



16th September 2022

Primary News

A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

In collaboration with the Ljubljana ZOO, BISL has adopted a pair of Yellow-cheeked gibbons, the female Liling and the male Liping, that have been in ZOO Ljubljana for more than 30 years and have had 6 cubs during this time. This is a great opportunity for our students to get to know more about the animals during their visits to the ZOO.



This week, students and staff are taking part in elections for the primary student voice representatives. Each class will be appointing one Student Council Representative to be the voice for their group. Eleven Y6 candidates have come forward for the role of the Head Student in primary. After an

initial written application, students were interviewed by the Principal and Head of Primary, and campaigned through posters around the school, as well as an introductory video, to get those needed votes. The chosen representatives will be announced next week. Good luck to all of the candidates!



The PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is an integral part of the school and seeks parent volunteers to join and support various events during the year. In Primary, each class also has a Class Parent Representative who liaises with the PTA and helps to organise class events with the teacher. Thank you to all that have already come forward. If you would like to be a Class Parent Representative, please let your Class Teacher know. All parents are invited to get involved with the upcoming events by contacting Urša Dražič at: ursadrazic@gmail.com.

With dropping temperatures, it is time to bring out the winter uniform. See the [school uniform section](#) of our website for more information and for ordering items.

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

Have a lovely weekend,

*Katarina Železinger,
Head of Primary*

Class Teacher Reports

Early Years

In the Early Years, we had another great week. The students learned about the weather and how the rainbow is formed through fun and creative rainbow activities.



We had fun painting the rainbow with cotton balls on pegs and learning to order the rainbow colours. Alongside rainbow painting, the children practised their fine motor skills by making a pom pon rainbow using tweezers. At the end of the week, we created a paper rainbow with cotton clouds to be displayed in the classroom to cheer us up on the grey, rainy days.

Ms Gillespie and Ms Kukovica

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy learning about desert and ocean animals this week. After making a cactus using a collage technique, students were inspired to make their own extra large desert animals. We later even made the ocean and ocean animals! In English, we practised writing captions and used them to write about different habitats. Our main focus was remembering to use a capital letter, finger space and full stop.



In Maths, we have been counting one more and one less from a number and did so through many interactive games. Congratulations to all students for taking their very first spelling test!

Ms Miklavec

Year 2

We have had another great week in Year 2. In Topic, we have been learning about the different parts of pirate ships and then going on to designing and making our own pirate ships in small groups. They have worked well in their groups and produced some incredible ships!



Here are some pictures from the creative process. We shall share next week the finished articles. Thank you to the students and parents for collecting junk modelling items for this.

Mrs Fordham and Ms Torrington

Year 3

Children in year 3 are getting used to using their tablets in class. Here children are seen utilizing technology in their math lessons.



They whizz through math examples of inverse addition and subtraction operations. Once finished, they review their learning and compare it with a partner.

Ms Blundell and Ms Spangl

Year 4

This week, Year 4 started their new unit in Maths, addition and subtraction. We have been using a range of methods to solve problems. In Topic this week, we have been learning to code and about the evolution of video games. We had a lot of fun and we are looking forward to having some finished games next week. It has been another fun week and we are looking forward to the week ahead.

Ms Harris

Year 5

The children have had an excellent week. They have now settled into the year 5 routines and are working hard. They have shown a lot of enthusiasm for Topic and their habitat projects. The children worked well in their teams to create a realistic diorama.

They then presented their habitats to each other and shared facts that they had learnt.



In English, they have begun writing their own stories and I can confirm they are extremely imaginative and creative with many of the dragons having funny names. In Maths, the children have been learning how to add and subtract 5 and 6-digit numbers, add decimals and read roman numerals.

Mrs Thomas

Year 6

This week the students have been learning how to identify and evaluate the writer's use of language to create imaginary worlds. The class learned that sometimes story writers have to tell us things about the places or people they are writing about, but that good writers can also show us by using language in interesting ways.

When writing by showing rather than telling, the students can create a more powerful and engaging experience for their readers by providing concrete images and details.

They practised using sensory details to help the reader visualize the scene to create a more immersive reading experience, and also help the reader to connect with their characters on a deeper level.

We are all super excited to read the students' end of unit write-up which is coming up.

Mr Kokalj

Departmental News

PE

During PE this week, we continued with our net and barrier game theme - focusing on the tactical aspects required across a range of sports. Students were introduced to the rules/scoring system(s) used in games such as badminton and volleyball and worked collectively, in teams, and in competitive scenarios. We also focused on the importance of strategic thinking in sports and how moving an opponent around the court can be beneficial when playing net and barrier games.

PE Department

Slovene Foundation

The fourth week of school was very productive for Y1/2 students in the Slovene Foundation group! They enjoyed a visit from a lovely teddy bear *Brundo* who came and introduced himself in Slovene. For that purpose, students have learned how to answer basic personal questions.



They are familiar now with how to say "moje ime je, star sem, od kod sem in kje živim".

Bravo, učenci!

Ms Drogenik

Slovene Advanced

In Y1 and 2 Slovene Slovene Advanced lessons the students have been working hard. We are learning how to write a description. Their first task was to draw and name their favourite soft toy.

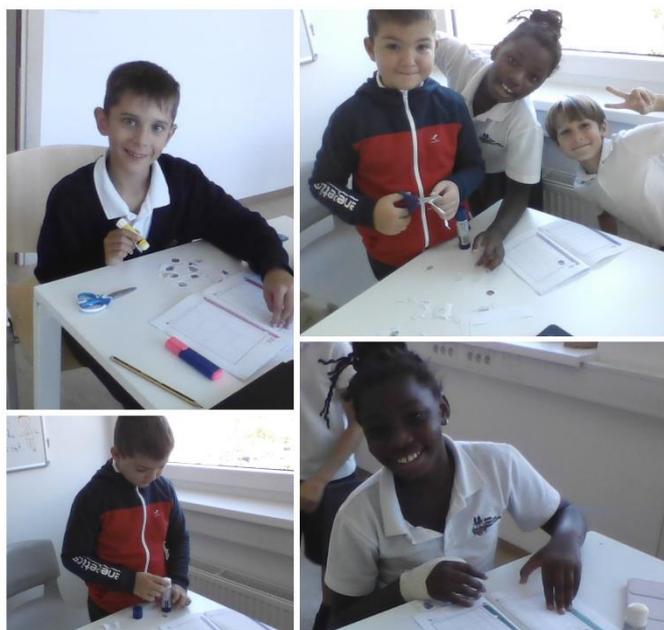


Take a look at some of their drawings before writing a text. Well done, everybody!

Ms Kotnik

EAL

The EAL students have done so much in these few days that it's hard to believe that only a week has gone by.



They've started making individual picture dictionaries, read various texts with understanding, learned new vocabulary and started reading a book, underlining new words on the way.

Mr Siter

Other News

Elections in Primary

This week, the year six students started their campaign by applying for the head student positions. They first had to draft a letter to the principal applying for the role. Next, they had to record a video introducing themselves to the wider BISL community and finally, they met with the leaders of the school to discuss role responsibilities.

It's been great to see all the enthusiasm and excitement for the elections.

Mr Kokalj

Principal's Update

Friday 9th September 2022



Dear Parents and Families,

I write this update in my office as the rain continues to fall heavily outside. I have certainly seen a new side to weather in Ljubljana from the previous months of

bright sunshine. It does seem that wherever we live in the world, we are experiencing increased weather most recently. We are fortunate here to have avoided the most serious consequences of this changing weather. Others such as those who live in Pakistan

and Australia have sadly had more challenges. I am sure we all hope that things settle into a more predictable pattern once again.

I have received some great pictures of the Y9 and Y10 adventure trip. The trip has offered up outdoor activities, a visit to a military park as well those important moments for social bonding during breaks and meals. Thanks indeed to all the BISL



staff who have led and managed these expeditions, with special mention to Ms. Fairchild Gojkovič who has organized all of the adventure trips for all Secondary students to enjoy.



Student Collection:

Please can I remind everyone that student collection time is either 2.55pm (after the end of lessons) or 3.40pm (after activities). Please do ensure that you collect your children on time every day. Our staff often have meetings and other work to attend to after the children have left school, so it does help us considerably if you arrive promptly. Of course, we understand if you are delayed on one-off, unavoidable occasions. In advance, many thanks for your consideration.

Head Students

I have had a particular pleasure this week as I have been involved in the interviewing and selection of those students being considered for student leadership positions in both Secondary and primary school. This is always an interesting and informative experience.

For example, the ideas put forward or discussed included peer to peer student mentoring, sports leadership, environmental education and development of the school (woodland, energy, food waste) as well as an increased amount of community service and volunteering – all meaningful and important.

Congratulations to the School Head Students – Ewa, Anže and Julia who were appointed this week, and good luck to the Primary candidates who will find out more next week.

Have a great weekend and stay dry!

Best wishes,



Matthew Cox
School Principal

Dates to Note

Tue	Sep 20 th	PI Recital Competition
Wed	Sep 21 st	High Achievement Parent Presentation
Fri	Sep 23 rd	House Colour Dress Day
Mon	Sep 26 th	Start of Block Break

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

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School Calendars

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