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Primary News

A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

There have been a number of creative arts events during this week, including the **Year 3 art exhibition** on Thursday, where students showcased their wonderful artwork and poems, and the **Secondary art exhibition** on Friday, visited by parents and students across the school. **The Year 1** class impressed us with their performance, artwork and poems linked to their Topic of *Light*.



The Year 1 class also visited the Ljubljana [Puppet Theatre](#) and Puppet Museum on Tuesday to watch the show *Sovica Oka* and use their Slovene language skills. Further trips in Primary will be planned for the upcoming months, as the days get warmer with the coming of Spring.

Following discussions on the **school lunches**, Super Catering will be conducting a survey to collate information and feedback to inform future planning and provision of wider choices and variety. From March the Early Years menu will be reviewed in order to cater for the needs and palates of our younger students. Healthy fruit desserts have been served this block, which students have greatly enjoyed. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback to the catering company via email or the comments section of the order form. While all the individual

preferences cannot be met, Super Catering will take on board the comments and feedback, together with the daily monitoring of the food intake (and wastage) and the surveys.



We will be issuing the **Primary Specialist Subject Reports** for Reception and Primary students at the end of this block via the **Parent Portal**, followed by the parent-teacher (specialist subject teachers) online interviews in the last two weeks of the term. Further information on the interview booking system will be emailed to parents next week.

Last but not least, do not forget **to dress up for Pust** on **Tuesday 21st** February in your favourite book character, as part of the English theme and the World Book events celebrations coming up this block.

Have a lovely weekend,

Katarina Železinger
Head of Primary

Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

In the Early Years, we started with a topic where we will focus on one of Julia Donaldson's books each week. We kick off the topic with the beautiful book "Paper dolls", where we follow a story of a young girl who, with the help of her mother, makes paper dolls she names Ticky and Tacky and Jackie the Backie and Jim with two noses and Jo with the bow.



Through the story of paper dolls, who are "holding hands and won't let go", the students learned about what makes us good friends and created pasta friendship necklaces.

We have been learning how to fold paper to cut out and complete our paper dolls. Finally, the students draw their body features and give them funny and creative names.

In Maths, the Nursery and Reception students continue practising their counting skills and number formation.

The Pre-Nursery started preparing for next week's Pust celebration and created colourful masks.

Ms Kukovica

Year 1

We had a spectacular start to the new block! We started off the week with a visit to the puppet theatre where we watched "Sovica Oka". We then took the *funicular* to the top of the Ljubljana castle and went on a tour around the museum of puppetry. Later on in the week, we had our own very special performance for our parents!



We shared all the learning from our previous topic about Sources of Light and Rhymes.

Without a doubt, it was a great success and the students proved themselves to be true performing superstars! In English, we wrote about our holidays and about our favourite parts of our trip, while in Math we began looking at measurements and used cubes to measure objects around the classroom.

Ms Miklavec

Year 2

In Year 2 we will learn all about food in block 5. We started this block by planting cress seeds. Every morning the students are monitoring the growth of the seeds and they record their observations in their cress diaries.



We noticed that the seeds became slimy and cracked open already on day 1.

Further along in the week, we saw the seeds sprouting. Hopefully next week we will be able to take a bite.

Ms te Velde & Ms Torrington

Year 3

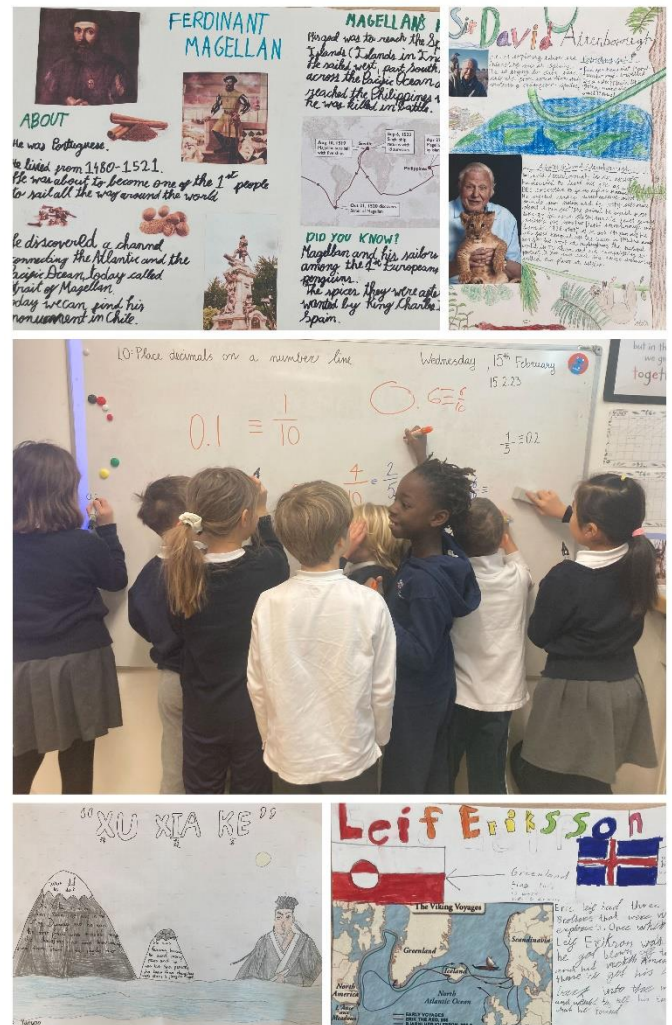
This week Year 3 Students enjoyed finally exhibiting their fabulous artwork, created during Topic lessons in an exhibition of their own. Parent guests received their entry ticket and refreshments on arrival, and enjoyed seeing the variety of techniques students have explored, as well as some colour and light theory experiments.

As we say pictures can tell a thousand words, check out our event in these photos!

Ms Spangl and Ms Blundell

Year 4

In year 4, students have been actively engaged in their learning, and we are proud of their progress. In Literacy, students had written some fantastic recounts and explored different grammatical structures.



In Maths, they have been learning about decimals and fractions. They also learned a song comparing fractions and decimals!

Students have done great projects about explorers and adventurers over the block break and this week they have been presenting their exciting findings to the class!

Ms Pirnat and Ms Harris

Year 5

Year 5 have had a great week learning the differences between the Arctic and Antarctica. The children shared their homework with each other and developed their presentation skills. In English, the children wrote their recounts and started to learn all about newspapers.



In maths, the children learnt about mean, median and mode and will have revisited multiplication.

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

Year 6

As part of our new topic in Year 6, "Myths and Legends," we recently watched the movie "Jason and the Argonauts" to explore one of the classic myths from ancient Greece. The students enjoyed the movie and participated in a fun activity to review the plot by creating their own comic strips.



The students have sketched out their plans for the comic strips, which will allow them to engage with the myth in a creative and visual way. They will be completing their final designs in the coming week, and we are excited to see their artwork and review the plot together.

Additionally, we have introduced an optional challenge extension activity, where the students can create a game inspired by the Jason and the Argonauts myth. This will allow the students to further explore the myth and use their creativity in a new way. We are looking forward to seeing the students' game designs and playing their games.

Mr Kokalj

Departmental News

EAL

Our EAL group ended the week with a fun and engaging activity - playing Dobble. Dobble is a card game that is not only fun and engaging but also an excellent tool for building vocabulary.



To make it even more interesting and challenging, we decided to play Dobble with irregular verbs. Our

students had to identify the past tense form of the verbs and match them with the present tense. Not only did this activity help to reinforce their knowledge of irregular verbs, but it also allowed them to practice their grammar in an enjoyable and interactive way.

Mr Siter

PE

During our PE lessons this week, we introduced a range of new sporting topics - working on the theme of invasion and movement games. Years 1 & 2 began their basketball block by developing a range of basic skills, whilst Years 3 & 4 were introduced to tactical and spatial awareness concepts when playing Swedish Handball. Years 5 & 6 explored the importance of teamwork and possession when playing Handball, focusing on the importance of moving the ball quickly and maintaining tactical shape on the field of play.

PE Department

Slovene

Y5 and Y6 Students in the Slovene intermediate group were learning how to write different types of texts this week.



One of them was a postcard where they got really creative, each in their own way.

When was the last time you received a postcard?

Ms Jakop

In the first week of Block 5, the Year 1 and 2 students at Slovene Foundation started with a new topic.



They have been learning about body parts. Students spread their vocabulary through various activities and also drew themselves and wrote basic body parts in Slovene. Look at their work below!

Ms Drofenik

Other News

Staff info:

Ms Vegelj has left BISL and the EY department and we wish her all the best in the future.

Mrs Thoms-Hayes is thrilled to be taking on the role of the Head of the Early Years and very excited about joining the EY team. She has already been involved in overseeing EY, planning and teaching Reception students Phonics in the last couple of weeks. Mrs Hayes will currently remain to be the Year 5 class teacher, as her full-time appointment in EY is dependent on the new teacher being able to take over this role.

Ana Vidic has been appointed as the EY and after-school supervision Assistant Teacher. Her information is below:

Originally from Slovenia, I moved to the Netherlands at a young age, where I completed my secondary education. While in high school, I joined the reading matters programme. The programme aims to help children of various ages with their reading comprehension. She's passionate about helping children learn and adapt to their new environment. I am very excited to get to know all the students and help them progress through the early years.

Kaya Ljubić has been appointed as the EY/Primary and after-school supervision Assistant Teacher. Her information is below:

I received my bachelor degree in Kinesiology and a minor in nutrition from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. I have been playing tennis for over 16 years and as soon as I finished my own professional journey I started coaching. For the past 4 years, I've been working with children of all ages and coaching them in tennis and gymnastics. I had my first experience of working with EY through tennis and gymnastics and it made me realise that children can give me a new perspective on life. Working with them is so special to me because we get to be part of their growing up and show them a great example of being well-educated, having manners, and other life qualities. In my free time, I love to participate in any kind of sports activities or spend time in nature.

Jurgen Knecten has joined us for his last year of teaching practice in EY and Y6 during this time. Further information:

I am from the Netherlands and I am currently in my final year of training to work as an international Primary school teacher. I love doing sports like football and working out. This is my second time working at the British international school in Ljubljana. After having worked with Year 5 last year, I have been offered the chance to teach in Early Years, which will provide me with many new learning opportunities and help me develop as a teacher. My teaching experience in Early Years is something I am looking forward to. I do love working with students, teaching them new skills, and sharing knowledge with them.

PTA

Dear parents, we hope you had a wonderful school break. On behalf of the PTA, we would like to share with you some news on upcoming events at BISL.

Already on Tuesday 21st February, we will celebrate Pust at BISL. If you have time, we would kindly ask you to come and join us for a doughnuts giveaway activity for kids in the morning.

The next event will be the Second-hand uniform sale that will be held on the 9th of March. Dear parents, if you have any used school uniforms to donate, please, come and leave them with the security guard. The uniform sale helps to fundraise money for the upcoming events at BISL organised with the support of the PTA.

We wish you a fantastic weekend. Stay tuned.

Your PTA

Safer Internet Day

This week BISL celebrated safer internet day, which was held internationally on Tuesday 7th of February.

Primary learners had a PSHE lesson focused on one aspect of online safety per year group including digital dramas, digital footprint, stranger danger, safeguarding personal details and more.

Secondary learners had a short presentation in tutor time where they discussed what positive and negative effects the internet has on them.

For more information here are some useful links for parents:

- [CEOP UK advice for parents and carers](#)
- [Common sense media for parents, including a guide to chat GPT](#)
- [TOM - Slovenian e-safety website](#)

English Block

As a part of our English block activities, we have started a "Puzzle a Day" activity. This is a fun way for students to sharpen their problem-solving skills and engage in a brain teaser each day.

Can you solve this one?

What starts with 'p', ends in 'e' and has thousands of letters?

The English Department

Dates to Note

Tue	Feb 21 st	Pust – Dress Down Day
Thu	Mar 2 nd	World Book Day
Fri	Mar 3 rd	Coffee with the Principal
Wed	Mar 8 th	Women's day (Slovenia)
Thu	Thu 9 th	Second-hand Uniform Sale
Wed	Mar 22 nd	BISL Spring Concert
Fri	Mar 24 th	Block 5 End
Fri	Mar 24 th	Dress Down Day

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

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School Calendars

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