



7<sup>th</sup> April 2023

# Primary News

## A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Term 3. We are delighted that the Spring weather is here, with plenty of sunshine. Reception and Y2 classes made the most of the beautiful weather on their trip to the Ljubljana Zoo on Thursday, where they used their navigation skills to find and learn about different animals.

Next week, the Y4, 5 and 6 classes will be going on an organised **Swimming Day** adventure to **Atlantis**. Other primary classes are scheduled to go in the weeks to follow. Please read through the information carefully from the P.E. department about the program and any equipment students need to bring with them, as well as, check the drop-off and pick-up logistics. These trips are a compulsory part of the P.E. curriculum and all students are therefore expected to attend.

There are also upcoming **residential trips** planned in April and May. As well as the physical health benefits, school residential trips have a positive effect on children's self-esteem and confidence, improving their emotional health and well-being. We, therefore, encourage all students to participate in these with their peers.

**International Day** has been moved to the **2nd of June**. There is plenty of time for all to get involved and parents can do so by contacting the PTA.



Please be reminded that the school is closed on Easter Monday and we look forward to seeing students **back on Tuesday 11th April**.



Students are able to wear the Summer uniform items from this Block. You can check and order items on the school [website](#).

Have a wonderful Easter!

Kind regards,

*Katarina Železinger*  
Head of Primary

## Class Teacher Reports

### Early Years

This week we started with a new topic, "Space", where students were learning all about Astronauts.



Nursery students were learning to name the parts of astronauts' space suits by cutting and sticking together the elements of a paper astronaut. Alongside practising their cutting skills, the students continued practising holding a pen with a tripod grip following the lines in the "Astronauts maze". In Maths, the students have been ordering numbers up to 10 and counting down from 10 to 0 with little help from number astronauts.

Our little Early Years astronauts have created and made the planets they want to land on with sponge-colour prints. Pre-Nursery students continued to

practice naming the shapes and creating paper space helmets, and role-playing going to a space. At the beginning of the week, the Reception students worked hard in Phonics lessons and learned about the letter "O".

On Thursday, they went on a very exciting trip to the Zoo with Year 2. Then, with the Easter holidays right around the corner, the Early Years students went on the egg hunt in the Woodland area, where they found and feasted on chocolate eggs brought in by parents. The students created a funky hand-print chicken card to thank them for that treat. We wish everybody a happy Easter holiday and good luck to all easter egg hunters!

*EY Team*

### Year 1

We started off the week with a treasure hunt outside!



Each clue gave us a word that we put together to discover our new Topic - *Life on our Planet!* In Math, we have been practising adding 10 and 11 using a number square and doing spider and fly jumps. The students have been highly inspired by these two characters and have been writing messages from them to the class in a secret treasure hunt form.

Our week was full of secret messages appearing in different places at different times of the day. This has also proven to be a great starting point for our English lessons where we will be looking at different fantasy stories.

We have also made some very colourful and festive Easter baskets, eggs and bunnies!

*Ms Miklavec*

## Year 2

On Thursday, Year 2 went on a wonderful trip to the ZOO to learn all about animals and their habitats. Our day started a bit strange because the bus was delayed but once we got to the ZOO, we had so much fun! We started with a demonstration of the training of the seals. After that, we went inside and were able to pet a few animals: a chameleon, a tenrec and a bird spider. This was really exciting for all of us.



Next, we went to visit the gibbons that BISL had sponsored. We enjoyed seeing them and were impressed with their climbing skills. We ended the day with a little tour and some time at the playground.

*Ms te Velde*

## Year 4

During the past week, Year 4 students have engaged in exploring their preferred literary works and producing written pieces regarding them. They have been really motivated by their favourite books and even inspired some of the teachers to read them! Congratulations!



In their Mathematics lessons, the Year 4 students were introduced to the fascinating wonders of Geometry. Their enthusiasm was amplified by the use of mathematical tools that aided their learning experience.

The topic of *Making a Difference* was recently introduced, and students have displayed great creativity in their ideas for contributing positively to society. Looking forward to the outcomes of these ideas.

*Ms Pirnat and Ms Harris*

## Year 5

This week Year 5 have been introduced to their new Science Topic Making things go, where the children learnt about Sir Isaac Newton. In English, the children wrote a recount and in Maths they learnt all about polygons.

The children very much enjoyed celebrating Easter by making cards and having an Easter egg hunt. I hope you have a lovely extended weekend with your family and Happy Easter.

*Mrs Thomas-Hayes*

## Year 6

This week in our Year 6 class, we had an exciting knowledge harvest activity based on our new topic - Earth and Beyond. Our students' enthusiasm for the topic was incredible, as they composed a comprehensive list of more than 30 questions they would want to find the answers to about our planet and the universe. We agreed to make a display to post answers to the questions, showcasing their newfound knowledge. We can't wait to see what they'll discover next!

Among the many questions they raised, some of the most interesting ones included:

- How was the universe created?
- Can planets form from stars?
- What would happen if the moon moved closer to Earth?
- Is there extraterrestrial life in the universe?
- How far can modern rockets travel?



These questions demonstrate the depth and breadth of our students' curiosity, and we're excited to explore these topics further in the coming weeks.

*Mr Kokalj*

## Departmental News

### PE

We introduced new sporting units throughout PE this week. Years 1 and 2 undertook some basic lobster ball activities, working on how to position the body in relation to the ball. Years 3, 4 and 5 began their football units, focusing on the importance of passing and possession when trying to achieve a collective team goal and the Year 6 football unit will commence next week.

*PE Department*

### Slovene

This week Year 3 and 4 students at Slovene Foundation finished their dream houses.



Not only did they make wonderful and artistic posters, but they also had presentations on them. The students showed their knowledge of how to name rooms in a house in Slovenian and how to present their work well in front of the class.



Odlično, učenci!

*Ms Drogenik*

In our Y5/6 Slovene Advanced Lesson, the students worked hard in their recent poetry lesson. They have been reading the poem "Vesoljec" by Tone Pavček and were engrossed in analyzing its literary devices such as metaphor, personification, and symbolism.

I am proud of their dedication and hard work in developing their critical thinking skills and their appreciation for the Slovene language and culture.

*Ms Kotnik*

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## School Calendars

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

## Dates to Note

|              |   |                                |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Mon          | Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>                          | School closed – Public Holiday |
| Thu          | Apr 13 <sup>th</sup>                          | Y6 Swimming Day                |
| Fri          | Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>                          | Y4-Y5 Swimming Day             |
| Mon          | Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>                          | Y4 Swimming Day                |
| Tue          | Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>                          | Y1-Y2 Swimming Day             |
| Thu<br>- Tue | Apr 27 <sup>th</sup><br>- May 2 <sup>nd</sup> | School closed                  |
| Fri          | May 12 <sup>th</sup>                          | End of Block 6                 |

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