



13th January 2023

Primary News

A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

The final Primary parent-teacher interviews took place this week. The interviews offered the opportunity to discuss student progress at the end of last term and provide pointers for students to continue developing their skills throughout this term. Should parents wish to arrange further meetings, they can do so through contacting their child's class or specialist subject teacher.

The Y3 classes and led the **Primary Assembly** on Friday, during which they presented their 3D models based on their current Topic of 'Islands' and demonstrated a volcanic eruption. This was followed by a beautiful recitation of the *Winter Wonderland* poem. Congratulations also to all students receiving the *Star of the Week* certificate and Emerald as this week's winning House.

As part of this week's **PSHE** theme, students have been learning about emotions and how these are expressed through body language; which expressions are universal and how we can recognise how someone else may be feeling.

The presence of **head lice** in schools is an uncomfortable fact of life. When lice are detected in a class, an announcement is sent home to all class parents with advice and guidance. Parents are encouraged to inform the school should they detect head lice in their child's hair. **Please apply the necessary treatment and check that your child's hair is lice-free before returning to school.** We

thank parents for their cooperation in helping to ensure this does not become a great problem.

With expanding student numbers, we are very excited about the split of our Year 4 classes next week. We congratulate Ms. Pirnat on her role as the Y4B Class Teacher. Together with Ms. Harris as the Y4A Class Teacher, they will continue to provide excellent education for the students. Parents are invited to the Y4 presentation on Monday at 15:10 in the new building assembly hall to find out further information and greet the teachers.

Wishing everyone a fantastic weekend.

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Head of Primary



Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

The Early Years students have continued to explore the world of dinosaurs. The Reception students have been developing their storytelling skills using dinosaur masks while exploring books about dinosaurs with their friends. The dinosaur names were tricky to remember but fun to learn. Pre-Nursery students proved that dinosaurs are not just scary creatures and created happy little dinosaurs. They have been learning to hold and use a paintbrush and apply glue on the paper plates to stick the dinosaur body parts together.

In Maths, the Nursery has been learning about patterns and creating dinosaur footprints with paint..

Ms Kukovica

Year 1

We started off our week with a special visit from the Y3 students. They presented volcanoes they had made, which was in perfect connection with our topic lessons. In English, we first found patterns in rhyming songs and later moved on to finding rhyming words, which we did through various games.

In Math, we began learning about fractions with some help from our monster friend George. He asked us to decorate placemats for his birthday party, but he was very picky and wanted them to be coloured in his two favourite colours. This was our introduction to learning about halves and quarters of shapes.

In Topic, students did a great job presenting their photographs connected with sources of light. Together we explored the world of nocturnal animals.

Ms Miklavec



In PSHE, students have been learning about how to deal with disagreements and they all practised their debating skills when thinking about ways they can work together during disagreements. Well done Year 4! A fantastic week!

Ms Harris



Year 3

Year 3 did a fabulous job of presenting during our live assembly in the hall with Primary students this week. Year 3 prepared their lines and presented Island dioramas made by both classes. We had an exciting end to this presentation when the Volcanic island erupted live in front of our very eyes! No students were melted or burned in these mini eruptions, but some paper houses, a paper snake and a mini beach suffered :)

Year 3 B cooled us down again with a wonderful recitation of a Winter Wonderland poem. A great performance by all earned them not only great applause, but a whole class star of the week!

Ms Spangl and Ms Blundell

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been working extremely hard across all subjects. In Maths, we have been practising multiplication tables and students have been enjoying a range of activities that they have participated in. In Topic, students have been using atlases to locate different countries and they have been learning about the capitals of the world.

Year 5

This week has been a very exciting week in Year 5. The children have been learning about Roman and Greek architecture and learning the history behind these important buildings.

In English, the children have been writing biographies about people in their families and we've learnt so much about Year 5 families from these. In Maths, we are reviewing time and the children are learning how to read timetables and how to convert am and pm times.

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

Year 6

The Year 6 class conducted several scientific investigations on solids and liquids, specifically how heat affects melting. We predicted which solid would melt the fastest and conducted experiments using different solids.

Results were graphed and conclusions were made about solubility and its relation to temperature and volume. The students were tasked to use scientific vocabulary in their reporting.

Mr Kokalj



Departmental News

PE

This week during PE, we continued to develop our gymnastics unit, focusing on technique and routine structure. All students worked on the basic movement patterns required when taking part in gymnastics, developing their technique when moving the body and the importance of strength and agility. Students improved their jumping, rolling and moving skills - across a range of different group scenarios and were then tasked with creating a gymnastics sequence to perform for the rest of their class.

PE Department

Slovene

Year 1 and Year 2 students in Slovene Intermediate group were learning about "Moje telo" this week. We did many different activities to make lessons fun and memorize new vocabulary.

Ms Jakop

Principal's Update

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

The new term has started well for our students. Many of our senior secondary students have been undertaking 'mock' IGCSE, AS or A Level exams during the past two weeks, and during the same period, our Primary teachers have been conducting their pupil progress meetings with you, our parents.

These activities are trying to achieve similar goals. The mock exams are designed to give our seniors the chance 'to experience' what public exams are like, to challenge themselves to demonstrate what they have learned previously, and of course to learn from their mistakes and challenges in order to improve ready for the 'real' exams that will take place in May and June. The main point is to ensure that our students understand the feedback carefully and adjust their approach so that they perform to the best of their ability next time.

In much the same way, our Primary Parent-Teacher meetings are designed to review your son or daughter's past learning, efforts and achievements, as well as identify the next steps or actions that will enable even greater success in the future.

These important activities form part of what a good education must be about. Surely in life, all of us, at whatever stage of life we have reached, should reflect on our successes and failures, and challenge ourselves to improve, 'do better' next time. If we don't get the result or outcomes that we desire, it seems important to learn, reflect and try again. Just like the famous spider that builds, and rebuilds, and rebuilds her beautiful silk web, trying over and over until we succeed is a wonderful thing!

Head Lice



As many Primary parents in particular are aware, unfortunately we have had regular outbreaks of head lice in some primary classes at the end of last term. This is both upsetting and frustrating for everyone involved. In view of that there are a few things that we can all do to prevent the spread of head lice.

Firstly, please can I ask all parents to ensure that children with longhair come to school with their hair tied back, and keep it tied back during the school day. This action is essential for all primary children and class teacher will be reminding their classes in the coming days and weeks.

Secondly, please can all families please check their child's hair on a regular basis. If lice are found, every family must treat their son or daughter immediately following the advice provided by school. Please note that medicated shampoo must be used, careful combing and of the hair, must be continued until all of the eggs are removed. The hair then must be checked again frequently in the following days. On behalf of the entire BISL community, many thanks in advance for your assistance with this unpleasant but important task.

Y6 & Secondary Parent Assessment Workshop – Thursday 19th January – 3.10pm

As mentioned at the recent 'Coffee with the Principal' meeting, do please come along to our Head of Secondary, Mr. Travis' interesting workshop on the BISL philosophy, approach and latest thinking on how best to assess student learning – Assessment is most certainly much more than just tests and grades.

The workshop will be held next Thursday 19th January after school, and will help our parents to understand much more about how, why and when we assess each child's progress and learning. We believe that parents will find this most informative, and it will certainly help them to know how support their son or daughter at home, as well as understand why our teachers say, plan and do certain things. You are all welcome.

All best wishes for a relaxing weekend,

Best wishes,



Matthew Cox
School Principal

Dates to Note

Mon	Jan 2 nd	School Closed – Public Holiday
Tue	Jan 3 rd	School Closed for Staff Training
Wed	Jan 4 th	Block 4 begins
Fri	Jan 6 th	PTA Coffee with the Principal
Mon Fri	4th-13 th January	Parent Interviews for Primary
Thu	Jan 12 th	Story Time in Early Years
Fri	Jan 20 th	Student Appreciation Day

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

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School Calendars

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