



2nd September 2022

Primary News

A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

This week, the students have continued to settle into the school routines and schedules. During PSHE lessons and Assembly, students have talked about 'compassion' as one of the core BISL values, discussing examples of what it means to be kind and caring, and how they can encourage everyone to succeed. Every day, many acts of kindness have been seen around the school by students helping their peers and newcomers, to make them feel safe and welcome.

As part of the Student Voice Campaign, elections for the Student Council Representatives are taking place across the school (from Early Years to 6th Form). Representatives aim to improve student life and help to organise events or activities for their class, key stage or school. Four House Captains will also be selected in Primary who are tasked with providing positive leadership to all students within their house and across the school. Further elections for Prefects and Head students will take place in the next few weeks.

The after-school provision started this week and students have enjoyed taking part in various activities and clubs. To sign up for the after-school activities, see the [After-school Provision](#).

At BISL we believe in inclusive education and supporting all students in achieving their highest potential. Next Monday, 5th September, all parents are invited to the presentation on the SEN Provision at BISL and to meet the staff involved in supporting students with Special Educational Needs. The presentation will take place in the new building (2nd floor) at 15:00. All are welcome to join.

In order to help keep the BISL community safe, please read through the latest [update on Covid-19](#) guidelines on our website, which include important information on what to do, should your child have any symptoms or test positive. Please note that students who have tested positive must bring a certified negative test to school before they return.

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

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

*Katarina Železinger,
Head of Primary*



Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

What's your favourite colour?

This has been a key question in Early years this week. The children have been introduced to the colours of the rainbow and learned how to name them through rhymes. The Nursery children have been creating paintings where they used only one colour each day of the week. Reception has used coloured bears to help them with their mathematical learning of repeated patterns.



During this rainy season, we appreciated the sunny days even more and didn't miss the opportunity for our outdoor learning. Slovene teachers read us a story about a grey Koala in our playground.

Ms Gillespie and Ms Kukovica

Year 1

Another very busy week is behind us!

We have been further exploring list-making through the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar.



In Maths lessons, we have been making estimations and comparisons about sets of objects, while in Topic lessons, we made forest animals using recycled materials. We have also applied our label-making skills to label our creations.

Ms Miklavc

Year 2

We have had another wonderful week in Year 2. In English, we finished our recounts of the summer to share with our classmates what we did over the summer and started to understand the non-fiction style of writing - instructional texts.



In Topic, we have been thinking about all things pirates and this week, the children became pirates for a day once they learned how pirates talk! Many adventures lie ahead in the coming weeks.

Mrs Fordham and Mrs Torrington

Year 3

As part of our topic “show and tell” lots of children brought fantastic objects from their home countries and places they have visited.



On the picture above you can see the beautiful traditional hand painted fan which is part of a traditional Australian costume from one of our year 3 students.

The second picture shows a traditional Ukrainian headdress worn by girls and women as part of the traditional dress. The sheer detail is fascinating. Students were very impressed and excited to see it worn by some of our year 3 girls.



These “show and tells” are a great opportunity for students to discover and explore cultures different to their own. They greatly enjoy sharing their knowledge as well as listening to their peer’s stories.

Ms Blundell and Ms Spangl

Year 4

We had a fantastic week in Year 4. In Maths we have been learning about Place Value in 4-digit numbers. We had a range of activities - it was a lot of fun. In Topic this week, we started to think about games we would like to design and wrote the rules for them. In PSHE this week, we were learning about Empathy and created some fantastic posters that we will hang in our classroom. A great week and we are looking forward to the week ahead.

Ms Harris

Year 5

This week the children investigated extreme habitats and found some very interesting facts. Did you know Antarctica is a desert? The class classified animals according to their habitat and learned about adaptations.



The class also began reading ‘The Dragon Slayer’ and cannot wait to write their own stories.

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

Year 6

The Year 6 students have started the year with an exciting topic called "Brainy Backpackers". They will be learning about the responsibilities of tourists and the impact that our choice of holiday and travel destination can have on the human and physical environment.



In their first assignment, the students began to use world maps, globes, atlases and computer mapping (Google maps), to match the tourists to one of their countries. They needed to think about its climate and also what it might provide in terms of geographical features and holiday activities.

Mr Kokalj

Departmental News

Slovene

What a fantastic start for all Primary students! These two weeks were introductory weeks for them, as Slovene lessons will be held in three groups from now on: Slovene Advanced, Intermediate and Foundation. This is a great opportunity for all students to demonstrate their capabilities and be challenged accordingly. This week, the students wrote a Baseline Assessment, which is going to be helpful for both them and the teachers for further work. Slovene teachers are already looking forward to working with their groups!

Slovene Team

PE

During PE this week, we developed our understanding across a range of net and barrier games. We played more traditional games such as badminton and volleyball as well as experiencing newer games such as lobster ball.

We also looked at the different movement patterns involved in each game and increased our tactical and spatial awareness when playing net and barrier games.

PE Department

Other News

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

Monday 5th September:

Please remember we are holding the first PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale of this school year next Monday, 5th September from 3.00 pm.

If you wish to send in an unwanted and clean uniform for the sale, please bring it to School Reception during the day on Monday if you have not already done so.

Many thanks in advance,

Your PTA

Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Families,

As the many of you who attended our first, and very enjoyable (personally speaking) 'Coffee with the Principal' event earlier today are aware, this week has again been positive and busy for everyone. I have been in classes this week across the school and have enjoyed the engagement and focus of our students and staff. I hope very much that this motivation leads to new learning and further curiosity and motivation.

The week started for me at the Secondary Assembly last Monday hosted by our Head of Secondary, Mr. Jonathan Travis. Mr. Travis outlined for the students the challenges faced by Bar-Headed Gees and how they work together, whilst each bird also needs a huge amount of personal grit and determination to safely cross the high altitudes of the Himalayan Mountain range. That type of resilience and grit is indeed required to get the most out of life - 'Be More Goose' as Mr. Travis implored the students!



I was also delighted to attend an exhibition of photographs taken of Queen Elizabeth's visit to Slovenia in 2008. The exhibition is being hosted by Ljubljana's City Hall as part of the Queen's 70th on the throne celebrations. Happily, there was a picture of the Queen meeting some BISL students. I found the photographs interesting from both a British and Slovenia perspective. We hope to get the exhibition to come to school for our school community to enjoy once it has finished its tour of Slovenia. Once we have confirmed that the photographs can be displayed here in school I will, of course invite the whole community to come and see it.

As discussed with parents this morning, safety for all has also been on top of our priorities this week, and I and the School Leadership team have been thinking hard about how to make the collection of your children safer at the end of each day.

Here are some **important traffic instructions** we ask all our families to follow carefully:

- Observe the 10 km/h maximum speed allowed in school.
- If you are waiting for children inside the school grounds the driver must stay in your

car, *with the engine switched off*. This is very important for our traffic flow

- All families collecting Secondary children please park in the public car park next to the school. In this way, we will keep the traffic flowing inside the school grounds.
- EY parents only are permitted to park in the parking bays near the EY entrance.
- All students must walk inside the cones, next to the school building (not walk between the cars). Secondary students must follow this route to the public car park as necessary.
- Older families are encouraged to travel to, and from, school by bus or bicycle.

Many thanks for everyone's consideration and thoughtfulness towards making the school collection as safe we possibly can. We will also renovate the bicycle 'house' and make this more appealing to our bicycle users.



Finally, I have an appeal to our parents and their friends. As mentioned at the Coffee morning, we are currently seeking to recruit a temporary school nurse (part time). If you have skills and experience in this medical area and are allowed to work or volunteer in Slovenia, do please contact Katja Dincic in our HR Department.

Similarly, if you are aware of EU citizens in our community who are suitably qualified, highly able English-speaking teachers and are keen to explore possibilities for working at BISL, please ask them to contact our HR too.

Have a great weekend,

Matthew Cox, Principal

Dates to Note

Mon	Sep 5 th	SEN Parent Presentation
Mon	Sep 5 th	Second-hand Uniform sale 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Thu	Sep 8 th	Story-time for Early Years 3 pm - 4 pm
Thu	Sep 8 th	BISL Story Time
Mon	Sep 12 th	EAL Primary Presentation for Parents

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

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School Calendars

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