



# Secondary News

## A word from Mr Travis

### Block 5 Week 1

Block 5 has begun with a bang! Thank you to Mr Astbury, Ms Hawkins, Mr MacNeill and Ms Torrington for ably leading the BISL ski trip to Italy over the break. Students and staff returned in one piece after an adventurous week in the mountains - much fun seems to have been had by all! It is so wonderful to see this kind of trip return to the schedule following a long and disruptive pandemic period. These trips undoubtedly help foster character traits, such as resilience and determination, that help students deal with the complexities of the modern world. We have plans for more extensive curriculum trips coming soon!

This week we welcome two teacher trainees to BISL - Leo and Teresa - who will be joining the English and Humanities faculties respectively, for a few short months. They are at different stages of their teaching journey and will be supported and encouraged by experienced members of staff across the school. We hope they enjoy their teaching experience here at BISL.

On Friday BISL welcomed prospective families to BISL for our annual Open Day. Parents and students circulated our classrooms, stopping to observe our teachers and students in action. Thank you to the BISL students for acting as guides and for showing parents the 'beating heart' of our wonderful school.

Finally on Friday, BISL hosted a magnificent Art Exhibition, orchestrated by the wonderful Ms Hawkins. During the day, students were treated to a showcase of student work, past and present. In the afternoon, parents also circulated the work on display and enjoyed some student performances at the same

time! We have so many talented artists at BISL that live and breathe creativity. Arts subjects are often overlooked for more traditional subjects, however they are equally important to every child's cognitive development. Long may exhibitions such as these continue!

Please be sure to read the latest Update from the Principal and I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

*Mr Jonathan Travis, Head of Secondary*

## Ski trip to Bardonecchia, Italy

A few impressions from some of the students who attended last week's ski trip.

The trip to Bardonecchia was full of laughter and fun. The hotel we stayed in was very school friendly and the slopes were amazing, especially in the morning. As well as skiing we also did other fun activities, like the Alpine coaster on Tuesday. The whole trip was lots of fun, however, the best part was for sure the snow park. *Tjasa year 11 and Tudor year 12*





The trip started off well with a comfortable bus drive and some nice movies to pass the time. When we got here we could relax and get ready for skiing. The skiing was fun and exhilarating. The activities were good, with a roller coaster, ping pong, table football and a quiz with prizes. The food was very nice with three different pastas and a main course. The breakfast was also nice. The rooms are comfortable and it was great that we could be with our friends.  
**Ryan Year 9**

## English block

Block 5 is English block and we would like to remind you of a couple of events taking place.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 21st February by dressing up as characters from the world of literature.

The event will coincide with our Pust celebrations on 21st February so start planning your fantastic outfits

soon. We are looking forward to seeing what you come up with.

# WORLD BOOK DAY

## Dressing up ideas



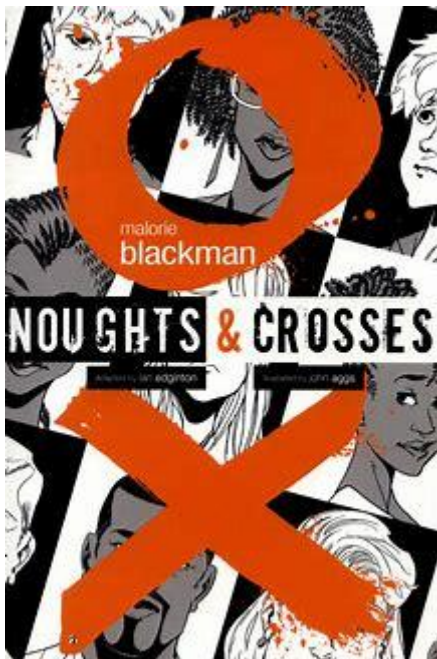
We are also running our Extreme Reading Competition where we invite you to send us photos of you reading a book in an extreme or unusual way. Send your entries to Mr Wilkins or any of the English team.



### English News:

Holey Moley ! - Year 7\_ began reading the novel "Holes" by Louis Sacher

Year 8 started "Noughts and Crosses" by Malorie Blackman and discovered the *Afrofuturist* world it describes



Year 9 studied propaganda and the poetry of Wilfred Owen and performed Owen's "Dulce et Decorum est" including some visceral performances of the line "under the green sea I saw him drowning"

Year 10 engaged in a debate on the plausibility of The Flat Earth Theory as part of their preparation for Paper 2

Year 11 looked at ways of structuring descriptive writing for their final exam with techniques such as "the funnel" and "the machine gun". as revision for their final exams

### The English Department

#### Computer Science: Safer Internet Day

This week BISL celebrated safer internet day, which was held internationally on Tuesday 7th of February.

Secondary learners had a short presentation in tutor time where they discussed what positive and negative effects the internet has on them.

For more information here are some useful links for parents:

[CEOP UK advice for parents and carers](#)

[Common sense media for parents, including a guide to chat GPT](#)

[TOM - Slovenian esafety website](#)

Ms Burtrand - Computer Science teacher

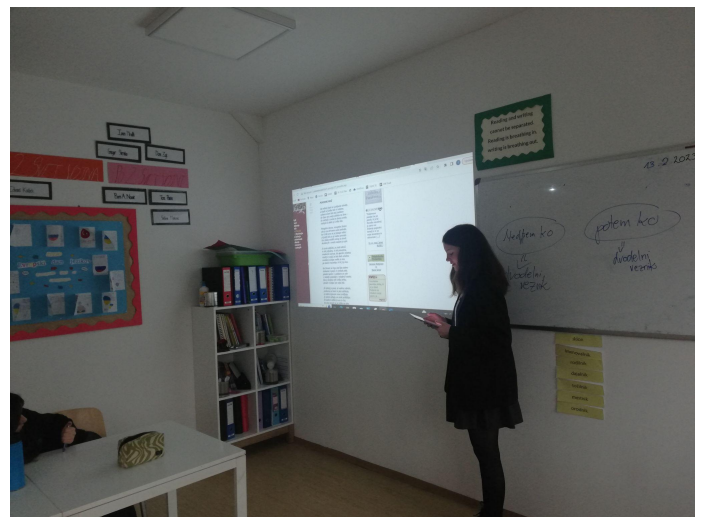
### MFL News

MFL - Slovene Foundation

In the first week in Block 5 Year 7 students worked on grammar. They've learned the 4th case and tried hard to understand the learning material. Students practiced by solving exercises in their workbooks and revised in pairs with flashcards. Le tako naprej!

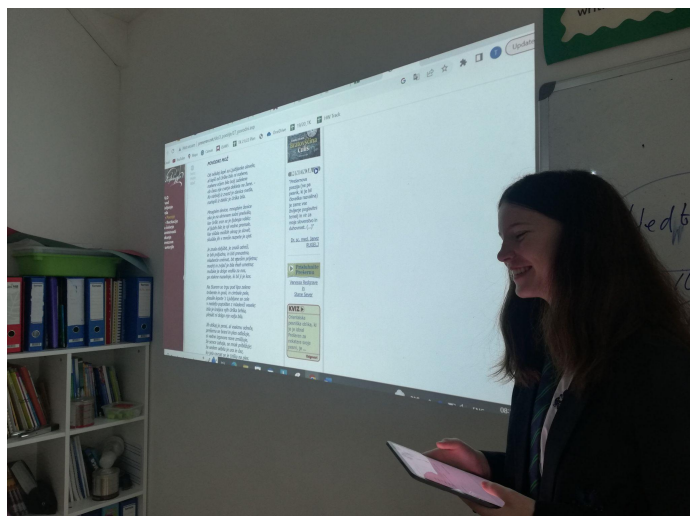


As a part of the school's reading badge program in the Slovene Advance group, Aleksandra from Y9 gave a presentation on the poem "Povodni mož" by France Prešeren. The focus of her presentation was on the literary devices used in the poem.



During her presentation, Aleksandra discussed the various literary devices that Prešeren used to create the mood and atmosphere of the poem. The presentation was a great example of the value of

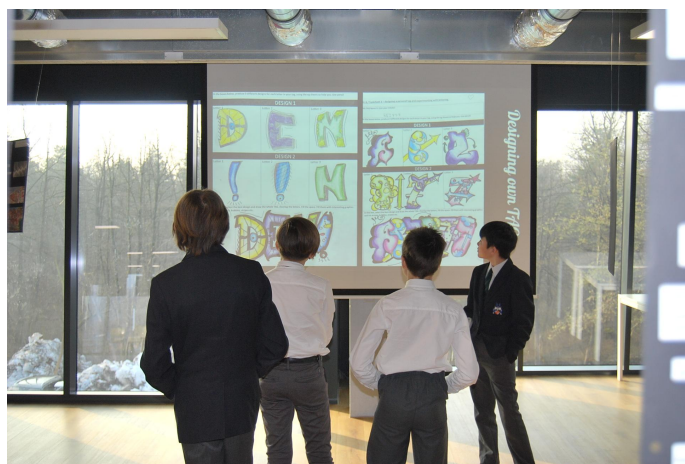
studying literature in school. By analyzing the literary devices used in "Povodni mož," she was able to gain a deeper understanding of the poem and appreciate its beauty in a new way.



Ms Kotnik, Ms Jakop and Ms Drogenik

### **BISL Art Exhibition**

BISL held an Art Exhibition on Friday 17th. It was wonderful to share some of the incredible and talented work from our students. Here are a few photos from the very successful event.



### **PE news:**

During PE lessons this week, students began new practical sporting units, working on some of the fundamental skills required when playing striking and fielding games. Years 7 began their longball unit, with Year 8 focusing on developing their understanding of kickball. Year 9 began their rounders unit, looking at the techniques involved when batting and fielding, whilst Year 10 focused on their baseball unit, gaining an understanding of the rules of the game in a competitive context, with Year 11 continuing their tactical games unit.

Mr Hayes, PE Department

### Maths news

Key stage 3 students have been playing with transformations: rotation, reflection, enlargement and translation.

**Year 7** students learnt the applications of reflection into real life problems by investigating a laser's incident and reflection rays, as well as optical reflections through an online simulator.

**Year 8** and **Year 9** students practised their skills of drawing and interpreting transformations through geometrical code breaker tasks.



**Year 10** students honed their skills in plotting and interpreting straight line graphs and revised past topics for their upcoming assessment.

**Year 11** students recalled trigonometric functions and applied them to problems in 3 dimensions. They also learnt the cosine and sine rule, which is used to calculate unknown angles and sides in non right-angle triangles.

**Year 13** students were introduced to complex numbers. They carried out the for operations with them, as well as solved equations, that do not have real solutions.

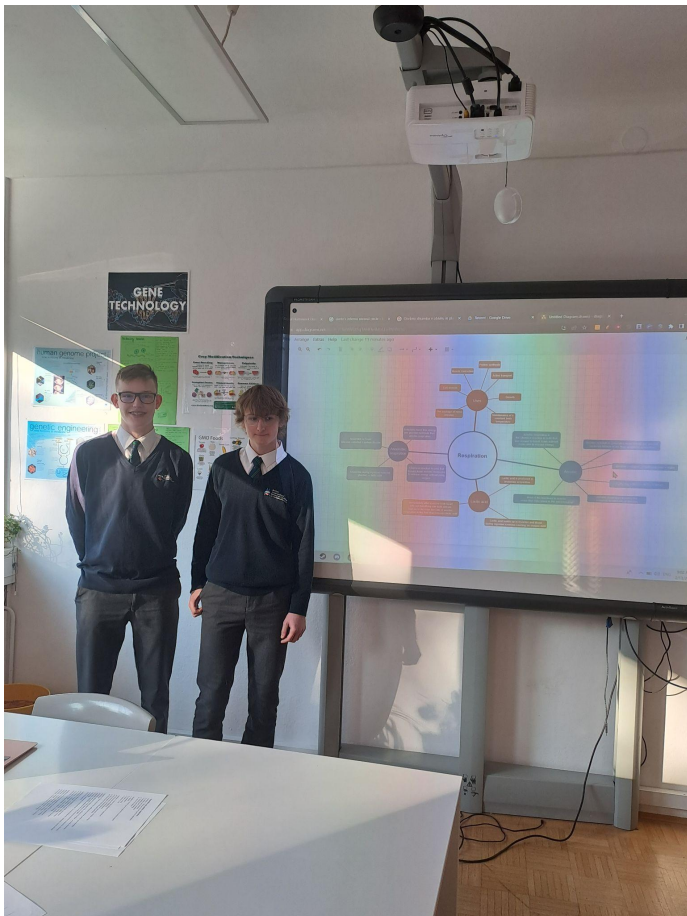
### **Maths challenge wall**

Do not miss out on new challenges published in front of 316 next Monday.

Ms Zupanc, Maths Department

### Science News

**Year 10** gave presentations on respiration in living organisms in biology, some included interactive live questioning, worksheets, kahoot quizzes, fun facts and spider diagrams. They were assessed on their scientific knowledge, creativity and presentation skills.



## Humanities news

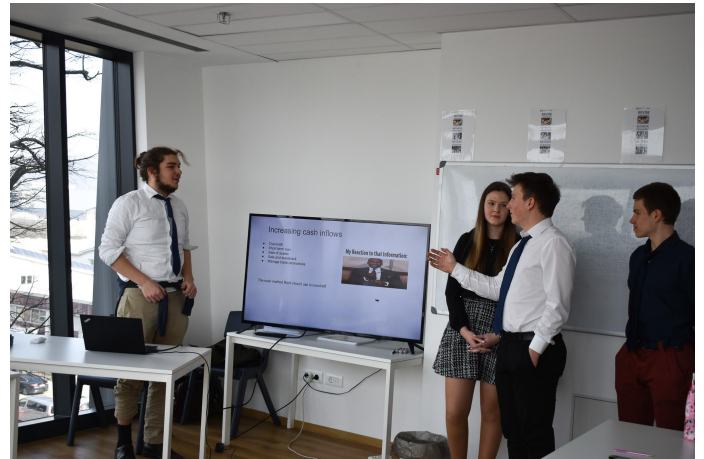
### History News

In History Year 7 played 'castle defence top trumps'. They designed their own top trumps cards about all types of castle defence techniques. Today they self assessed, improved on their original cards, and now get to play! Do you think castle walls, towers or a drawbridge is the most effective at keeping out attackers? Ask a year 7 to find out!



## Business / Economics News

As we begin block five, our students are making steady progress through the latter stages of each syllabus. This week our year 12 students have started the final unit of the AS Business Studies course, on Finance and Accounting. More specifically, the class has been learning about “Forecasting and managing cash flows”. Their learning was applied to a case study exercise reflecting a real life business scenario. The class was split into two groups, each one challenged to analyse why the company featured in the case study was facing significant cash flow problems and to recommend the best solutions for improving the company’s liquidity position. Here are the students in action, presenting their findings and ideas.



*Mr Chuter, Business & Economics.*



## PTA News

Friday March 24th Block 5 ends

Dear parents, We hope you had a wonderful school break. On behalf of the PTA we would like to share with you some news on upcoming events at BISL. On Tuesday 21st February we will celebrate Pust at BISL. So if you have time we would kindly ask you to come and join us for our doughnuts give away activity for kids in the morning. The next event will be Second hand uniform sale that will be held on 9th of March. If you have any used school uniforms to donate, please, come and leave it at the security guard. The uniform sales helps to fundraise money for the upcoming events at BISL organised with the support of the PTA. We wish you a fantastic weekend. Stay tuned.



Your PTA

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

### School Contact Details

Reception Hours: M-F 07:15-16:00

General Telephone: +386 40486548

Admissions: +386 40618356

General Enquiries: [enquiries@britishschool.si](mailto:enquiries@britishschool.si)

Accounts: [accounts@britishschool.si](mailto:accounts@britishschool.si)

Principal: [principal@britishschool.si](mailto:principal@britishschool.si)

### School Calendars

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

## Dates to Note

Tues	Feb 21st	World Book Day - Dress up day
Tues	Feb 21st	Pust
Friday	March 3rd	Coffee with the Principal
Tues	March 7th	BISL at Oxford University Computing Challenge