



12th May 2023

Primary News

A Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

It is good to be back in school this week, although I feel like I have brought very British weather back with me from Manchester!

I have also brought back with me the great news that we have the go-ahead to begin work on updating the playground. We have engaged a firm of architects who have completed a survey on the area and I will be meeting with them shortly to begin the planning stage. I am hoping that we can get much of the work completed over the summer. I will keep you informed. We have also purchased several thousand euros worth of library books and the senior leaders have met this week to plan the reorganisation of the library itself.

On Tuesday, we were privileged to welcome the Band of the Royal Yeomanry from the UK. The brass quintet had played for the President the day before as part of the celebrations surrounding Slovene-UK Friendship Day. The students really enjoyed listening to the music and learning about the different instruments and I was incredibly impressed with their excellent behaviour.

On a more serious note, I am aware that recent events in Belgrade are unsettling and lead to questions about the school's response. In June, we will be having a lockdown drill with all students, an Orbital requirement that should take place twice a year. During the drill, students and staff will practice following the lockdown procedure, and the week before I will speak to students about why we do this, for example, to keep us safe if there was an earthquake. If you have any questions concerning the lockdown drill, please do contact me directly.

Next week is the final block break of the academic year. Enjoy the holiday and we will see you back in school on Monday 22nd May.

Mel Hitchcocks,
Principal

A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

Time flies and we are already at the end of Block 6, with only one more block to go! **Primary trips for Years 3,5 and 6** are planned for the very first week back after the block break, so please read all the information sent out to make sure that you are well-prepared for all the exciting activities teachers have planned for students to enjoy. Expect changeable weather and dress accordingly.

The **Rocket Competition** has been postponed to Friday 26th May, which will conclude the great variety of events during the *Science Block*. There is still time to work on and perfect your rockets for blast-off on competition day.

Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

This week in the classroom, the Early Years group created their own solar system and explored the varying sizes of the planets. Additionally, they delved into the rainbow's different colours by reading the book "Wow said the owl!" The students were thrilled to identify the distinct hues in the story.



The Reception students learned all the letters in the alphabet and wrote them down. Meanwhile, the Nursery students honed their cutting skills by crafting their own owls and received lessons on planting flowers.



The Pre-nursery group focused on learning about the nocturnal and diurnal animals and practised holding a pencil.

EY Team

Year 1

This week we finished our planning for our fantasy stories by thinking about the setting and completing a story mountain to decide on the problems and solutions in our stories. The students produced some



In this week's whole-**Primary Assembly**, the Year 4 students presented their favourite moments and highlights from their recent residential trip to the coast. Well done to Year 4 for winning this week's competition in keeping their cloakroom area tidy and to all students receiving *Star of the Week*. *Sapphire House* came up on top in Block 6 and the competition continues for this year's winner, so keep collecting those points!



Please check for any upcoming events on the school [Events calendar](#) along with the latest [news](#).

We wish you a good block break and look forward to seeing you **back on Monday 22nd May**.

Katarina Železinger
Head of Primary

of their very best writing pieces and checked their work using the '2 stars and a wish' method. They thought of two things they did well (full stops, capital letters, wow words, etc) and decided what they have to work on next time.



In Math, we have been using practical problems to understand that multiplication is a form of repeated addition. We have been counting in 2's and 5's and recording number sentences. In Topic, we used the collage method to create paper firebugs, which the woodland area is full of.

Ms Miklavec

Year 2

Over the course of the last five weeks, we have been studying H₂O in Year 2.

Through our lessons, we have come to understand that water is a common substance that can be found all around us. To conclude our unit, we explored how water is represented in art. One particularly notable artist who has created many drawings featuring pools, puddles, and other bodies of water is David Hockney.



We closely examined one of his works, paying attention to the details, such as how he painted the water, the techniques he used, the colours he used, and the patterns he created. As a result of our study, each of us has created our own watercolour painting inspired by one of Hockney's works.

Ms te Velde

Year 3

A Rainforest disaster has struck! A logging company bought the area of our classroom rainforest this week and began taking away the rainforest life to sell its great produce around the world.

Will they manage to conserve the remaining rainforest and all its inhabitants? Can they find a way to fairly trade the precious goods? Year 3 students are busily practising their research skills to find out what can be done.



Hold tight, and get ready for our next newsletter to find out what will happen...

Ms Torrington, Ms Spangl, Ms Blundell

Year 4

Year 4 students have had a great week being back at the school after their residential trip past week. We celebrated a couple of birthdays together and we enjoyed the performances of the Brass Quintet that came and performed on Tuesday.



The students had also been preparing haikus and poems to share at all school assembly on Friday.

It's been a great week filled with learning and creating new friendships along the way.



Great job for an amazing end of Block 6!

Ms Pirnat and Ms Harris

Year 5

This week the children have been learning about electrical circuits and how to keep safe around electricity. They produced fantastic fact files which explained the dangers of electricity.

In English, the children have been working very hard finishing their amazing play scripts and practicing comprehension.



In Maths, the children have been reviewing all topics learnt in this block with a particular focus on fractions. I hope you have a relaxing break and see you in a week.

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

Year 6

Year 6's Mars Rover project continues to fuel excitement! This week, our eager engineers added an innovative 'grabber' extension to their Rovers, expanding their functionality to reach and retrieve. This hands-on exercise not only showcased students' creative problem-solving but also deepened their understanding of robotic exploration.



We're marvelling at their curiosity and growth in this thrilling journey towards Mars. Keep reaching for the stars, Year 6!

Mr Kokalj

Departmental News

PE

We completed our sporting units during our PE lessons this week. Years 1 and 2 progressed to scorekeeping and understanding the importance of healthy competition when playing lobster ball.



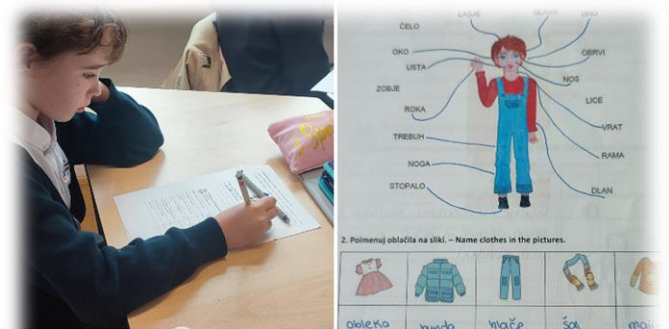
Years 3, 4 and 5 participated in a football tournament, exploring the importance of demonstrating sporting behaviour when competing and working as a team to achieve a collective goal.

Years 6 completed their Sports Leaders unit, creating and delivering warm-up activities to the rest of the group.

PE Department

Slovene

Year 5 and 6 students at Slovene Foundation have finished this block by solving the test about body parts and clothes. This is a good refresher method that gives a more accurate insight into their knowledge.



Students coped with the different types of exercises well, and when they finished them, they also played a Kahoot quiz on this topic. Of course, the excitement was immense!

Ms Drogenik

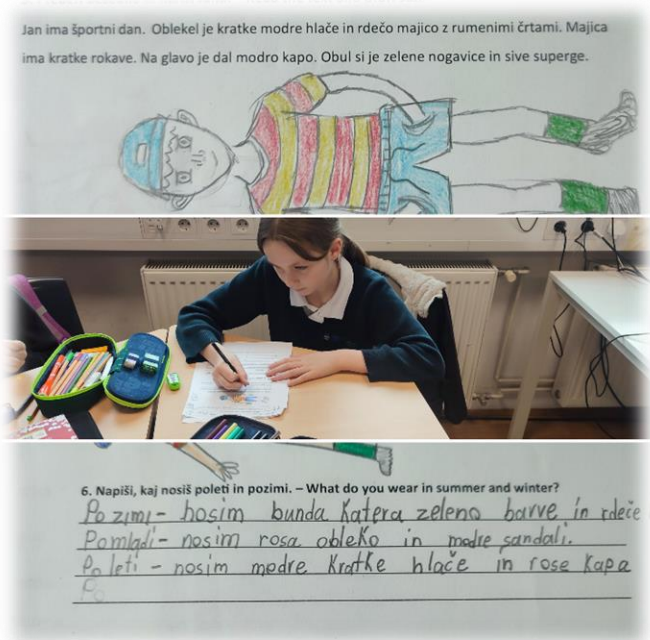
along the way. They have also created their own flashcards with images of different animals for practising the new words they have learned.

Ms Jakob

This week our Early Years Slovene Advanced students were working diligently, learning what to do if a dinosaur knocks on their door. Imaginative solutions, such as offering tea or biscuits, encouraged creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

Additionally, students focused on developing their graphomotor skills, an essential component of their educational journey. The week concluded with a lively dance session to "Gunga Gunga," fostering a fun, energetic atmosphere.

Ms Kotnik



In the past few weeks, Y1 and Y2 students in the Slovene Intermediate group have been learning about animals; from what they look like to where they live and what they eat.



The students have been engaged in the lessons, participating actively, and building new vocabulary

Dates to Note

Mon	May 22 nd	Block 7 Begins
Fri	May 26 th	Rocket Competition
Fri	Jun 2 nd	International Days
Tue -Sun	Apr 4 th -May 14 th	Science Block Challenges
Thu -Sat	Apr 13 th -Jun 10 th	Notebook Donations
Thu	Jun 8 th	Book Fair
Tue	Jun 20 th	Primary Sports Day
Fri	Jun 23 rd	High School Musical performance

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

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School Calendars

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