



Secondary News

A word from Mr Travis

Block 4 Week 4

The MFL team have really pulled out all the stops this week, starting with a very successful Year 8 trip to the National and University Library of Ljubljana. On Thursday, students from Year 7 to Year 10 were treated to a private viewing of a new Slovene film *Vesolje med nami* (the universe between us), currently airing in cinemas across Slovenia. I don't think the director of the film and lead actor were expecting such a flurry of questions from our students! They were delighted with the feedback and we were very proud of the students.

Earlier in the week, I managed to squeeze in a short assembly with the KS4 and KS5 students, during which we explored ways to use their mock examination results as a force for future progress. Marginal gains, 1% improvements everyday, just like the Olympians - hopefully they have taken all the good advice on board! There is no question that the next 3 months are going to be extremely important. Hard work, grit, determination and resilience are the order of the day. With parents' help I have no doubt that all students can achieve their potential.

In other news, the Year 9 and Year 10 students headed to Vogel on Friday for their Winter Adventure Day on the slopes (and the ice rink). Great weather and plenty of snow led to lots of smiling faces! This week we have also had a visit from Mr Karl Wilkinson, our Regional Head of Schools (Orbital) who seemed delighted with the overall progress and direction of the school in recent months. Finally, on Wednesday I

led a whole school staff development session, all about ways in which we give feedback to students. Very informative, students should feel the benefit of this training soon!

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

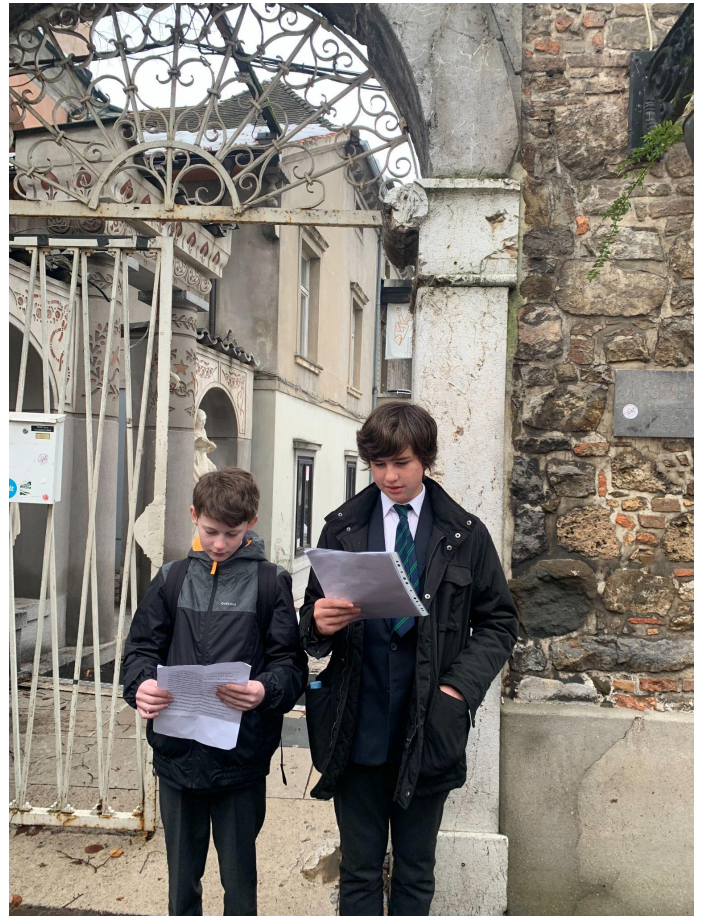
Mr Jonathan Travis, Head of Secondary

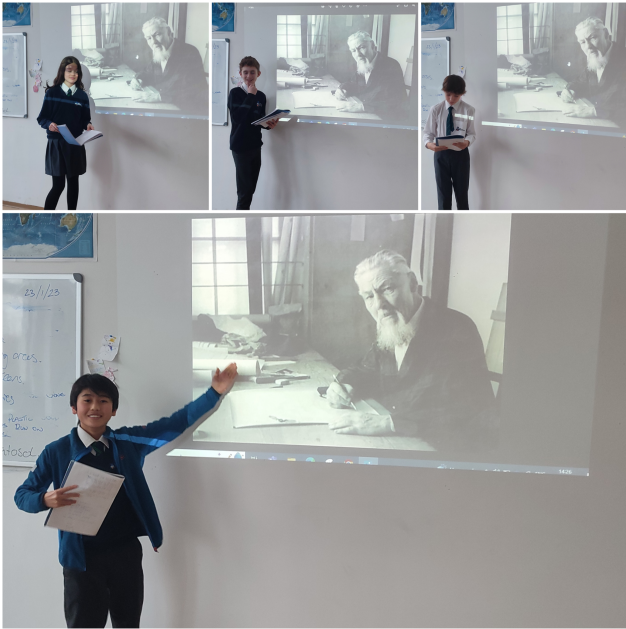
Modern Foreign Languages block

MFL - Slovene Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced

In light of Language block Year 8 students at Slovene Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced group had a trip to the National and University Library Ljubljana this week. They heard about the history of the library, its important details and its architect Jože Plečnik. Students also visited important spots in Ljubljana, where they had presentations about "*Križanke, Slovenska filharmonija, Univerza v Ljubljani and Prešernov trg*". It was a slightly different, but excellent way to deepen their knowledge of Slovene language. The students tried to speak Slovenian throughout the trip. Well done in *se vidimo na naslednjem izletu!*







After the movie, the director and screenwriter of the film, Ms. Rahela Jagrič Pirc, joined the students in Performance Theatre and answered questions about the film. The students were particularly excited to hear about the creative process behind the film and the inspiration for the story.

Additionally, the main actor of the film, Kolja Chilima Budišin, joined the Zoom call and answered students' questions. He even showed the skateboard from the film which was very exciting for the students.

Overall, it was a great morning for our students, and we were delighted to have the opportunity to give them a deeper understanding of the film through the perspectives of the director and actors. This was an excellent opportunity for students to learn about the creative process of film making and gain insight into the Slovenian film industry.



On Thursday, we had the pleasure of hosting a special event for our students in Years 7 to 10: BISL Movie Morning. The students watched the Slovenian film "Vesolje med nami" (Space Between Us).

Ms Kotnik, Ms Jakop and Ms Drogenik

English News:

Year 7 read more about Caliban, Prospero, Ariel and their adventures on the island of "The Tempest."

Year 8 moved forward into Act 2 of Willy Russell's play "Blood brothers."

Year 9 began their study of War poetry by looking at life in the trenches of World War I.

Year 10 revised their knowledge of creative writing techniques

Year 11 established and revised good techniques for answering the different questions of English Language Paper 1.

PE news:

In our PE lessons this week, we continued to develop our understanding of invasion games in competitive, gameplay scenarios. Year 7 looked at the importance of dribbling skills when playing basketball, whilst Year 8 focused on the importance of moving the ball quickly and accurately when playing handball. Year 9 focused on the technical aspects of floor hockey, with Year 10 developing their tactical understanding of defending set pieces when playing football and Year 11 continued working on the importance of movement off the ball when playing ultimate frisbee.

Mr Hayes, PE Department

Maths news

UKMT

A reminder about the upcoming UKMT Mathematics Competition. Please register quickly as time is running out.



Calling all Mathematicians...from year 11 and below. The UKMT Mathematics Competition will be taking place on Wednesday 1st February. This online international competition is a great way to test your Mathematical ability, challenge yourself and also build up your portfolio of academic excellence, which will become a key component of your university application. If you wish to be entered, please see Mr Batson as soon as possible, as places are limited.

Mr Batson, Assistant Head

Year 7 students learnt how to calculate the volume and surface area of a cuboid. In groups, they calculated how much paint they would need to paint the maths classroom and how much it would cost. Then they investigated different solids and their properties (faces, edges and vertices) and collected their findings in a shared Jamboard.

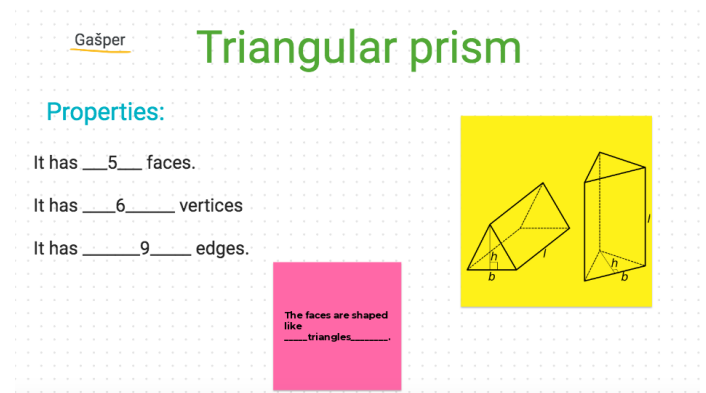
Gašper

Triangular prism

Properties:

- It has 5 faces.
- It has 6 vertices.
- It has 9 edges.

The faces are shaped like triangles.



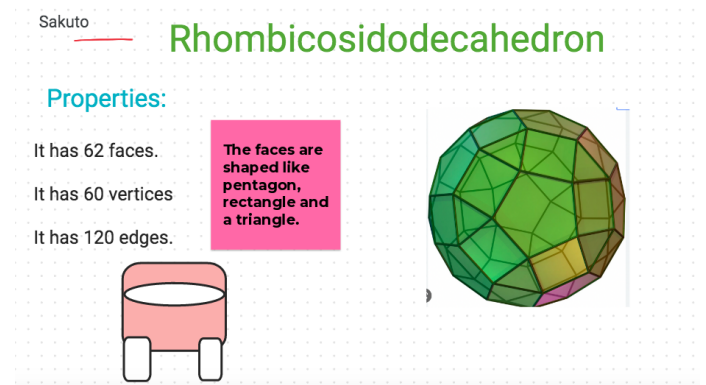
Sakuto

Rhombicosidodecahedron

Properties:

- It has 62 faces.
- It has 60 vertices.
- It has 120 edges.

The faces are shaped like pentagon, rectangle and a triangle.



Year 8 students successfully learnt all formulae to calculate the area of shapes including rhombus, parallelogram, trapezium, circle and triangle. Some students challenged themselves and solved complicated compound shapes involving these shapes and have shown how persistent and determined they are.

Year 9 students did wonderfully this week as they learnt how to rearrange formulae successfully in

order to change the subject. They noticed that the method for this is actually very similar to solving equations and isolating x (or other variables).

Year 10 students learnt the properties of graphs of reciprocal, quadratic, exponential and cubic functions, as well as revisited straight line graphs.

Year 11 students learnt the angle properties in a circle. Those include angles in a semicircle, angles at the same segment and angles in polygons. They applied the properties to solve geometrical problems within circles.

Year 13 students learnt the integration technique by parts and solved past examination questions on integration. They also sat in the Block 4 quiz, which covered the worst solved topics from the recent mock exam. They gave peer feedback and we will finish analysing the quiz next week.

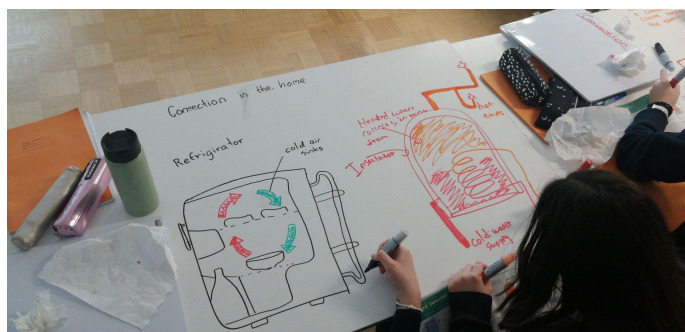
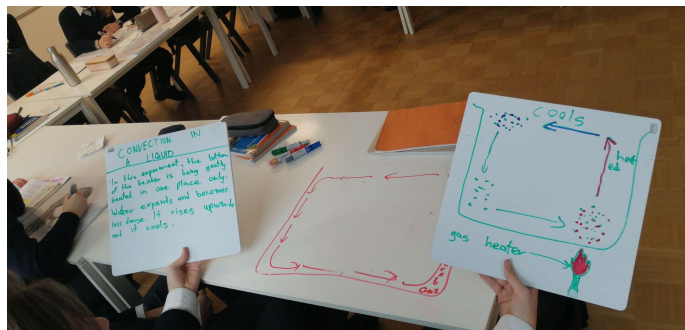
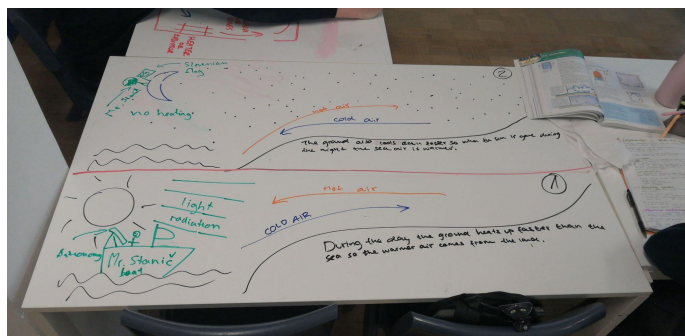
Maths challenge wall:

Do not miss the last challenges of this block next week, published on the wall in front of room 316.

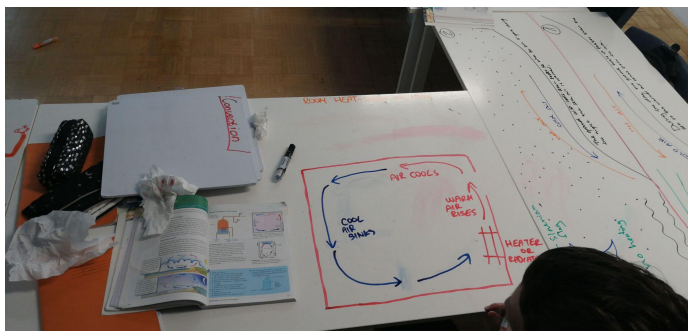
Ms Zupanc, Maths Department

Science News

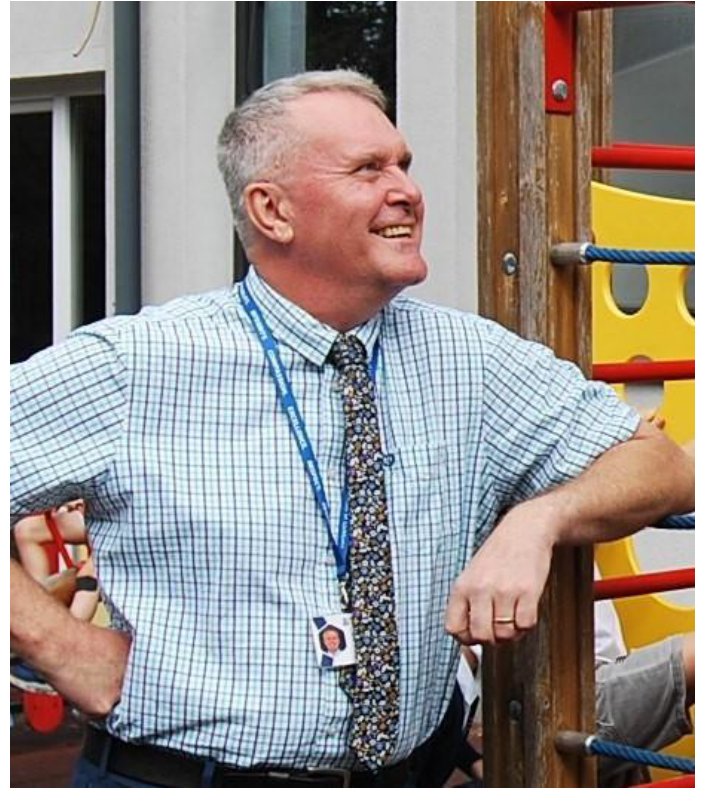
In Year 10, students were learning about different methods of heat transfer. In engaging group work, students were discovering convection & conduction. They produced innovative diagrams on their desks explaining how convection & conduction are applied in our daily life



In Year 11, students investigated how universe is expanding and made a simple experiment in which they demonstrated the expansion of space-time by using a balloon on which they depicted celestial objects such as galaxies, planets and star.



Principal's Update



Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

Planning and Development

Whilst we are only just approaching the halfway point of this school year (16th February is the 100th school day of this academic year!), the planning for the next school year 2023/24 is fully in the minds of our school leadership team.

As an example, our Year 9 students are aware, they have already been asked about their potential interest in the iGCSE options for when they start Year 10 next August, and Year 11 will soon do the same for their A Level choices when entering our 6th Form. You, as parents, will also be asked in February for your re-enrolment intentions for your children. All of these things are examples of some of the information and variables we need to establish in order to offer the correct subjects and numbers of classes, with the correct number of appropriate teachers and with the necessary equipment, ready for the new school year.

In addition to curriculum development, increased staffing levels, increased leadership roles within the school in order to effect real change, and enhanced

budgets to meet the needs of our school, we are also already planning a full summer works programme, and in particular obtaining design proposals and quotations for an entirely new Early Years outdoor learning area, playground and forest area. The clear goal is to get this planning and design completed, so that the work is able to take place during the school's summer holidays. This development will be a tremendous addition to our school, and hopefully become a marker for a strategy of continued site improvement in the coming months and years. Part of this strategy has also been for us as a school to add to our professional maintenance capacity. From February onwards we will have a new maintenance contract in place that will ensure quick and appropriate maintenance care and improvement for our site and facilities. Good news indeed.



(An example only)

There is also some good news concerning our staffing levels for now, as we will welcome two new Assistant teachers to BISL after the February block break. Their arrival will assist with the provision on Early Years in particular, and also in Primary more generally.

The times ahead seem exciting for the school and its community. We aim to undertake a journey of continuous improvement.

Student Leadership

As part of the school's drive to provide real and genuine opportunities for student leadership, I was delighted last week to attend the 'Informativa' Education and Careers Fair, and share the excellent BISL stand with two of our students (Ema Y10 and Alex Y11). They were there as part of our Marketing team who spoke with prospective students and their families. The fair as a whole, and the BISL stand in

particular, were very busy and our students did a highly professional job. They greeted families and students and explained very fully and accurately the values, education and opportunities available at our school. Very well done and thank you to both of them, and our Marketing team who provided support and guidance. A valuable experience, without doubt.



Assessment Workshop

Thank you also to those parents who attended Mr. Travis' workshop on Assessment at BISL. The goal of the session was to provide parents with greater insight about how children learn, how they receive feedback and the responses from our students that we are attempting to create. In this way, we hope that through careful, targeted assessment the BISL students will make genuine progress in understanding and application of new learning over time. Very interesting.

All best wishes for a relaxing weekend,



Matthew Cox
School Principal

Dates to Note

Thurs	Feb 2nd	Story Time in Early Years
Fri	Feb 3rd	Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 Winter Sport trip
Fri	Feb 3rd	Coffee with the Principal
Fri	Feb 3rd	Block 4 Ends. Dress Down Day House Colours
Mon	Feb 13	Block 5 begins

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

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School Calendars

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