

A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

This week has been all about transition and looking ahead to the coming school year. Transition information sessions were held for parents of Reception and Y6 students this week. We can see that all students are ready and eager to go up to the next yeargroup. For students in Early Years, this is a particular milestone as they start their journey in the Primary. We wish our Y6 graduates all the best on their journey into Secondary school next year!



This week's Primary Assembly included two wonderful performances from Reception welcoming the Summer with the song *Here Comes the Sun* and the Y1 heartwarming version of *What a Wonderful World*.

Parent-Teacher interviews start next week from 21st-28th June. Bookings can be made on the school cloud until 26th June. We will also be issuing the Primary reports on the 19th/20th of June on the Parent Portal.



Next **Tuesday 20th June** is a **Primary Sports Day** and all students should be dropped off at and collected from the **Siška Sports Park**. Make sure to bring a hat, put on plenty of sun-cream and bring your water bottle. We look forward to parents joining us on the day for some special races!

Have a lovely weekend,

Katarina Železinger
Head of Primary

Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

The Early Years group had a lovely sunny week, with a transition day where students got a taste of what it's like in the next yeargroup.

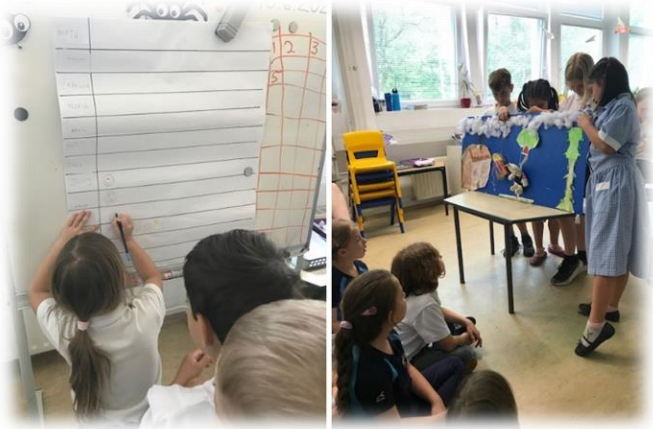


The students were filled with excitement and had plenty of questions about what to expect. Taking advantage of the beautiful weather, the students engaged in numerous outdoor learning activities. They also had another week of fun-filled activities outdoors, involving a parachute and a letters hunt, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. During our nature walk this week, we focused on practising street walking skills and learning how to safely cross the road.

EY Team

Year 1

This week we were very lucky to have special guests from the *Caring for the Community* club join us for a lesson. They prepared a puppet show about Jack and the Beanstalk with their very own handmade puppets and props. We also spent a very exciting morning in Y2 as part of the whole school transition day.



In English we've been extending our knowledge about sharks, in Maths we drew block graphs to show when we have birthdays, while in Topic we have been focusing on rockets and trains.

Ms Miklavec

Year 2

This was a special week because we had the reopening of the library. Year 2 was super excited and couldn't wait to see all the new books. We even made two trips to the library. On Tuesday, we went for a quick visit, and we explored all the new books and the genres, and we listened to the new important rules.

On Wednesday, it was finally time for us to choose a book to bring home. Hopefully, our enthusiasm for reading will lead to us discovering wonderful new books.

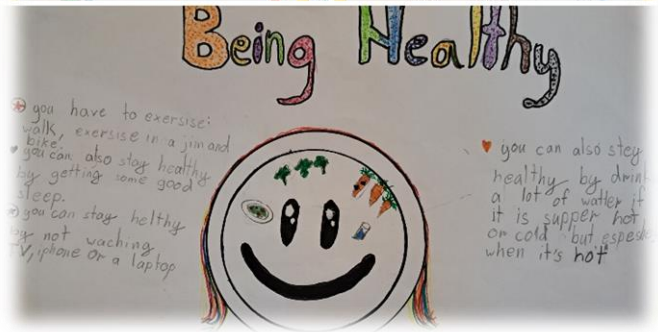
Ms te Velde

Year 3

This week in year 3, children discussed their knowledge about what a healthy lifestyle looks like.



They have taken a balanced diet, sufficient exercise, fresh air and good sleep into consideration when creating a poster about giving advice on how to be healthy.



As this topic block "Let's get fit" progresses, the children are turning into confident health experts.

Ms Spangl

Year 4

This week Year 4 had a fantastic week. The students have been diligently researching various authors and immersing themselves in their books. Their explorations have allowed them to uncover unique writing styles, themes, and characters of each author's work.



Building on this knowledge, the students are now eagerly preparing to present their findings next week.

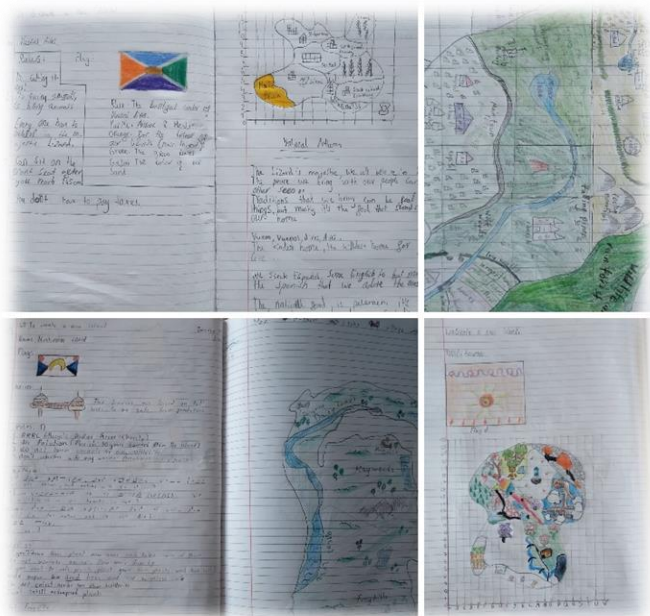


Year 4 students also embraced the theme of teamwork throughout the week, working on Topic projects together. Through collaborative activities and group discussions, they learned the value of working together and supporting one another. Well done Year 4, another fantastic week!

Ms Pirnat and Ms Harris

Year 5

This week the children enjoyed creating their own Island. They thought about the location and plotted it on a grid. The class made their own rules, flags and even wrote a national anthem.



In English, they learnt about persuasive texts and wrote a very persuasive letter to our President to stop destroying forests to build apartments.

I wonder what she will think about the letters?

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

Year 6

This week, we celebrated the remarkable journey of our Year 6 students as they reached a significant milestone in their lives—their graduation. From cherished memories and heartfelt speeches to workshops preparing them for the next chapter, our students showcased their talents and growth.



We bid them farewell with pride and confidence, knowing they are equipped for success in their future endeavors. Congratulations to our Year 6 graduates and thank you to all who made this week unforgettable.

Mr Kokalj

Departmental News

PE

We continued to complete a range of BISL Olympics events, across primary school PE lessons this week. It has been another brilliant week of sporting action, with some incredible individual and team performances.

Years 1, 2, 3 & 5 took part in a team kick dodgeball challenge, whilst Years 4, 5 & 6 took part in handball tournaments.

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

- **Hessonite:** 505
- **Zircon:** 537
- **Sapphire:** 598
- **Emerald:** 627

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

The PE department is also looking forward to hosting the 2023 BISL Primary Sports Day at Siška Sports Park next Tuesday, 20th June.

PE Department

Slovene

What an exciting week for Year 5 and 6 students at Slovene Foundation! Students had a Zoom meeting with one of the local public schools - OŠ Šmarje pri Jelšah.



Firstly, they talked in English and introduced themselves, shared their favourite activities, books,

music and thoughts about other interesting topics like the Eurovision song contest, sports, travelling, etc.



Secondly, they also got the chance to showcase their improvement in the Slovene language, by chatting in Slovene.



We all agreed that this was a great way for the students to practice English and Slovene, so we will continue our friendship and meet again next school year. *Se že veselimo!*

Ms Drofenik

Students across primary were making posters about diverse topics this week. In Y5 and Y6 the topic was "Hrana - Zdrava in nezdrava hrana, hrana po svetu ..."



In Y1 and Y2, the topic was "Poletje" and everything connected with it. Have a look at all the colours they have used and their enthusiasm for learning many new words and common Slovene phrases.

Ms Jakob

This week our Y5/6 Slovene advanced students excelled in describing natural phenomena, showcasing their language skills and research abilities. During our lessons, the students focused on key points of natural phenomena and explored the effective use of verbs to enhance their descriptions.



They demonstrated their understanding by employing vivid and descriptive language, captivating their readers' imaginations. Additionally, our class honed their research skills, finding accurate and reliable information about the phenomena they studied.

Ms Kotnik

Dates to Note

Wed - Tue	Jun 19 th - 20 th	Parent-Teacher Reception	interviews
Tue	Jun 20 th	Primary Sports Day	
Wed - Wed	Jun 21 st - 28 th	Parent-Teacher and Primary	interviews EY
Fri Mon Tue	Jun 23 rd Jun 26 th Jun 27 th	BISL High School Musical	
Fri	Jun 30 th	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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