



# Secondary News

## A word from Mr Travis

### Block 3 Week 4

Peter Pan is here!

Primary and Secondary students have been treated to an acting and musical masterclass this week, with an early pantomime performance worthy of a Tony Award! Quintessentially British, modern pantomime was developed in the 18th century as a new form of entertainment, performed especially during the Christmas and New Year period. Modern pantomime includes songs, gags, slapstick comedy and dancing. Peter Pan certainly delivered, bringing laughter, dancing and singing, together with some brilliant comedy routines, plenty of audience participation and traditional panto fun. Parents beware, on Monday you may be asked to walk the plank!



Congratulations to the Creative Arts Team - Ms Kenealy for her leadership, Ms Hawkins for her set design, Ms Predan and Mr Hulse for their choreography and music, as well as all the

behind-the-scenes student crew who made the show a success. To the unsung heroes, we salute you!

Amidst all the joy and laughter of Peter Pan, Parent-Teacher interviews have been ongoing all week. It has been wonderful to hear teachers engaging with parents, offering specific targets for improvement and celebrating work achieved so far this year. Hopefully live parents evenings will resume soon!

Thanks also to Mr Hayes for launching our whole school House competition! Students have been challenged with producing a creative piece of work (painting, photograph, collage for example) that links to our BISL Values (Excellence, Respect, Compassion, Integrity and Responsibility). There is also a big bumper Christmas Quiz to add to the festive merriment.

*Mr Jonathan Travis, Head of Secondary*

## Creative Arts block

This week all Secondary classes gathered in the performance theatre to record their parts for the Christmas cover song "I wish it could be Christmas everyday" by Wizard.





The final video will be premiered next week. Keep watching for the link.

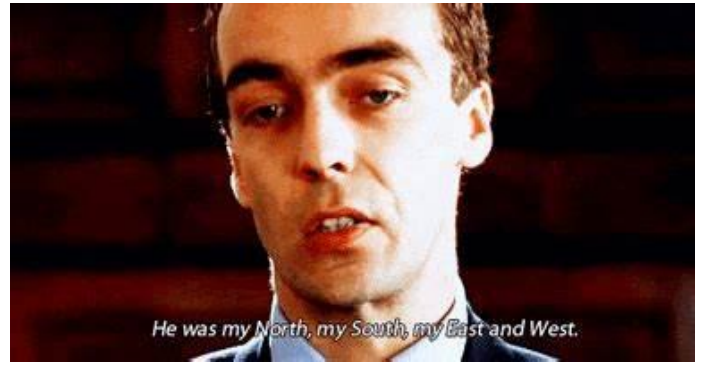
### English News:

**Year 8** explored Willy Russell's "Blood brothers" and looked at growing up in Liverpool in the 1960s and examined different forms of Dramatic Convention.



**Year 9** continued to examine "DNA" and paused to reflect on the events of July 30th, 1966 when England won its first Football World Cup and the impact it had on life in the UK.

**Year 10** began their analysis of an Anthology of Poetry, beginning with W.H.Auden's beautiful "Funeral Blues" and watched a moving reading of it from the movie "Four Weddings and a Funeral."



**Year 11** worked on revising their descriptive writing skills.

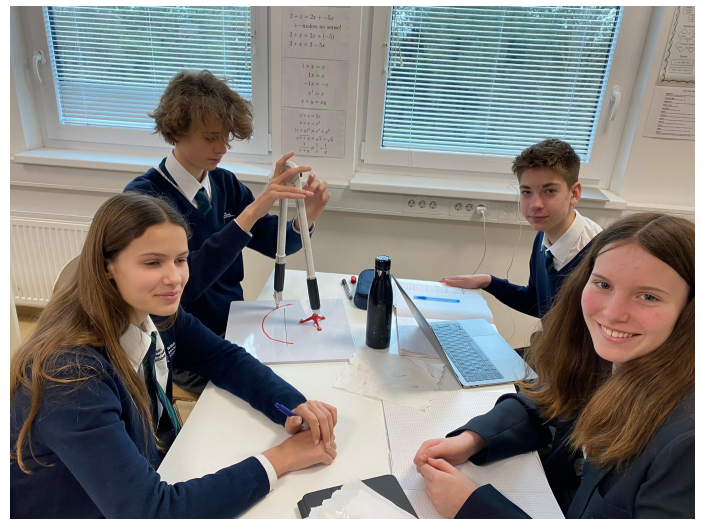
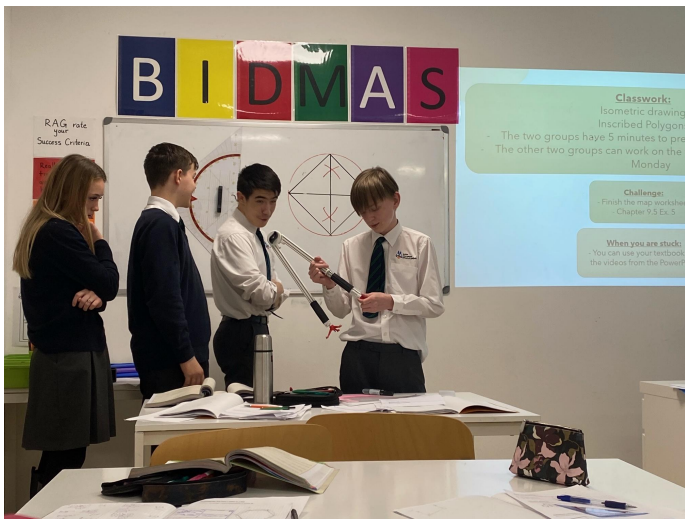
### PE news:

Throughout secondary PE this week, students continued to develop their understanding and awareness of invasion games. **Year 7** looked at the importance of possession when playing football, whilst **Year 8** looked to be progressive in possession when playing basketball, in order to create scoring chances. **Year 9** developed their tactical understanding when playing handball, whilst **Year 10** also focused on the importance of possession when playing floor hockey and **Year 11** continued with their rugby league skill development.

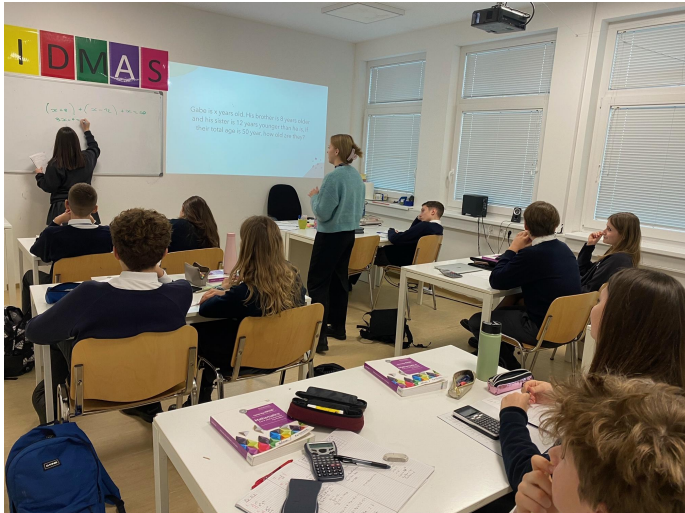
*Mr Hayes, PE Department*

### Maths news

Key stage 3 students learnt about geometrical constructions with a protractor and compass this week. The students worked collaboratively and taught each other how to construct triangles, rectangles, perpendicular bisectors of a straight line, angle bisectors, as well as polygons and other patterns inscribed in circles. They also learnt how to use the wobbly whiteboard compass to make a perfect circle.

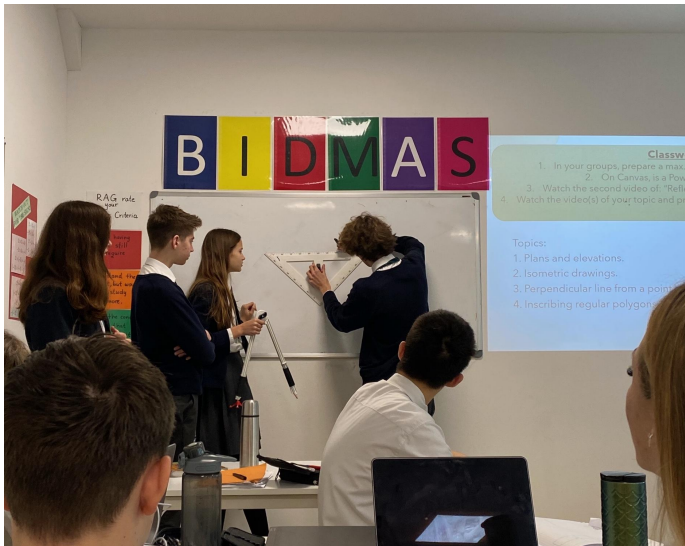


**Year 10** students revised simultaneous equations and learnt how to systematically construct linear equations from harder geometrical and word problems.



**Year 11** students practised plotting graphs and using them to solve equations. They also learnt that curves do not have the same gradient throughout and that differentiating the curve gives them its gradient function.

**Year 13** students reversed the process of adding and subtracting algebraic fractions and decomposed a given fraction into partial fractions.



### Maths challenge wall

Do not miss the final challenges this December in front of room 316!

*Ms Zupanc, Maths Department*

### Science News:

**Year 13** students created poster presentations on the classification of species as part of their unit on classification, biodiversity and conservation. They presented their posters to the class and talked about their poster for 15 minutes then answered questions. This is useful practice for universities where poster presentations are a common form of assessment in undergraduate degree courses.



Ms Kotnik, Slovene teacher

**MFL News:**

This week Y8 students of Y8 Slovene Advanced lessons were working on steps of procedure. They worked hard and on Friday after the lesson we were all very hungry due to all the deserts we have seen on slides.

**PTA News**

Dear parents,

We are only one week from a fantastic family event at our school - the Christmas Fayre!



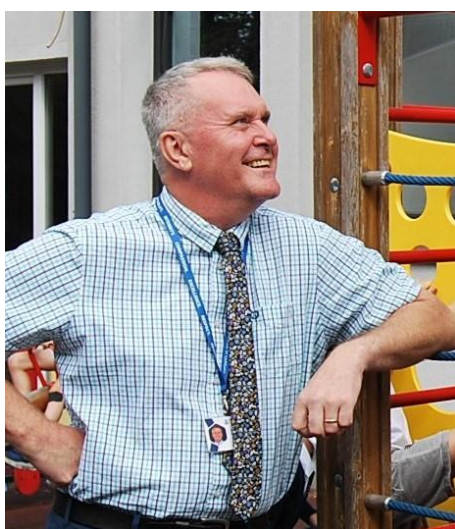
BISL staff and PTA volunteers are organising a raffle at the event and want to thank everyone that has donated goods for the occasion, we really couldn't have done it without you!!! If you would still like to

donate goods for the prizes please do so by Monday (you can bring them to school anytime and ask the security guard to take them to the Admissions office). On the 15th during the Christmas fair itself PTA volunteers will be selling the raffle tickets for 1 euro per ticket. All the money collected will go to the PTA funds for future events.

If you'd like to help at the Christmas Fayre don't forget to contact us on [pta@britishschool.si](mailto:pta@britishschool.si). Thank you in advance for your involvement.

Your PTA

## Principal's Message



## Principal's Update Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

### 'Make A Xmas Wish' Project

There was sheer delight at school today as our Y6 students and others loaded the amazing 160 Make A Xmas Wish presents onto the vehicles of our partner organization. They will then distribute the gifts to the relevant families and children in time for Christmas.

Many, many thanks to the entire BISL community for the incredible response to this community project. Hopefully, your generosity will help to make a child's Xmas that little bit more special this year. I believe that the BISL community has shown what it truly values through these actions – Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Commitment.

I include also, very particular thanks to our Marketing and Admissions team, alongside support from the PTA, who have led this wonderful project from start to finish. Even the Christmas trees, their flashing lights, and with the lovely presents all around, created a very special sight this year. To quote one of our visitors recently,  
*'That is an incredible sight, I have never seen so many beautiful presents'*

Thanks, and congratulations indeed to BISL's Tjaša, Katja and Ana for their dedication and hard work.

### Messaging Teachers

Please can I remind that parents that, whilst we try to get back to parent messages as efficiently as possible, I do insist that the main focus of all BISL teachers is on the children and their learning.

If you email our teachers please do not expect an immediate reply. All staff are instructed that they should respond to all family messages within 48 hours.

If urgent please do call the school number rather than send the teachers a message as they are most likely to be teaching in class and are not permitted to be viewing their inbox at that time. Equally, if the problem is significant please do call or message to make an appointment to meet the teacher concerned. They will get back to you with a suggested day or time. In advance, many thanks for your support.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings EY and Primary

In order to book an appointment with your child's teachers, parents must login to the Meeting booking system by clicking this link - [Register for BISL Parent Teacher Meetings](#)

- Early Years and Primary Parent Teacher Meetings will take place in the first week of January 2023.
- Early Years and Primary parents will be able to book their appointment for the Parent Teacher Meetings during the school holiday online.

### BISL Xmas Fayre Reminder

A reminder about next week's BISL Xmas Fayre that will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022, which will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at school between 2 pm and 4 pm.

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

Even Santa is coming. He promised.... Ssshhh..... don't tell anyone!

### Last Day of School Term 1

A reminder that school finishes for all **students at 12 pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

All best wishes,



Matthew Cox  
School Principal

## Dates to Note

Mon	Dec 12th	Peter Pan production
Thurs	Dec 15nd	PTA Christmas Fayre
Fri	Dec 16th	Block 3 Ends

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

## School Contact Details

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## School Calendars

