



7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

# Primary News

## A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

A wonderful breakfast awaited our teachers on Friday, organised by the PTA as part of the Teacher Appreciation Day celebrations. Notes, messages, and cards of appreciation from students were created for teachers to read and take home. A huge thank you to all of the parents and students involved in making this a very special day!

Exciting activities for this block have been planned by Humanities Team for the students across the school, including a flag-naming quiz competition. Students will also be presenting their own countries and learning about other cultures as part of the Topic learning throughout this block.

As part of the PE curriculum, swimming days at the water park Atlantis have been organised in October for Year 1 to Year 6 students, starting next week. Students will be engaging in various activities under the guidance of professional swim instructors and supervised by BISL teachers. Please read the information sent out carefully and follow the drop-off and pick-up arrangements, which may be different from the normal school day. If you have any questions, please contact your child's Class Teacher.

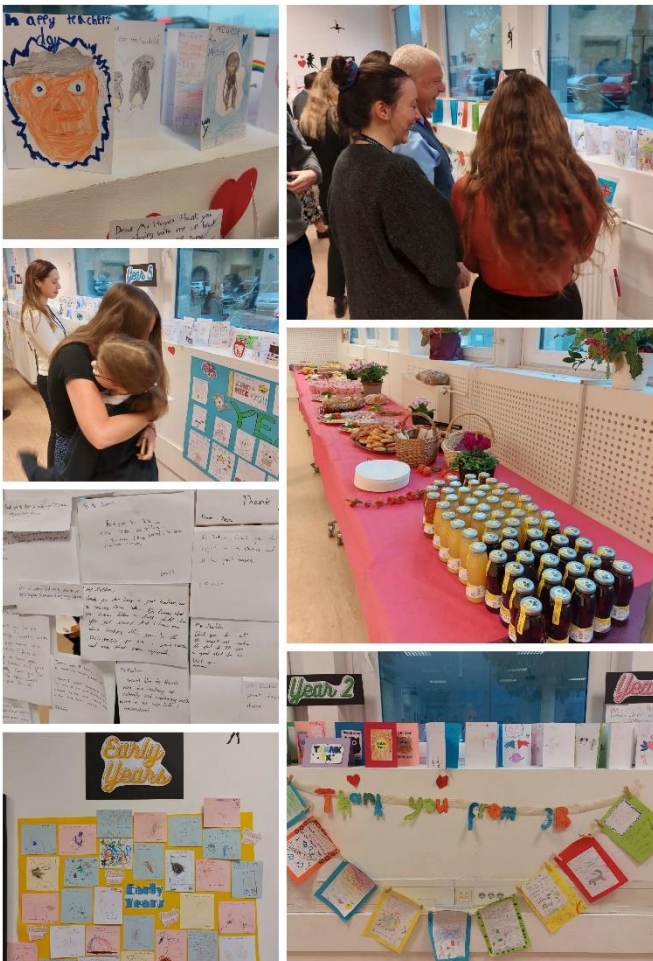
The COBIS Poetry Competition will run again this year and it has a fantastic theme for the students to engage with: 'Who am I?'. The pieces they create should represent the students. All students are welcome to participate and write their poems at school or at home and should submit these to their Class Teacher by the **31st of October**. This is a brilliant opportunity for young writers to compete internationally and showcase their talent.

For the latest Update from the Principal and other events, please see the [News](#) section on our website.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

*Katarina Železinger,*  
Head of Primary



## Class Teacher Reports

### Early Years

In Early Years we kicked off the second block with the spooky topic as we learned about spiders. The children can tell you exactly how many eight-leg creatures lived on our playground on the day we went on the spider hunt. The spider must be very hungry as we didn't find any flies or, as one of our students said, "There are no flies because the spiders ate them".



And so our Early Years students and spiders became friends throughout the week. The spiders helped Reception students with number recognition and counting the pegs on the spider's body to make legs. In return, Nursery students saved all the *incy wincy* spiders trapped in the spider web using tweezers.

*Ms Gillespie and Ms Kukovica*

### Year 1

It's been a very magical week in Year 1. Since Monday, very mysterious things have been happening in our classroom! We have been receiving letters from the so-called Magic Toymaker.



He asked us to take care of his toy workshop while he was away, but we have had to learn about toys from the past and the present to make sure we are ready for the challenge. We sent him letters through a magic mailbox, but he continues to stay very mysterious and tells us very little about himself. We will let you know if we see him or find out more about him.

*Ms Miklavec*

### Year 2

We have had a fantastic first week in block 2! We started our new Topic called *Learning to Learn* with a fun challenge of creating spaghetti and marshmallows towers.



The students showed us how they could use their brains and great teamwork skills to achieve the challenge.

*Mrs Fordham and Ms Torrington*

### Year 3

This week in Year 3, children drew their favourite or craziest imaginative chocolate dessert.



This is part of our chocolate Topic this block in which students are learning all about chocolate. As you can see, students came up with some colourful, extravagant and unicorn-sprinkled treats.



We can only imagine how deliciously tasty these creations would be.

*Ms Blundell and Ms Spangl*

### Year 5

Year 5 started this Humanities block with a bang. Each child dressed up and became a president for the afternoon. The children made their flags, answered questions in a debate and made decisions for their country.



It was a very fun activity and the class took their roles very seriously.

*Mrs Thomas-Hayes*

### Year 6

In Year 6 this week, the students researched the exciting Dark ages of Europe. They needed to imagine that they are a person living in the Middle Ages (900-1450 C.E.). After researching what they ate, wore and did for fun and what their homes and communities were like, the students needed to write a diary of their experiences.



- 1 Entry: Describe what food your person ate, what clothes they wore, and what their home was like.
- 1 Entry: Describe them doing something in public, like playing a game, going to the market, or attending an event or performance.
- 1 Entry: Describe what their family life was like and talk about which social class they were in and what that meant.
- 2 Entries: Describe their work and what is involved in it.

The students really enjoyed immersing in the past and exploring this important era of European history.

*Mr Kokalj*

## Departmental News

### PE

During PE lessons this week, we began our tennis playing unit, focusing on understanding the 'Ready Position' and how to play a forehand. Students were challenged with being able to develop their consistency when playing the forehand and understand the importance of being able to rally effectively when playing tennis.

*PE Department*

## Slovene Foundation

Year 3 and 4 at Slovene Foundation have been learning about professions this week. Students really enjoyed talking about it and discussing what they want to become when they grow up. They were also very creative while drawing the professions in their notebooks.



Great job, le tako naprej!

*Ms Drofenik*

Juhuhu, jesen je tu!

Y3 and Y4 in Slovene Intermediate group have been learning about autumn this week. Students showed great enthusiasm during different activities throughout the whole week. We wrapped it up by listening and learning a song about autumn and did a little dance as well.

*Ms Jakop*

This week the students were working on a poem *Jaz sem jež* by the well known Slovene author Svetlana Makarovič. We discussed the meaning of the word "važič" as well as other activities such as singing with "markers" microphone, explaining the words, looking for antonyms etc.

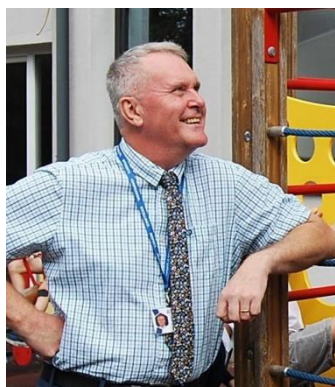
The student made great progress in memorizing the lyrics.

Well done, everybody

*Ms Kotnik*

## Principal's Update

Friday 7th October 2022

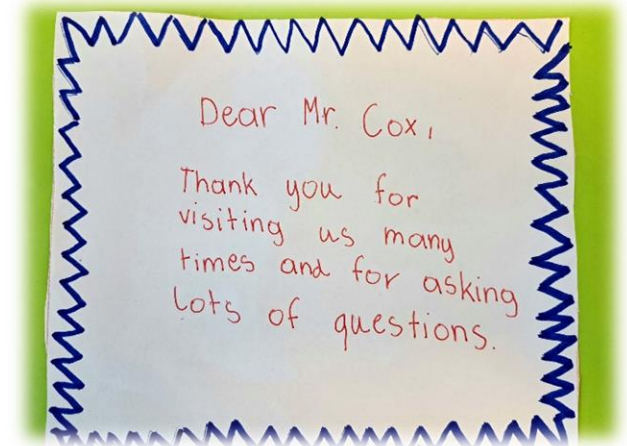


Dear Parents and Families,

As BSL staff we were treated extremely well this morning as part of the PTA and Student Council's amazing efforts towards teacher Appreciation Day. A

delicious breakfast greeted all the teaching staff this morning in the dining room, and we also received some thoughtful and beautifully presented cards from the children. All of this work was most definitely appreciated by the hungry diners!

It was also very pleasing this morning to welcome so many parents to the 'Coffee with Principal' event ahead of the PTA meeting. The PTA has a what's app group, is working hard in support of the school, teachers and children, and would love to have the involvement of all BSL parents in any that you wish to contribute. Please contact the BSL PTA at [pta@britishschool.si](mailto:pta@britishschool.si) if you to find out more.



Part of my brief presentation to parents this morning was focused on explaining a little more about we manage and develop the performance of our staff. I explained in basic details about the annual

performance development cycle, the setting of specific worthwhile objectives that will make us more effective as a teaching and learning community, and how we recognise strong, effective teaching over extended periods of time. In particular, I am delighted to highlight the development aspect of our performance improvement, and that we aim 'less for measurement, and rather more for growth in each individual and group!'. Working alongside fellow professionals and aiming for greater growth and effectiveness in and out of the classroom truly is one of the many joys of my job.

I know many of the children are greatly looking forward to their swimming adventures at Atlantis next week.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the family time,

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "M Cox".

Matthew Cox  
School Principal

## Dates to Note

Thu	Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5&6 Swimming Day
Fri	Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3&4 Swimming Day
Mon	Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1&2 Swimming Day
Sat	Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	LJ Marathon Fun Run
Thu	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween 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](#).