



10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

# Primary News

## A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

As part of the English block activities to celebrate the love of reading, students were able to show various *extreme* ways in which they enjoy reading and share photos of the special moments in the **Extreme Reading Competition!**

From the ten shortlisted entries, staff and students voted for their favourite (see the result in the sections below). Well done to all students for taking part and special congratulations to the winners!

The **International Women's Day** celebrations took place on Wednesday 8th March. Students thought about the meaning of this day and discussed the female figures that have inspired or influenced them in their lives and future aspirations.



**Reception students** impressed their audience with a special performance of the song *Spring Chicken* during the whole-**Primary assembly** on Friday. The singing was accompanied by some great gestures and dance moves. It was wonderful to see our youngest students shine with confidence in front of their older peers.

**Primary Specialist Reports** for Reception and Years 1-3 have now been published on the **Parent Portal**, with further yeargroup reports to follow next week. Parents should follow the emailed instructions on accessing reports and should contact [it@britishschool.si](mailto:it@britishschool.si) for support. **Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews** will be running from 15th - 23rd March. Please note that bookings for these close on Tuesday 14th March.



Thank you to the PTA for organising the **second-hand uniform sale** this week. Any further donations of uniform items are welcome for future sales. We also urge parents to look through the **lost & found items** which are regularly displayed outside during pick-up. Please note that any items left at the end of the term, which are not clearly labelled, will be donated to humanitarian organisations.

We wish you a great weekend with lots of sunshine!

Kind regards,

Katarina Železinger  
Head of Primary

## Class Teacher Reports

### Early Years

This week, the story "The Snail and the Whale" took us on an adventure underwater, where we learned about sea creatures and animals which live near water. The students learned how to name whale body parts through different activities, where they cut and connected the whale body parts. In this beautiful Julia Donaldson story, the little snail turns out to be a real hero when he, despite his size, helps to save a giant whale. To learn how to name snail body parts, the early years students used clay to create a snail's body, decorate an old CD for a shell and use pipe cleaners for snail tentacles.



Our mathematical focus was on 2D and 3D shapes, where the Nursery students experimented with the

position of 2D shapes to create their favourite water animal tangram. The Pre-Nursery students have been introduced to 2D shapes and had fun discovering the shapes around the classroom.

This week has been very special for all the women we know, and our students created paper flowers for the best women of them all.

Ms Kukovica

### Year 1

This week we have been reading different versions of the traditional story, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' in English. We drew a story map with the key moments from the story and memorised actions to go with them.

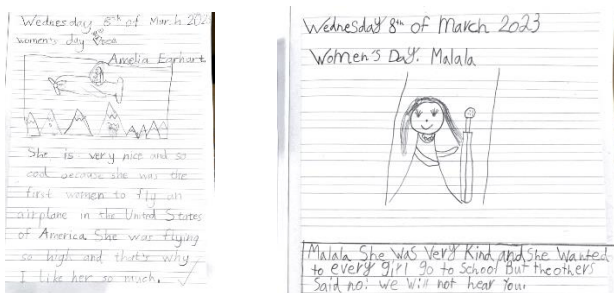


In Math, we compared the weight of different objects from the classroom and also used a meter stick to measure bigger things around the school. We also measured ourselves and marked our height! We will leave our height marks on the wall to see how much we've grown at the end of the school year. In Topic we read an African story about Anansi the spider who played tricks on other animals.

Ms Miklavec

## Year 2

Who is your inspiration? This was a question that was asked during our English class on Wednesday. Because we celebrated International Women's Day, we talked about wonderful women from all around the world. Malala, Amelia Earhart, Queen Elizabeth and many mothers of Year 2 children were mentioned when we talked about amazing women and what they did for us or the world. We talked about the importance of International Women's Day and the differences and similarities between boys and girls.



To remember all the women, we wrote a short text about their lives and why they are our inspiration.

Ms te Velde

## Year 3

In Year 3 this week, the children continued working on their comprehension of learning to tell the time. We have continued developing the students' understanding of the structure of the analogue clock and the vocabulary related to it.

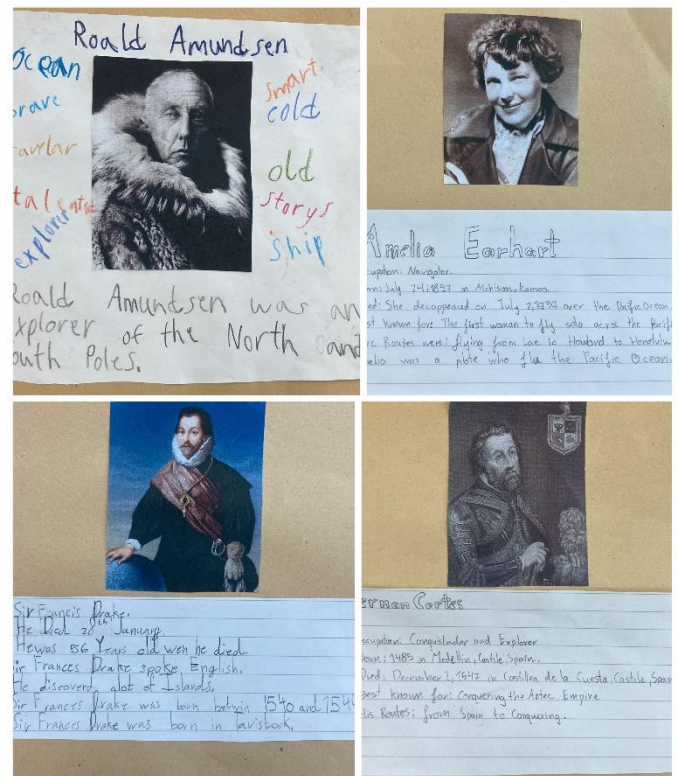


So far the children have practised telling the time to the quarters and are currently learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Next week, we will be moving on to understanding how to read Roman Numerals on the clock.

Ms Spangl and Ms Torrington

## Year 4

This week students demonstrated their excellent research skills and creativity in presenting their findings about explorers and adventurers. They have worked hard to understand the significant contributions of these explorers to our world today. In Maths, they have been exploring trading and money exchange, using different currencies from around the world, including their exchange rates!



To honour international women's day students have focused on famous female authors. How exciting! They have been learning about the contributions of these women to literature and exploring their unique writing styles.

Ms Pirnat and Ms Harris

## Year 5

This week the children have been learning all about discussion texts and planning their own. Some of the ideas the children came up with were: 'Should children have to wear uniforms?' 'Should whales be hunted?' 'Should children be allowed to have a job?'

In topic, the children explored global warming and what we can do to stop this by being more eco-friendly.

*Mrs Thomas-Hayes*

## Year 6

This week, Year 6 celebrated International Women's Day in style! Students were given the opportunity to choose from a wide range of influential women, research their chosen figure, and prepare a poster.



The lesson prompted meaningful discussions about women's rights, their position in the modern world,

and the progress made in the fight for gender equality. The activities prepared by the Year 6 prefect were informative and empowering, reminding students of their role in creating a more equitable world.

*Mr Kokalj*

## Departmental News

### Slovene

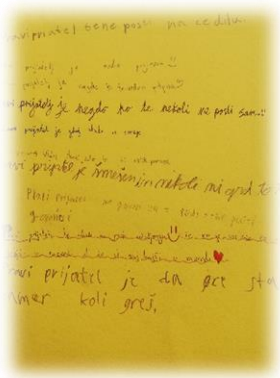
Our early years students are making great progress by working in three groups that allow them to practice their knowledge. In Slovene lessons, we incorporate fun activities like singing, dancing, storytelling, and playing games.



We are proud of our students' growth and look forward to their continued success. Take a look at some photos of all three groups.

*Ms Jakop, Ms Drogenik and Ms Kotnik*

In this week's Slovene advanced class for Y4 students, we had an interesting discussion about the concept of "mother tongue" and the language of the environment. We also focused on the proper use of capital letters when referring to countries and languages.



Our lesson also emphasized the importance of friendship, and how not knowing a particular language should not diminish its beauty or value. It was a thought-provoking and engaging session that helped our students broaden their understanding of language

and communication.

*Ms Kotnik*

## EAL

In our EAL group, we've been learning about the verb "have got" and how to use it in sentences. To put our new knowledge to the test, we played a game of battleships!



It was great fun trying to sink each other's ships while practising our English skills.

*Mr Siter*

## PE

During our PE lessons this week, we continued to develop our understanding of invasion games and working as a team. Years 1 & 2 focused on their ability

to work as a team when playing basketball and the importance of possession in helping achieve a collective goal. Years 3, 4 and 5 progressed to playing Handball, getting to grips with being able to move with the ball for three steps before passing/shooting. Year 6 took part in some competitive kickball gameplay, working on teamwork and communication when playing striking and fielding games.

*PE Department*

## Other News

### English Block

After a series of absolutely radical and incredibly extreme entries, we can now announce the winner of the extreme reading competition. From the 10 shortlisted entries, staff and students voted for their favourite. We had a myriad of wonderful extreme activities, from backflips to bathing, snowboarding to snow-lying, shows of strength to shows of flexibility: we had it all. It has been absolutely incredible to see the creativity and brilliance that the students have demonstrated.

**Our winner for the inaugural BISL extreme reading competition for Secondary is:**



Alexandra (Year 9) for her incredible depth defying reading at 15 metres deep.



And overall second place, by a narrow margin is Tian (Year 9) with his reading backflip.

**Our Primary School Winner is:**



Max (Year 4) whose bathtub photo with fancy cocktail and bobble hat depicted the life we'd all like to lead.



Honorable mention to Leon in Year 4 for his incredible variety of photos, he submitted over 15! From reading in the snow, to reading up a tree, an incredible effort.



Special mention also to Mr Astbury who won the hard fought staff competition.

Finally, thank you to all the students and staff who made this an incredible competition. We can't wait for next year! Stay Reading Radical

## Dates to Note

Wed	Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	BISL Spring Concert
Mon- Fri	Mar 20 <sup>th</sup> - Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	BISL Shakespeare Week
Fri	Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Block 5 End
Fri	Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Down Day
Mon	Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School closed for staff training
Tue	Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Block 6

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

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### School Calendars

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