



26th May 2023

Primary News

A Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Block 7. The final block is one of the busiest of the year and this week was no exception. Years 3, 5 and 6 enjoyed their fun-packed residential trips and at the time of writing, Years 7 and 8 are out on Adventure Days. Well done to students for their exemplary behaviour and thank you to staff for their hard work in ensuring everything went smoothly.



This week we said goodbye to Year 13 at their graduation. It was both a happy and sad occasion for many involved, but also an exciting time as they prepare for the next stages in their lives. Charlotte Godfried (Contribution to the school), Ekaterina

Keyzerova (Academic Achievement) and Ewa Gajewska (Music) were also recipients of Founders Awards. I wish all our Year 13 students all the best in their future endeavours.



Finally, please find below the calendar of events for Block 7. Information regarding individual events will be sent out nearer the time.

- 2 June – International Day.
- 7-9 June – Adventure Days Years 9 and 10.
- 8-9 June – Book Fair (New Building 2-3.40 pm)
- 14th June - Transition Morning for Reception and Primary classes
- June – Year 6 Graduation and EY-Y1 and Y6 Transition Parent Meetings
- 14-16 June – MEPI Expedition
- 20 June – Primary Sports Day
- 22 June – Secondary Sports Day
- 23, 26, 27 June – BSL presents High School Musical.
- 30 June – End of the academic year. School finishes at 12 pm.

Have a great weekend.

Mel Hitchcocks,
Principal

Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

This week in the classroom, the Early Years group created their own solar system and explored the varying sizes of the planets. Additionally, they delved into the rainbow's different colours by reading the book "Wow! Said the owl."



The Reception students learned all the letters in the alphabet and wrote them down. Meanwhile, the Nursery students honed their cutting skills by crafting their own owls and received lessons on planting flowers. The Pre-nursery group focused on learning about the nocturnal and diurnal animals and practised holding a pencil.

During this week, we commenced block 7, encompassing two distinct themes: Physical Education (PE) and the mesmerising world beneath the sea. The young learners in the early years group delved into an exploration of the diverse marine creatures inhabiting the ocean, while also emphasising the significance of maintaining a clean

and pristine marine environment for the well-being of these remarkable animals.

Meanwhile, the reception group focused on mastering a new letter, while the Nursery students embarked on an exciting journey of discovering various sounds. Additionally, the pre-nursery students engaged in activities connecting numbers with the corresponding number of dots. As a special highlight, Thursday brought an exhilarating visit from horses, which thoroughly delighted all the students.



EY Team

Year 1

The students kicked the week off by writing a holiday recount in which they mentioned some of their favourite adventures from the block break. In English, our focus this week was reading comprehension.

In Maths, we began learning to tell the time to the hour and half past.



After doing some practical examples, we made our own clock which students took home. Topic this week has been about transport from the past and the present.



We also took advantage of the wonderful weather and joined Y4 and EY for storytime outside.

Ms Miklavc

Year 2

In Year 2, we feel passionate about taking care of each other and the world. That is the reason why we started very actively with the Run for the Oceans. But one thing that we still struggled with was how much a kilometre is.



On Friday we decided to go for a short walk in the beautiful fields behind the school. Our goal was to figure out when we walked a kilometre. Eventually, we found out that 1 kilometre was farther than we expected.

Year 2 had a wonderful time outside and we enjoyed seeing how the world around school turned so green in the past few weeks.

Ms te Velde

Year 3

Year 3 did amazingly well on their school trip this week. The children left the school to visit *Grad Prestranek*.



There the children went to a cave from the Ice Age, an eco-farm, where they made cookies or cheese, and went to Dina Park. However, the highlight of the trip was horse riding and grooming. The students loved bonding with the horses and riding for the first time.



It was wonderful to see how all the students of Year 3 worked together and formed meaningful connections during these two days. They can be really proud of themselves for showing the best of BISL while we were away.

Ms Torrington, Ms Spangl, Ms Blundell

Year 4

Year 4 students have had an amazing start of Block 7. In Topic, they have learned about Materials. They have also started learning about solids, liquids and gases, created models to represent each state and played a game showing how the particles move in each state!



Year 4B students finished the week by reading books to Early Years and sharing some quality time on their picnic outside. Students have shown some fantastic skills in both English and Maths this week. Well done!

Ms Pirnat and Ms Harris

Year 5

The children have had a fantastic week and very much enjoyed their residential trip.



The highlights were kayaking in the sea, going on a boat trip to Piran and visiting the aquarium and having a cooking lesson with a local chef.



We were blessed with fantastic weather which meant we could spend almost all day outside enjoying the fantastic facilities. What a fantastic week!

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

Year 6

What a fantastic week it's been for our Year 6 students at *Debeli Rtič*!



Immersing themselves in diverse activities, from an enchanting boat trip to hands-on culinary experiences, they embraced every moment with enthusiasm.



A standout was our visit to charming Piran, a delight for Students and teachers. Learning extended beyond the classroom, nurturing their independence and team spirit. It's been a pleasure to witness their joy and growth during this trip.

Mr Kokalj

Departmental News

PE

We kicked off the PE Block with the BISL Olympics, with all of the students taking part in a range of events. Years 1 to 4 participated in a variety of relay races, representing their houses.

Here are the current BISL Olympics scores (25/05/23):

Zircon: 55
Sapphire: 48
Hessonite: 58
Emerald: 75

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

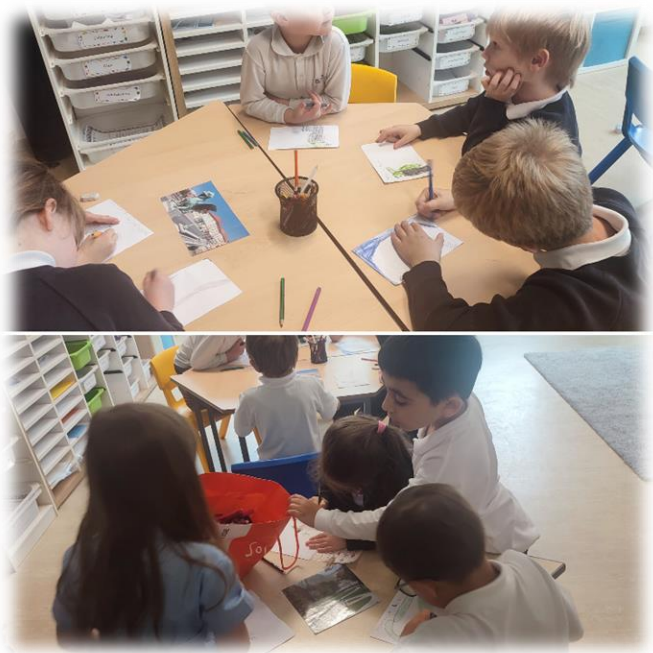


In addition, Years 3, 5 & 6 went on their Adventure Days. These days were a fantastic opportunity for students to experience a range of different activities and we hope that all of the students had a wonderful time.

PE Department

Slovene

Year 1 and 2 students at Slovene Foundation have started with a new topic this Block. They have been learning about the sights in Ljubljana. The students became real tourists guides, as they imaginary took us around Ljubljana, where we had a look at "Zmajski most, Tromostovje, Ljubljanski grad, park Tivoli" and many other important sights.



They also decorated their postcards and wrote a few words about their journey here. Let's take a look at their work! We'll see where we stop next week. Maybe on the Slovenian coast?

Ms Drogenik

EAL

For the last lesson of the week, two of our EAL groups made the most of the beautiful weather, by taking their reading lesson outside. The students soaked up the sunshine while delving into captivating texts, creating a unique and engaging learning experience.



If you are struggling to get your children to read, we highly recommend trying collaborative sunshine reading as a fun and effective way to ignite their love for books.

Mr Siter

Dates to Note

Fri	Jun 2 nd	International Days
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
Tue	Jun 20 th	Primary Sports Day
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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