



25th February 2023

Secondary News

A word from Mr Travis

Block 5 Week 2

World Book Day and Pust collided here at BISL on Tuesday, with a non-uniform dress-up extravaganza! Students across the school dressed up as characters from their favourite books and it really was a sight to behold. In all my years of international teaching I have never seen such a widespread commitment to the cause! Incredible costumes and most importantly a wonderful spirit across the school. Well done everybody!

Service is a theme that BISL hopes to develop over the coming years. Teachers were incredibly proud to witness some of Sixth Form students organising and leading a charitable endeavour to raise funds for the Syria/Turkey earthquake victims. A huge amount of effort went into the bake sale, which raised almost 700 euros for the cause. While the amount is admirable it was again the spirit in which the events were articulated and supported. International mindedness and global citizenship in action.

Our UKMT mathematicians across the school gave us a lot to cheer this week, with multiple Silver and Bronze awards achieved. Particularly impressive was Artemi in Year 8, our youngest student ever to achieve a Silver award. Well done Artemi!

Finally, Year 11 and 13 reports were published on the Parent Portal this week. Students should remember that there is still plenty of time to get going with revision. Instilling good habits and doing a little extra each day will stand you in good stead. And remember,

that although exams are important, they are nothing compared to our wellbeing and mental health. Please do not suffer in silence - reach out to us if you need help. We are always here to lend a helping hand.

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

Mr Jonathan Travis, Head of Secondary

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With thanks,

The BISL Team

English block

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

As part of our celebrations World Book Day on Tuesday 21st February the BISL community dressed up as characters from the world of literature.

This week also saw students enjoying Wordles and Dingbats puzzles and we rounded off the week by testing everyone's knowledge of whether Batman or Shakespeare said a number of insightful quotes.

Here are a few pictures from our dress up day.



Don't forget 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. Entries need to be in by March 2nd.

**BISL EXTREME
READING COMPETITION**

A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF YOUR DEVOTION TO READING BY COMPETING FOR THE TITLE OF THE MOST EXTREME READER IN THE SCHOOL.

SUBMIT ENTRIES BY MARCH 1ST TO MR WILKINS:
SAMUEL.WILKINS@BRITISHSCHOOLS.I

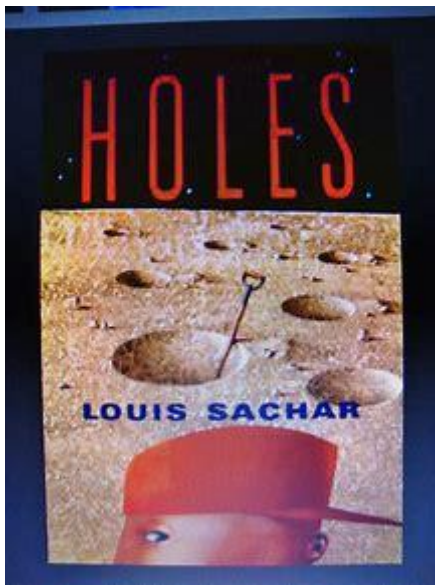
READING CAN BE DANGEROUS AND REWARDING: READ AT YOUR OWN RISK



RADICAL READING

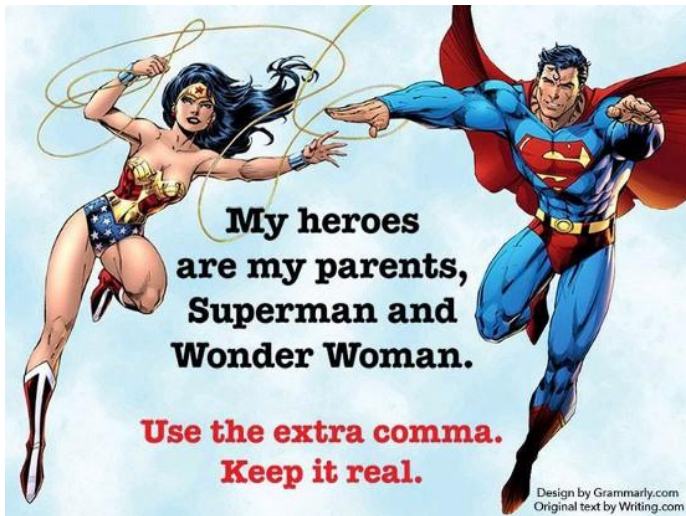
English News:

Year 7 dug a little deeper into their reading of "Holes."



Year 8 continued “Noughts and Crosses” and looked at offensive language in the novel including the word “blanker”. Students also learnt about segregation in the USA and its impact on the novel.

Both year 9 and Year 10 developed their understanding of spelling punctuation and grammar including understanding the importance of an Oxford comma.



Year 11 worked on summary writing and completed an example about Cherry Blossoms in Japan

The English Department

MFL News

MFL - Slovene Foundation

In our Y11 Slovene Advanced class, we are currently exploring “Alamut” by Vladimir Bartol. The novel delves into the theme of power and control through the character of Seiduna, who has the ability to “dev” humans. This concept speaks to the hidden potential within us that can be unlocked through guidance. However, Alamut also raises ethical questions about the influence of a single person over others. Can a leader truly act in the best interests of their followers, or are they motivated by self-interest? These questions are important to consider, both in the novel and in our wider society. The theme of Seiduna deving humans is complex and raises important questions about power and human potential. Through exploring these ideas, we can deepen our understanding of the world around us and our place within it.

Students in secondary classes did peer assessment to revise for the upcoming exams.

In Y8 they used flashcards to memorize different verbs and then use them in sentences and in all three tenses.

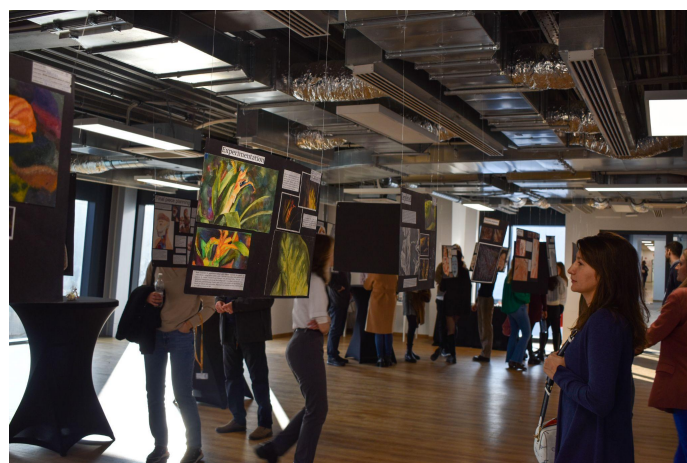


Ms Kotnik, Ms Jakop and Ms Drogenik

BISL Art Exhibition

On Friday the 17th we held a very successful art exhibition in the new assembly hall. The work of GCSE and AS students were displayed as well as the best key stage 3 work displayed on the board. During the day students from year 1 to year 13 were given the opportunity to view the work. After school, parents were invited to attend with some special musical performances from students. It was a wonderful event in which students, parents and staff

came together to celebrate the amazing talent here at BISL. Thank you to all who attended and supported this wonderful event. We hope to have many more like this in the future!



PE news:

During PE lessons this week, students continued working on their new practical sporting units, working on some of the fundamental skills required when playing striking and fielding games. Year 7 gained a greater understanding of base running when playing longball, with Year 8 doing the same when playing kickball. Year 9 continued with their rounders unit, looking at the techniques involved when batting and fielding, whilst Year 10 developed their baseball skills, focusing on finding space when batting and Year 11 continued their tactical games unit.

Mr Hayes, PE Department

Maths news

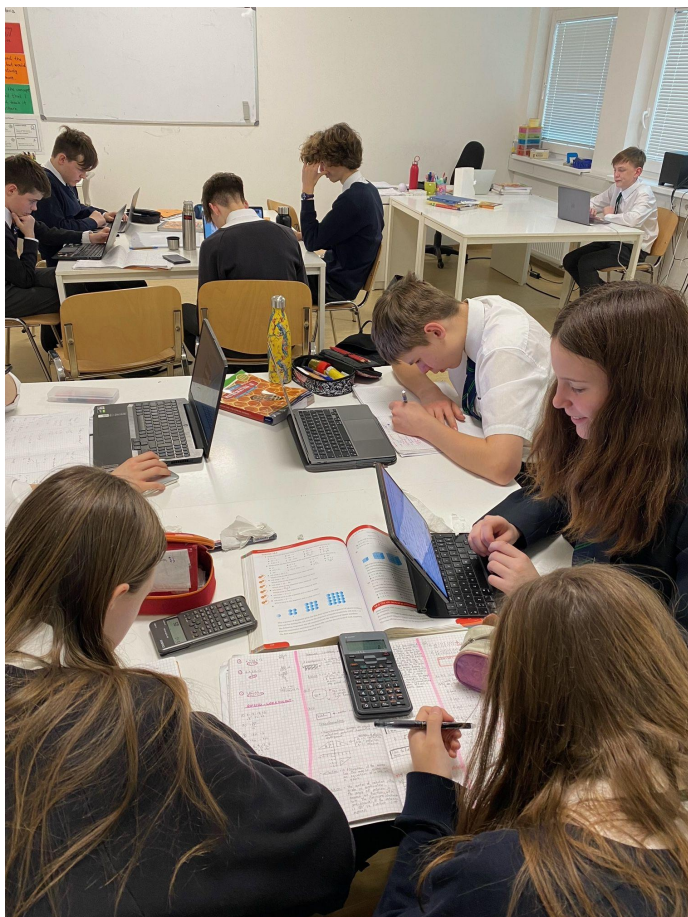
Key stage 3 students worked with sequences this week.

Year 7 students learnt how to recognise patterns in number sequences and generate terms using simple rules.

Year 8 students learnt how to find the general rule for a linear sequence. They did loads of practise, provided

peer feedback and demonstrated their skills through a Game show about sequences.

Year 9 students engaged in various activities to perfect their knowledge of linear and non-linear sequences. They also competed for House points in a Game show about sequences.



Year 10 students sat in their Term 2 assessment this week. They retained lots of knowledge from Term 1 and Block 4 and they should be proud of their results. We reviewed their most common mistakes and discussed the correct techniques. The students self

reflected on their performance and RAG rated their strengths and target areas.

Year 11 students used position vectors in problems and calculated their magnitude. They also recall all 4 transformation and perfected their skills in drawing and interpreting them.

Year 13 students finished their syllabus by drawing the locus of complex numbers. Moving forward, we will solve past exam questions involving complex numbers, as well as review their techniques used in the last few chapters.

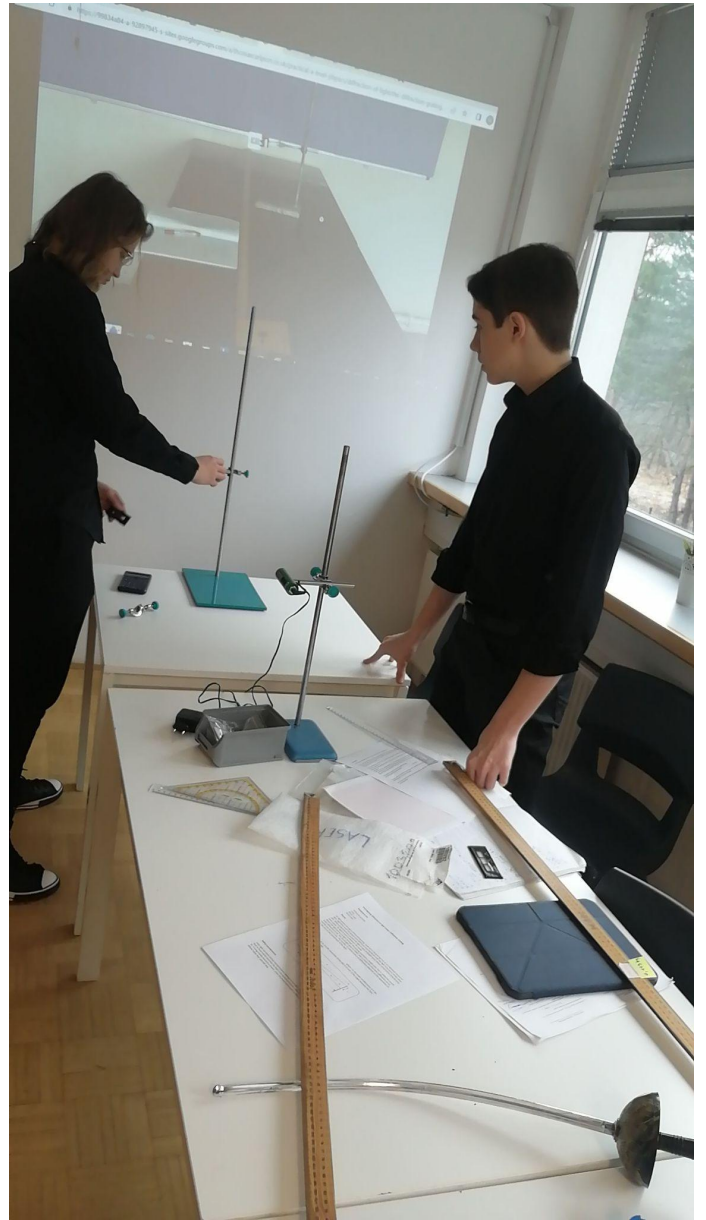
Maths challenge wall

Check out new challenges published in front of room 316 next week.

Ms Zupanc, Maths Department

Science News

Year 12 students did a diffraction grating practical where they studied the principles of constructive and destructive interference of green laser light. By measuring the distance between the fringes they were able to calculate the exact wavelength of the laser.



Principal's Update



Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

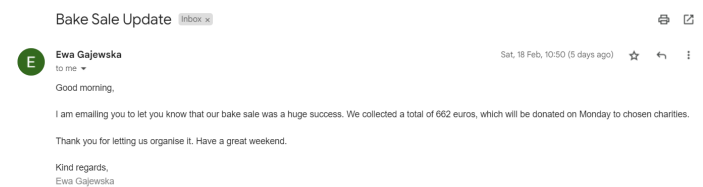
We held another evacuation (fire) practice this week as part of a planned sequence of necessary activities to ensure that everyone in our community remains as safe as possible. I am happy to report that the practice went well, and the staff, students and guests all moved to the designated safety zones both quickly and quietly. Well done. Of course, after such an activity we seek out feedback from everyone involved in order to make important adjustments to our procedures for the future. The whole exercise reminded me of how caring, supportive and responsible the BISL community is.

That review and reflection is so important for our young people. To check your understanding, and to make the necessary adjustments in order to improve, seems to be the ingredients for a fulfilling life well-lived. An ideal education is founded on values such as BISL's such as - Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Integrity and Compassion - and it is then able to mesh together the growth of an individual who has character, confidence, skill and

care for others, with the excellence of great academic results. After that, children can then make the most of the opportunities they face, and have a great chance of fulfilling their dreams, big and small alike.

Earthquake Relief Bake Sale

When mentioning character education, it is entirely appropriate to highlight here the incredible efforts of our Head Students Ewa and Julia alongside Irmak, the Student Council and many other secondary students who initiated and delivered a wonderful Bake Sale last week in aid of Turkish and Syrian earthquake. In a school of our size the fact that they raised a final total of EUR 752 is a remarkable achievement in such a short space of time.



This type of initiative, team work, commitment and passion for justice as well as consideration for the situation of other people, is truly at the heart of what a good education should and must be. A magnificent effort and all involved should be very pleased and proud of their efforts.

New Principal – Ms. Mel Hitchcocks

It was terrific to have the school's new Principal visiting this week in order to see the school in action and to start a handover process with key staff. Ms. Hitchcocks and I spent a good amount of quality time together going over the School Development Plan and other important information that will ensure she can make a confident and efficient start to her BISL career. It was a pleasure to have her visit and I am confident that the school is in good shape and excellent hands for the future.

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BISL Retention Survey

We have two very important surveys published to parents. The access links in order to complete our formal annual Parent Survey have been sent out over the past weeks and I urge everyone to do the survey and help the school to progress and improve quickly. This survey will close in one week's time.

The other area of the school where we most certainly do need all parent help is the new **BISL Parent Retention Survey**. This survey is published today and is designed to help the school plan the number of teachers and classes as accurately as possible for the next school year.

In particular, we all are aware that some BISL year groups are full or nearly full, so it supports our decision-making very much if we can know in advance approximately how many students we will have in each year group. Without reasonably accurate information, and the speed it takes to identify and employ high-quality new staff here, the likelihood of having to operate waitlists in some year groups becomes higher – and this is something that is always best to be avoided for all concerned.

Traffic in School

Again, please, just a gentle reminder to everyone driving in school.

We ask for everyone's safety that the school parking

is only used for dropping off and picking up of children (no staying), and that the **speed limits are strictly adhered to**.

We strongly recommend that parents use the public parking right next to the school that can be accessed via Ulica Koroškega Bataljona. There is a gate from the parking that allows direct access to the front of the school.

Have a great weekend,



Matthew Cox

School Principal

Dates to Note

Friday	March 3rd	Coffee with the Principal
Tues	March 7th	BISL at Oxford University Computing Challenge
Thurs	March 9th	BISL Second hand uniform sale
Friday	March 24th	Block 5 ends
Mon	April 3rd	School closed - Staff training Day
Tues	April 4th	Block 6 begins

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

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School Calendars

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

