



Primary News

A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the EYFS and Primary Autumn Reports will be issued in the last week of the term. All reports will be shared via the **Parent Portal** for parents to be able to access these. Note that hard copies will no longer be issued, as these can be printed from the portal. Please ensure that you have logged into the portal (as per the instructions sent out) or contact the IT department at it@britishschool.si for further support.

At BISL we recognise that positive **behaviour**, **punctuality**, and **good attendance** are central to ensuring that students reach their full potential. If students are to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them, it is vital that they attend regularly and be at school on time every day the school is open, unless the reason is unavoidable. Any absence affects the pattern of a student's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. We thank parents for working together with us to ensure that all students are encouraged and supported to develop good attendance habits.

BISL Xmas Fayre will be held between 2 and 4 pm on Thursday 15th December. This is a big community event, involving students, teachers and parents. Please contact your child's Class Teacher and/or Class Parent Representative to find out how you can help leading up to or on the day of the event- there are lots of ways to get involved.

 HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A FLYING START!	 INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS	 MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR	 GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL Improves reading Writing + MATHS SKILLS
 THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!	 100s OF SUBJECTS 1000s OF CLASSES ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES	 TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!	 MORE SCHOOL= HIGHER GRADES INCREASED CONFIDENCE MORE FRIENDS BRIGHTER FUTURE

For all to be aware, we are a **Nut-Free School**, which means that any nuts, nut products or items containing nuts are not allowed in school. Please ensure that your child's snacks, lunches, or any other food brought into school for special events, are free of nuts. The same applies to any food prepared onsite in school. With this, we aim to protect students who have nuts allergies, as well as, promote awareness of where students may be put at risk.

Please see the sections below for further exciting news on individual classes and subjects. For the latest Update from the Principal and other upcoming events, see the [News](#) section on our website.

Wishing you a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Katarina Železinger
Head of Primary

Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

As we continued to learn about various types of homes, the students worked hard on the junk model houses they had created the previous week with the paper mache technique.



The Reception students practised writing sounds in glitter sand and, as a group, created a house out of shapes they had cut out before. With the help of the picture cards, Nursery children had fun role-playing different family members with their peers.

Ms Kukovica

Year 1

In Maths, we were learning about 2D and 3D shapes. After a very exciting shape hunt, we found out that our classroom is full of different shapes. In English lessons, we were listening to the story "Handa's Hen". We drew all different kinds of animals that Handa met, while she was looking for her hen.

In our Topic lessons, we were talking about birthdays. We were talking about our birthday parties and how

birthday celebrations look all around the world. You can't imagine how many ways there are to celebrate your birthday! If you are looking for an idea of how to celebrate yourself, you can find it in our notebooks. We were also learning about the Chinese New Year celebration and we made some very colourful dragons. Did you know that in China they celebrate their New Year for two weeks?



Our dragons are more than ready for the party.

Ms Zvonar

Year 2

In Topic the children have had a wail of a time learning about various celebrations from cultures across the world. The children learnt about The Day of the Dead, in Mexico, and made their own puppet skeletons. Then the children enjoyed acting out the celebration of Holi, in India, by throwing pretend paint at one another to reenact the colourful celebration.



Finally, on Thursday, the children made their own Gingerbread cookies in the shape of St. Nicolas.



Check out their handcraft!

Ms Torrington

Year 3

This week in year 3, children travelled to an uninhabited tropical island, gathered fruits and mixed a delicious fruit salad. Served on little bamboo boats, pineapples, pomegranates and oranges, it tasted even better.

Now that the children know the survival skills required and have all the necessary tools in their little backpacks, they are ready to sail the oceans of the world in search of treasure islands.

Ms Spangl

Year 4

This week, Year 4 has really enjoyed learning about different Volcanoes. We have been researching different Volcanoes and we have learnt about how they are formed, where they are formed and what happens when they erupt. We are really enjoying our current topic and are looking forward to learning more next week. This week, in Literacy, we have been learning about Haikus and we have been writing our own. Year 4 has been making so many. Ask your child, I'm sure they would love to share their new learning with you.

Ms Harris

Year 5

What an exciting week Year 5 has had!! The class has drawn Wales and the USA in the sweep for the World Cup and we couldn't believe they were playing each other this week.



The students enjoyed our Thanksgiving celebrations and shared what they were grateful for. It was so lovely to hear how much they appreciate each other and their families. To top it off, we had a great trip to the theatre to celebrate the creative arts block.

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

Year 6

The year 5 and 6 students had a wonderful time on our trip to the theatre and later going to the pizza place.



The students enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mr Kokalj

Departmental News

PE

This week we looked at the importance of communication and teamwork across all aspects of primary PE. Year 1 and 2 continued their gymnastics and movement block, by creating group routines and performing them for the rest of the group. Year 3 & 4 developed their cooperative learning skills when playing volleyball whilst Years 5 and 6 looked at tactical shape when attacking and defending in handball..

PE Department

Slovene

Year 5 and 6 students at Slovene Foundation have been learning about Slovenian symbols on the Slovene flag. They were also listening to the Slovene anthem and read a short text about Slovene main attractions. The challenge of this week was to answer a few questions about the text. The students showed great commitment to reading and answered the questions without much difficulty.

Ms Drofenik

This week Y4 was working hard during Slovene Advanced Lessons.



They had to prepare a presentation about what they want to become and I feel very lucky that I teach a future president, pop star, ballerina, gymnast and many more. Time to start collecting autographs.

Ms Kotnik

Welcome to the Creative Arts block

This week in creative arts:

Students have been submitting their entries for the Peter Pan poster and ticket competition.

The winning poster will be displayed around the school and on social media to promote our up-and-

coming production of Peter Pan, and the winning ticket will be distributed to the parents of the cast and stagehands. Watch this space for the winners.

Primary

Across KS1 and 2, students have been getting into the Christmas spirit in their performing arts lessons with Early Years and Year 1 learning 'Rudolph the Rednosed reindeer' and 'Santa Claus is coming to town'. Years two and three have been learning Jingle bells on the glockenspiel and xylophones and year 4 has been learning 'All I want for Christmas is you' on the boomwhackers.



Year 5 have started their dramatic representation of Aladdin and year 6 have been working on their polyrhythms during African drumming.

Piano Lessons

We are also excited to announce that piano and singing lessons have returned to BISL.

They will take place on Thursdays and Fridays after school. If you would like to sign up for lessons or receive more information, please contact *Dorewe* directly.



You can follow this QR code to their website for more information.



Performing Arts Team

Other News

BISL Xmas Fayre



Dear parents,

Christmas time is just around the corner and as of this week, the PTA and the BISL have already started the preparation for the upcoming BISL Christmas Fayre that will be held on Thursday, 15th of December, from 14.00 until 16.00.

The PTA would like to ask each family to contribute baked goods or snacks that can be either taken to the class teacher or dropped off in the morning on the 15th of December. For those parents who would like to join to help during the event itself - you're more than welcome. Your support will be highly appreciated indeed.

And if you'd like to participate in decorating the school, you can join us on Monday, 28th of November, at 8.30 in the morning (or at 7.45 at the coffee place in front of the school).

With more news to come,

Your PTA

Principal's Update

Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

As always, as term 1 nears its conclusion and Christmas approaches, in schools, there are a great many events and activities squeezed into a relatively short time. BISL this year is most definitely no different.

Parent Portal & Reports

An example of this is the issuing of our school reports and the parent-teacher meetings that are held after the reports have been read. All Y11 & Y13 students should have received their school reports this week via the 'Parent Portal' – please click [BISL Parent Portal Access](#) to enter. The registration, username and password guide has been emailed to parents already.

If you have any issues gaining access please do contact it@britishschool.si for assistance. All other year groups will receive their reports in the very near future.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

It is very important that all parents do take the time to login into the Parent Portal, read their son or daughter's report and prepare some questions for the Parent-Teacher meeting to follow.

For secondary parents, all Y7 to Y13 Parent Teacher meetings will be held online between the 5th and 15th of December.

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



When you click on the link you will see the registration page

Please be aware that if the registration information that you input does not match EXACTLY that held by the school's management system, you will see this message appear!

If this message does appear, parents are advised to try an alternative spelling of names.

-for example;

- Tjasa OR Tjaša
- Cox-Smith OR Cox Smith

If that also fails, please contact IT@britishschool.si

Good luck and thank you in advance. Once registered the Parent Teacher Meeting system is simple to use to book your teacher appointments.

Early Years and Primary Parent Teacher Meetings will take place in the first week of January 2023

Your Child's School Attendance

As a follow-up to a previous message in this update, I write again to remind all students and their families of the critical importance research places on high levels of student attendance in school, throughout the 15 years of a standard school career. The vast majority of all research results are overwhelming and obvious of course; in simple terms, the more regularly a student attends school, the more academically successful they are.



For example, consider the two examples below:

Student A has an average **97%** attendance between Nursery and Y13

- = 75 school days missed per year
- = 15 school weeks
- = **0.42 years full school years missed**

Student B has an average **80%** attendance rate between Nursery and Y13 of:

- = 540 school days
- = 108 school weeks missed
- = **3 full school years missed**

This example clearly demonstrates a huge difference in the experiences of student A and B.

Whilst it is fantastic that we have a huge number of real-life **Student A** at BISL, we do also have some cases like **Student B**.

The children in our community need us all to focus clearly on making every BISL student, a **Student A**. Thank you in advance.

BISL Xmas Fayre

Thursday 15th December 2022



The PTA and school are delighted to announce that the BISL Xmas Fayre this year will be held on Thursday 15th December at school between 2 pm and 4 pm. Everyone is invited, definitely including Father Christmas himself!

The Fayre will include a festive stall organised by class or year group in the school. These stalls are being designed and created by our students and are likely to include baked goods, arts and crafts, games, competitions and other activities. Fun for everyone!

In addition, we hope to have some school singers and the PTA are running a food and drinks stall along with the BISL Grand Prize Draw. Exciting times so do make a note of the date and time in your diaries.

Positive Parenting Workshop

Wednesday 30th November

I am delighted to announce we will be holding our next parent workshop on Wednesday 30th November at 8.15 am in the new building assembly room. The session is planned for approximately 45 minutes.

The topic will be 'Positive Parenting', in which we will provide some ideas and suggested approaches for parents who are looking for some assistance and support in understanding and managing their children – without going crazy in the process! Please come along to listen, discuss and share.

In addition, after the workshop, we will have some staff available to help parents with their Parent Portal and Parent Teacher Meeting logins and registrations. If you are stuck with those as well, do come and see us.

Have a safe and warm, relaxing family weekend.

All best wishes



Matthew Cox
School Principal

Dates to Note

Wed	Nov 30 th	Positive Parenting Workshop
Thu	Dec 1 st	BISL Story Time
Fri	Dec 2 nd	BISL X-mass Fayre
Tue	Dec 6 th	Whole School House Competition 1
Thu	Dec 8 th	School Art Exhibition
Thu - Mon	Dec 8 th - Dec 12 th	Peter Pan production
Fri	Dec 16 th	Block 3 end – Christmas Dress Down Day

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

School Contact Details

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School Calendars

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