



2nd June 2023

Primary News

A Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Preparations are currently underway for the next academic year and I was able to share some of these with parents who attended *Coffee with the Principal* on Thursday:

Playground: The ground survey is complete and we are waiting for the architects to provide us with plans for the new playground. As soon as I have confirmed plans, I will share these with you.

After School Clubs: Last week I met with the Student Council to learn about their wishes for the next academic year. One of the issues raised was for students to have more say in what after school clubs are provided. As a result, this week students have been encouraged to tell us what after-school clubs they would like to see. The ideas they have come up with will be presented to staff in August and will form the basis of our after school provision next year.

High School Musical Performance: We are looking at ways to ensure that more of you can attend the

parent performance and we will be in touch once details are finalised.

There will be more news to share with you over the remaining few weeks of the term. In the meantime, enjoy the weekend.

Mel Hitchcocks,
Principal



A word from Mrs Železinger

Reception and Primary students have started their PTE and PTM tests this week (progress in English and Maths) as part of the standardised assessment used to assist with tracking student progress and identifying students' academic strengths and areas for improvement. These are only one of several tools we use to evaluate student performance and provide us with important information to further develop and improve our school.

Early Years and Primary Term 3 Reports will be issued on the 19th and 20th of June via the Parent Portal. Please note the dates for the upcoming **Parent-Teacher Interviews** between 14th-20th June for Reception and 21st-28th for all other classes in EY and Primary, which will be held online via the school cloud.

The **International Day** celebrations on Friday opened with the morning parade which included 37 countries! This was followed by the **Primary Assembly** and the Y3 class presentation on various countries, including some interesting Chinese proverbs. Congratulations to the winners and all the students that participated in the **Rocket competition** last week. Well done also to all the *Stars of the Week* and to *Zircon* as the winning house.

Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

The Early Years group had an eventful and memorable week in the classroom. One highlight was the visit from the fire brigade of Ljubljana on Wednesday. The firefighters showcased their equipment, providing the students with an exciting opportunity to see firsthand the tools they use and even experience the functioning of their sirens.



It was wonderful to see students, staff and parents dressed in their national costumes and colours and to sample a range of foods from all over the world during the **BISL International Fair**. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and the Student Council for organising this great event.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Katarina Železinger
Head of Primary



Wednesday was dedicated to preparing for International Day. The students learnt about the art of origami, learning about this traditional Japanese craft and creating their own beautiful flowers. The culmination of the week was the actual International Day, where the students celebrated and immersed themselves in a diverse range of cultures. This special event was a fantastic experience for the students, fostering an appreciation for different traditions, languages, and customs.



The enthusiasm and enjoyment exhibited by the students demonstrated their enthusiasm for learning about the world around them. Overall, this week was filled with exciting events and meaningful experiences for the Early Years group.

EY Team

Year 1

This week we have been combining Topic and English lessons. We have begun researching different transport in groups, which will lead us to make information booklets!



We were also quite lucky to have one of our students show us a special technique on how to make paper aeroplanes which we painted and will display in the classroom.



In Math, we continued to look at time and solved time-related word problems.

Ms Miklavec

Year 2

We started the week with our PTE test on the Chromebooks. For many students, this was the first time, and we were a bit nervous. But everyone worked hard and they showed their best work attitude.

We also spent some time learning about the USA. We got this country assigned to us in celebration of our International Day and we had a lot of fun learning about it. Luckily, we had some students in the class who could share their experiences of this big country, which made learning extra special.

We created beautiful decorations for the International Day stall. It was fun learning about the USA and next week we will use our topic lessons to fly to Europe and explore this continent.

Ms te Velde

Year 3

This week, the Year 3 students presented the research of their chosen charity groups to Year 2. The children did an amazing job showcasing the work their charities do to aid in saving the rainforests.



The Year 3 students made posters, prepared their presentations and created an atmosphere for the Year 2 students to immerse themselves in upon entering the Year 3 classrooms.

Ms Torrington, Ms Spangl, Ms Blundell

Year 4

Year 4 students have had a great week of learning and exploring. Besides their daily activities, they've also met up with Early years students and read stories to them. It is beautiful to see all the new friendships they are forming!



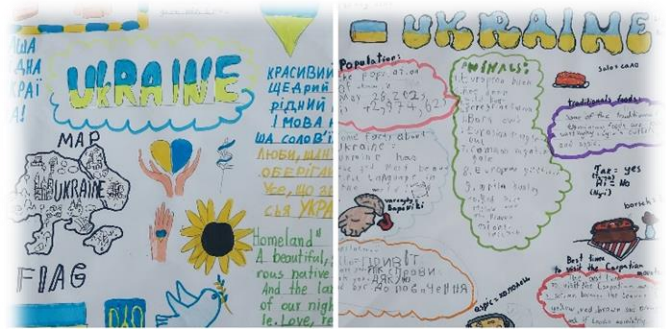
In Topic, students planted seeds and are now patiently watering them and waiting for the first signs of growth. They finished the week in the best way possible by participating in International Day, having fun and learning new things about different countries.

Such an exciting week for our year 4 students.

Ms Pirnat and Ms Harris

Year 5

This week, the children have been thrown into activities surrounding International Day by creating posters, and flags and we were lucky enough to have Christina's Mum come into class to learn more about the country.



The children had a blast looking at all the flags whizz past them at the parade but of course, the fair was a fun ending to the week.

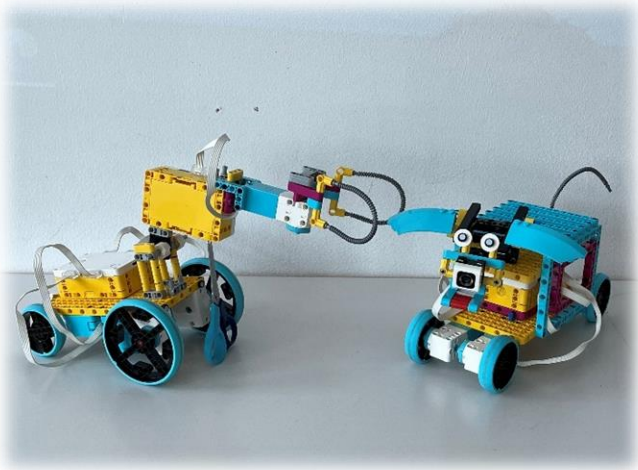


The class made a great effort to dress up in the country's colours or traditional dress. It has been an unforgettable week.

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

Year 6

The Year 6 young scientists have been busy building Mars Rovers using Lego Robotics. They creatively designed circuits, sensors, moving parts, and control programs for specific tasks. The highlight was a showcase lesson this week where students presented their designs, evaluated suitability, and problem-solved potential issues.



The students' teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills were truly impressive..

Mr Kokalj

Departmental News

PE

Primary PE had a very exciting week 2 of the BISL Olympics. Year 5 and year 6 had captivating football matches while years 1 through 4 concurred our dynamic obstacle course.



All students exhibited wonderful sportsmanship and support for one another. Currently, we have a tie for the BISL Olympics between Sapphire and Emerald followed by Zircon in third place and Hessonite currently in fourth.



The PE team would additionally like to say a huge congratulations to year 2 for saving our first sea creatures in our BISL Ocean! Year two has selected the sea turtle to save and was also able to accumulate enough kilometres to clean up one out of our twenty plastic waste bottles from the BISL Ocean. Thank you to all our primary students and families contributing to our Run for the Oceans cause and please keep those kilometres coming in!

PE Department

Slovene

This week in Year 3 Slovene Advanced Lessons, we focused on invitation writing.



Students began with a football game invitation and then created their own unique invitations,

showcasing their creativity. They learned about the key components of an invitation and had the opportunity to personalize their designs. Through presenting and discussing their invitations, students practised speaking skills and developed critical thinking.

Ms Kotnik

Y5 and Y 6 students did various activities about the topic "Hrana" this week. One of them was a role play where they split into groups and acted out scenes in a restaurant.



It was encouraging to see them actively using words and common phrases they have learned over the past lessons.

Pa dober tek! :)

Ms Jakop

Year 3 and 4 students at Slovene Foundation have already packed their suitcases for summer holidays.



Students have been learning what do they need to take with them. So you will find "kopalke, sončno kremo, brisačo, klobuk, sončna očala, plavutke," and many other things in their suitcases.

Ms Drogenik

Dates to Note

Tue -Sun	Apr 4 th -May 14 th	Science Block Challenges
Thu -Sat	Apr 13 th -Jun 10 th	Notebook Donations
Thu	Jun 8 th -9 th	Book Fair
Wed	Jun 14 th	Transition Morning
Fri	Jun 16 th	Year 6 Graduation
Fri	Jun 16 th	EY-Y1 and Y6 Transition Parent Meetings
Wed - Tue	Jun 19 th -20 th	Parent-Teacher interviews Reception
Tue	Jun 20 th	Primary Sports Day
Wed - Wed	Jun 21 st - 28 th	Parent-Teacher interviews EY and Primary
Fri	Jun 23 rd	BISL High School Musical
Mon	Jun 26 th	
Tue	Jun 27 th	
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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