



9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

# Primary News

## A Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents who participated in International Day last Friday, it was lovely to meet many of you for the first time and to share in the celebration of our different cultures.



Thank you also to Malgosia Paprotny for delivering an informative presentation on the teenage brain to parents on Tuesday and to the Orbital Regional Head of Schools and former BISL Principal, Karl Wilkinson, for visiting the school this week.

I am excited to announce that representatives from our student body are to attend a Model United Nations (MUN) conference held in Tirana in February 2024. Students from Britannica Budapest and World Academy Tirana, both Orbital Schools, will join BISL students from Years 10-12 at this inaugural event. To prepare our students, there will be an MUN after school club starting in September, so if your young person is interested in attending the conference, please ensure that they sign up for this mandatory club in the new academic year.

Next week, we will be holding our first lockdown practice. This is standard practice in international schools around the world and ensures that we are prepared for the unexpected. We will be speaking to students before the event to explain why we do this so as not to cause alarm and many classes I know will be practising on Monday.

Enjoy the weekend.

*Mel Hitchcocks,*  
Principal

## A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

**Bookings for the Parent-Teacher Interviews** are already open for Reception parents and open for the rest of the year groups next week. Instructions for accessing the school cloud and the booking system have been emailed to parents. For further help, please email IT support at [it@britishschool.si](mailto:it@britishschool.si).

Please note the interview dates are 14th-20th June for Reception and 21st-28th June for all other EY and Primary classes.

This week, BISL hosted the **Moonwood Book Fair**. With a wide selection for all ages, students were able to find something for their tastes and interest, and browse through the selection of amazing titles from both fiction and non-fiction literature! In addition, the **BISL Library** has also been revamped with a fresh look and expanded book selection for students to enjoy at school during the reading sessions or at home with their favourite books. Book donations are very welcome in any language and will find a good home in the library. Please make sure to return any library books and home readers before the end of the school year.



Next week on Wednesday, the Reception and Primary students will have a **transition morning**. Students will be able to get an idea of what to expect in the upcoming year, become familiar with a new setting and be able to ask questions. Through various fun activities, students will also be able to introduce themselves and set some future aspirations.

Have a great weekend,

*Katarina Železinger*  
Head of Primary

## Class Teacher Reports

### Early Years

The Early Years group had an amazing week filled with thrilling chances for learning. The students eagerly participated in a book fair, enthusiastically choosing their favourite books.



Moreover, this week was dedicated to exploring the fascinating realm of sea creatures.



The students learned about patterns and even had the opportunity to create their own patterned umbrellas for rainy days. When the weather improved, they had a fantastic time playing with a parachute outdoors and venturing into the playground to discover the diverse bug population residing in its surroundings.

*EY Team*

## Year 1

This week the students turned into engineers and designed their own boats! Teamwork makes the dream work, so students worked in groups not only to make their boats floatable but also to work on the design! Of course, we also tested the boats and were extremely content to discover that they all float.



In English, we also had a very informative week, as we learnt many facts about whales. The book 'Big Blue Whale' was where we took most of the information from, as we get ready to write our own information texts.

In Maths, we focused on learning the days of the week and months of the year in order, as another way to measure time.

*Ms Miklavec*

## Year 2

This week it was up to Year 2 to present their learning at our weekly assembly. The class chose what they wanted to show to the rest of the school. Together we created a wonderful quiz and chose a song to perform.



We were all a little bit nervous but we practised many times and we knew that we would be able to show the rest of the school what we are capable of. With this performance, Year 2 has truly shown their great learning this year.

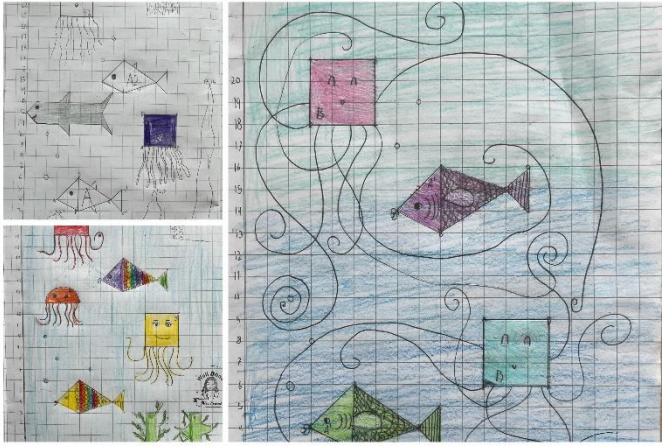
*Ms te Velde*

## Year 4

Year 4 had an exciting week of learning and doing experiments! In Topic, students have learned about gases and did an experiment on how to put out a fire with carbon dioxide. Students then drew and described the experiment.



For World Ocean Day, students had activities linked to the ocean. In Maths, they created an ocean-based coordinate grid in which they had to draw animal shapes and translate them around the grid. In English, they used their creativity in writing a story about plastic pollution in the ocean.



Well done Year 4!

Ms Pirnat and Ms Harris

## Year 5

The class enjoyed creating a presentation about their home country to share with each other as a part of our Geography Topic this block. They made comparisons between traditions and places and everyone certainly learnt a lot about places around the world. Year 5 also got to practice their presentation skills and did a great job presenting to each other, even though it can be quite scary.



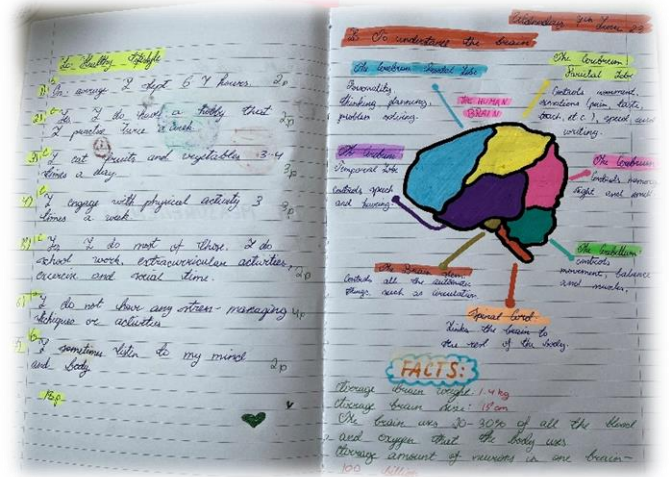
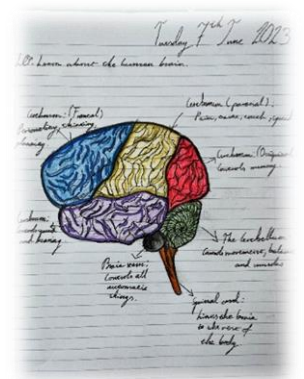
The class very much enjoyed attending the book fair and loved choosing their new reads for the summer. It was nice to see how enthused they were with new literature.

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

## Year 6

Year 6 students took a thrilling dive into the mysteries of the human brain this week, exploring its various lobes and their unique functions.

They connected this newfound knowledge to their own experiences through a vibrant poster project titled "Being Human".



The task fostered reflection on human-specific activities and prompted discussions on brain health.

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 basketball challenge, while Years 4 & 6 took part in hotly contested football tournaments.



Here are the current Bisl Olympics scores - across the whole school (08/06/22):

- Hessonite: 341
- Zircon: 378
- Sapphire: 432
- Emerald: 458

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

*PE Department*

## Slovene

Early years students are currently learning about animals - *Živali*.



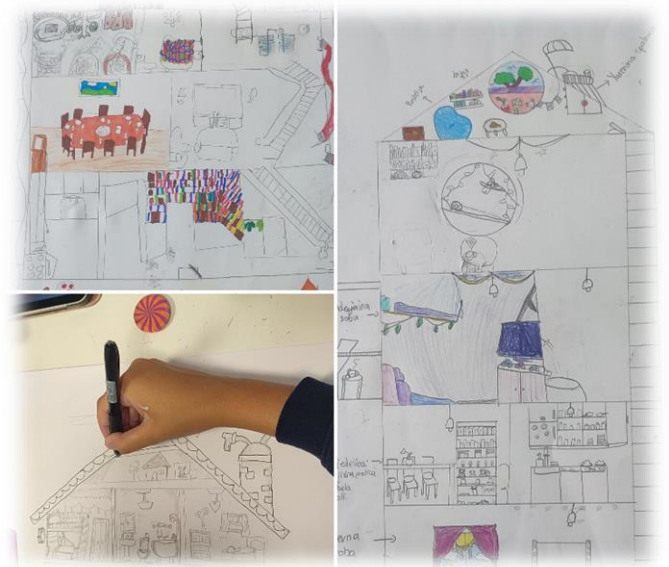
Our last lesson was about wild animals where students played various games to help them remember new vocabulary faster.

*Ms Jakop*

Year 5 and 6 students at Slovene Foundation have currently been working on their project "Sanjska hiša". They have worked in groups and been using all their artistic skills to finish it to the best of their abilities.



Students drew dream houses and in Slovene wrote the names of the rooms, furniture and other objects in the house. The next step is to present their posters to the class fully in Slovene. This is a good way to practice sentence structure, declension, singular, dual and plural.



Le tako naprej!

*Ms Drogenik*

## Dates to Note

Tue -Sun	Apr 4 <sup>th</sup> -May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Science Block Challenges
Thu -Sat	Apr 13 <sup>th</sup> -Jun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Notebook Donations
Wed	Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Morning
Fri	Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Graduation
Fri	Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	EY-Y1 and Y6 Transition Parent Meetings
Wed - Tue	Jun 19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher interviews Reception
Tue	Jun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Sports Day
Wed - Wed	Jun 21 <sup>st</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher interviews EY and Primary
Fri Mon Tue	Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun 27 <sup>th</sup>	BISL High School Musical
Fri	Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	End of the academic year

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

## School Contact Details

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### School Calendars

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