



9th September 2022

Primary News

A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

The student elections continued this week. We are very excited about the Year 6 candidates that have applied for the various leadership positions. They will have the opportunity to promote their qualities and skills in further interviews and promotion campaigns, in order to gain votes from students and staff across the school.

Students have really enjoyed making the most of the outdoors during the past few weeks and we wish to encourage them to go out as much as possible. With the changing weather and rainy periods, please remember to bring to school a waterproof jacket or umbrella and appropriate footwear. This will support outdoor play and keep students dry when walking to the sports facilities for their physical education sessions.

We are deeply saddened to hear that Queen Elizabeth II passed away. During the morning classes on Friday, students commemorated the life of her Her Majesty and paid tribute to the monarch.

For the latest Update from the Principal and other events, please see the [News](#) section on our website.

With best wishes to all for the weekend,

Kind regards,

*Katarina Železinger,
Head of Primary*



Statement on the death of Queen Elizabeth II

We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Queen led a life of extraordinary service and dedication to duty and was an important figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of enormous social change. From her accession as a young woman to the celebrations of this year's Platinum Jubilee, the Queen provided great leadership and continuity, commanding the affection and respect of people across the world.

As proud holders of the Queen's Award for Enterprise, BISL community and Orbital Education send condolences to the Royal Family.

Matthew Cox - BISL Principal

EAL Presentation for Parents

Join us to hear from our Head of EAL and find out more about our **English as an Additional Language provision** here at BISL on **Monday 12th** of September for **Primary** and **Thursday 15th** of September for **Secondary**.

Presentations for parents will take place at 15:00 in the new building assembly hall.

Topics discussed will include:

- Identification of EAL needs through EAL assessment of new students and tracking of student progress.
- Why early intervention through effective EAL provision is important for ensuring success in students' educational journey.
- Continued development of the EAL Programme using the latest research and professional training for teachers.
- Quality assurance of the EAL Programme through the BELL Accreditation.
- Further areas and questions (from participants).

Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

In the Early Years, the children created coloured hair on a portrait using different craft resources. They have been learning to use the phrase 'I like...' to explain their choice of colour.



As we continued to learn about colours, the Reception children created patchwork elephants based on 'Elmer'. In contrast, the Nursery children explored colours by making drawings of colourful animals from the story 'Brown bear, Brown Bear.'

Ms Gillespie and Ms Kukovica

Year 1

Year 1 students have explored the rainforest habitat this week. We made rainforest animals, such as snakes, lorises, chameleons and tigers and created a rainforest corner in the classroom.



Since we're learning about labels and captions in English, we made a label for each animal and wrote captions for some of our favourite ones. We were introduced to capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, which we have been spotting in books too. In Maths, we explored teen numbers and played games to help with number recognition.

Ms Miklavec

Year 2

We had a fantastic week in Year 2. In English, we dove right into understanding the non-fiction style of writing - instructional texts, by reading *Animal Recipes* and beginning to write our own salad recipes for our class parrot, Polly.

In Topic, we made Polly the parrot friends out of our own handprints so she doesn't feel so lonely while waiting for *Jack the Pirate* to return to collect her.



This week, we also said goodbye to one of our fellow Year 2 students, Aneliese. On Thursday, we celebrated her last day of school by having a little party as a year group at the end of the day.

Wishing you all the best with your onwards journey Aneliese.

Mrs Fordham and Mrs Torrington

Year 3A

This week in year 3A, children worked really hard on identifying how feeling changes throughout our story "*The and Wizards*". In teams of two, they investigated how the main character, Cole, is feeling and how this is described in the text. This is part of exploring and understanding how a story develops and the importance of mood and setting.



In our "show and tell" a traditional Slovenian hand-sewn dress was presented. This dress has been in one of our student's family for generations and was worn by little children in the family on special occasions. The students were very impressed with how such a dress is being made and intrigued about its history.

Ms Spangl



Year 3B

This week Students have been considering themselves and their classmates from a fun visual perspective! Students made a collage of faces to create new classmates! We discussed similarities, and differences between peers, all of which make up the parts of who we are, be those physical comparisons, or comparisons of interests and skills.

Ms Blundell

Year 5

Year 5 has had a very exciting week. They have started a project about a chosen extreme habitat and are beginning to make their dioramas.



The class is extremely enthusiastic about this project and looking forward to sharing and making a presentation for Year 2 about their habitats. The class is enjoying the story 'The Dragon Slayer' and is working on similes and metaphors to improve their writing skills.

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

Year 6

This week the Year 6 students learnt that human and physical features of geography are important to understand in order to appreciate the world around us.



The students worked together and found out that each region of the world has its own unique set of human and physical features, and it is fascinating to explore them all.

Mr Kokalj

Departmental News

PE

This week students continued to improve their net and barrier game skills from both a technical and tactical perspective. We have developed our technical understanding when playing lobster ball and volleyball, focusing on skill acquisition and throwing accuracy. Students have also increased their tactical awareness in competitive playing scenarios, concentrating on working effectively as a team and the importance of communication when playing team games.

PE Department

Slovene

In weeks 3 Y1 and Y2 students from the Slovene Intermediate Group have been talking about their feelings.

A book titled *Žabec je žalosten* inspired them to act out different situations where they tried to make a sad friend feel happy again.



Not only have they learned new words in a fun way but also realized the importance of compassion and care for each other.

Slovene Department

Other News

Head students - Elections

We sent out advertisements for the prestigious posts of Head students to our Year 6 children in September, asking anyone who was interested to apply. The quality of the applications was incredible and we wish them the best of luck in their campaign.

The candidates this year are:

- Ela
- Elena
- Eva
- Genta
- Katarina
- Khadeeja
- Marija Franja
- Marlene
- Milena
- Vladimir
- Yaren

Mr Kokalj

Principal's Update

Friday 9th September 2022



Dear Parents and Families,

Of course, as is often the way, the much-needed and long-awaited rain has arrived just as soon as we have started our Adventure Trips! I am a huge supporter of education based on real-life experience, and this is what residential trips provide. Despite the many personal and group challenges faced by our Y7 and Y8 students this week, I AM certain they all will have grown from their experiences over the days.

As founder of the Duke of Edinburgh Award (MEPI), the British Queen's husband, Prince Phillip, was inspired by his Headteacher at school, a man called Kurt Hahn, who insisted that good education must include significant physical outdoor challenges. Hahn stated that:

"There is more to us than we know. If we can be made to see it, perhaps for the rest of our lives we will be unwilling to settle for less."

Kurt Hahn

Through the influence of Hahn's approach, Prince Phillip found his Award in 1956 and ever since then, young students have enjoyed 'experience education' as one way to truly find themselves. Our next Adventure trip takes place next week for Years 9 and 10.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)



Yesterday we were confronted with the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II after 70 long years on the British throne. Although our universally admired Queen was 96 years of age, this news still came as a considerable shock. For most British people and others around the world, she had been the leader of the country and Commonwealth for our entire lives. Throughout that time, she has provided stability and consistency to the nation and the world in a way that very few leaders have throughout history.

Today at BISL our teachers have worked with our young students to describe to them her immense and incredible life and achievements, and to highlight the wise, resilient, indomitable and kind approach adopted by our Queen. The characteristics she displayed during her long reign are things that we all strive to achieve; grit and determination, good humour, care and a devotion to the service of others

Queen Elizabeth is, of course, very fondly remembered at BISL in particular due to her visit to school and Slovenia in 2008.



Our community also sends our condolences to King Charles III and the rest of the British Royal Family.

Best wishes,

Matthew Cox
School Principal

Dates to Note

Mon	Sep 12 th	EAL Primary Presentation for Parents
Wed	Sep 14 th	E-Safety Parent Presentation
Thu	Sep 15 th	EAL Secondary Presentation for Parents

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

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School Calendars

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