



21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

# Primary News

## A word from Miss Gillespie

Dear Parents and Students,

The foggy weather recently has brought a great atmosphere to the school, especially as on Monday some creepy, crawly, spooky objects appeared. Primary students have been full of excitement seeing the Halloween decorations hung around the school. Thank you to all parents who came to decorate the school in preparation for Halloween. A reminder to all that on **Thursday 27th October** all students can come to school dressed in fancy dress for our annual **Halloween celebration**.

department for all the organisation enabling our Primary students to have this opportunity to gain the important life skill of swimming.

Our block theme of Humanities is in full swing with engaging activities to provoke and stimulate Primary students to inquire about the world. Flags have been the theme and the students have been in competition to see how many they can name from a selection of flags. A final is in place for next week where the winner of each class in Primary will go head-to-head.

For the latest Update from the Principal and other events, please see the News section on our website.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

*Isla Gillespie*  
Head of Early Years

## Class Teacher Reports

### Early Years

In Early Years all our students have become big brothers and sisters for a week. They were learning how to look after babies and what role doctors have in our life when we are sick. The children were very passionate about all the baby's needs.

They enjoy feeding the babies, bathing them and rocking them to sleep. The students were very excited about changing babies' nappies, which didn't seem a complicated task at all!



The swimming trips to Atlantis concluded this week with Year 1 and 2 having their time in the water, learning key skills which enable them to become confident swimmers. A huge thank you to the PE



The Nursery students were painting colourful bibs for the babies while the reception children were practising writing phonic sounds into the salt.

*Ms Gillespie and Ms Kukovica*

## Year 1

We had an amazing start of the week at Atlantis water park! We have also become skilled puppet makers this week! After learning about puppets from around the world, we made marionette dog puppets, as per the Toymaker's request.



In English lessons, we read two very silly books "Mr Gumpy's Outing" and "Mr Armitage on Wheels", and wrote about our favourite parts of the stories and compared the main characters. In Maths, we practised counting one more and one less than a given number..

*Ms Miklavec*

## Year 2

Our week started off in a really fun way going for the Y1&2 swim day at Atlantis! The children had a great day and all showed improvement by the end.



They really did represent BISL well and we were very proud of them. We have been doing some super work in English to learn about and prepare to write our own stories. They are really enjoying learning about the story of Cotton Wool Colin and can retell the story in their own words.

*Mrs Fordham and Ms Torrington*

## Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been learning about habitats and the animals that live in different habitats around the world.



The students in Year 4 have been researching their chosen animals and have learnt about what the animals eat, what can eat them and their respective life cycles. Collectively, we've learnt lots of new facts about animals and how they live.

In English, we have been exploring our text *Runaways* and learning about what life was like in Victorian Britain.

*Ms Harris*

## Year 5

This week in Topic the children looked at the advantages and disadvantages of tourism. The children were interested in discussing tourism in Slovenia and whether they think it is good to have many tourists.

In maths, the children focused on fractions, decimals, and percentages and how they link together. In English, the students wrote their own poems using Pie Corbett as inspiration.

*Mrs Thomas-Hayes*

## Year 6

This week during English, the Year 6 students performed brilliantly in creating a real-life news report.



The children had a lot of fun taking on the role of a news reporter at Lady Marion and Sir Guy of Gisborne's wedding. They did a great job and submitted excellent videos.

*Mr Kokalj*

## Departmental News

### PE

Across primary PE lessons this week, we developed basic serving techniques, enabling students to serve both overarm and underarm. Students also continued their rallying consistency when playing both singles and doubles, before progressing to some competitive match play.

*PE Department*

### Slovene

Can you describe all 4 seasons in Slovene? Well, our students in Years 5 and 6 at Slovene Foundation can do it! This week we have been talking about what is typical for each season. The students focused on the weather, clothes and activities and demonstrated how much progress they are making in expressing themselves in Slovene. Of course, they also showed their creative side with superb drawings.

Odlčno, učenci!!

*Ms Drogenik*

Po poklicu bom ...

Our Y1 and Y2 in the Slovene Intermediate group were learning about professions this week and shared what they would like to be when they grow up.



They did a fantastic job drawing and writing different professions which you can see below. Odlično učenci, le tako naprej!

*Ms Jakop*

This week Y5/6 Slovene Advanced groups were learning about nouns. The students classified them according to *oseba*, *žival*, *pojem*, *stvar* and *rastlina*. They also learnt how to determine gender. Next week we will further develop our knowledge about nouns.

*Ms Kotnik*

## EAL

This has been an exciting week for the EAL students. With one group, we've finished learning the family members and the students will be happy to sing a family song for you.

Another group took the lesson outside, to search for adjectives that they could describe the nouns (people, place and things) with. We immensely enjoyed the outdoors and tried to describe everything we could see with some colourful words. Meanwhile, year 2 group worked on reinforcing the knowledge of vocabulary for colours, numbers to 20 and food.

*Ms Kotnik*

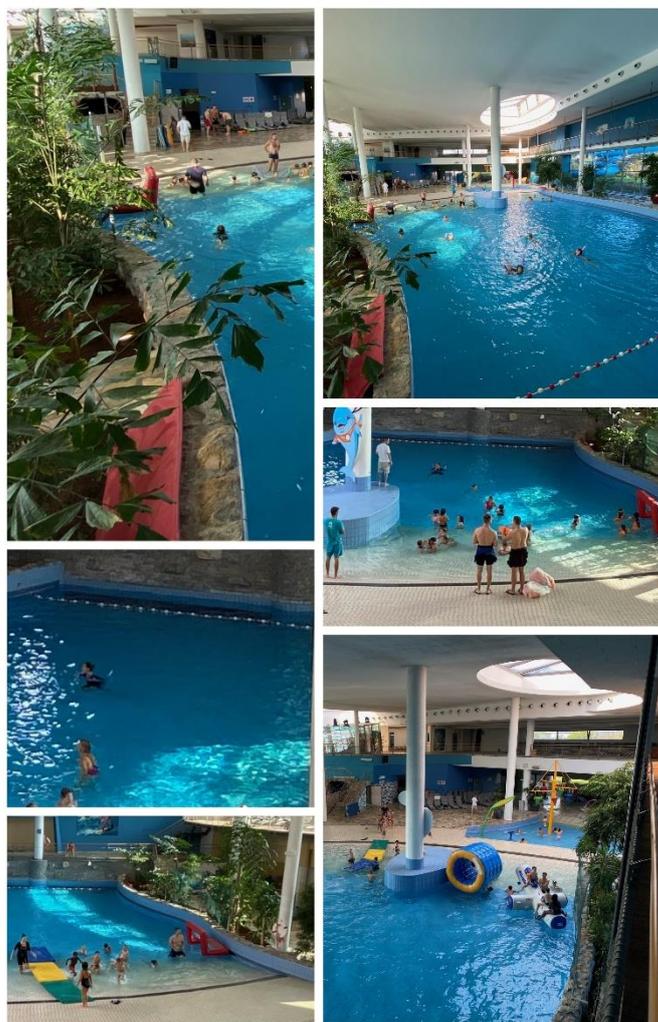
## Other News

### Atlantis Swimming Days

This last couple of days BISL primary students were on a day trip to Atlantis for some swimming lessons and lots of fun water activities.

All students tried water slides, playing water polo, aqua volley, water swing, sliding and jumping to water, aqua swing and of course some diving. They all absolutely loved the activities the swimming instructors prepared for us and left Atlantis with big smiles on their faces.

I have seen some amazing swimmers already and some who did their absolute maximum to strive towards swimming soon.



Well done!!

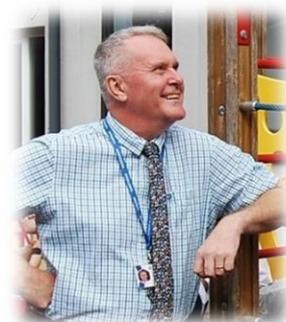
*Mr Černi*

## Principal's Update

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

It has been a wonderful week for me personally and as a family. I was lucky enough to attend my eldest son's graduation for his Masters' degree. Having missed his school graduation, 18th and 21st birthday celebrations due to the pandemic, I was delighted to be there in-person for this one. It was made extra special by being held in the Royal Albert Hall in the heart of London. Very special.





The reason I mention this personal event, is to emphasise to all families and parents that the journey to success and achievement for our children is never straightforward, but it is always rewarding. Over the years, there have been many occasions when it seemed unlikely that we would ever get to this deserved and amazing moment. There has been covid and the pandemic, illness, having to be independent (due to parents living in China), a lack of motivation for education and study – and those are only the things that have happened in the past few years as a young adult, let alone the challenges faced in earlier times.

The point is, as parents, to love and appreciate your children and family for who they are, and to strive to support and understand in whatever way works best for your young people. In general, if we know that we are loved and cared for, most youngsters are able to find motivation, make choices and enjoy the progress they deserve. At times growing up and education can be a challenge and struggle, but with family and community support, our young people will achieve what they wish for, and even enjoy the journey at the same time. Good luck and appreciate your time together. The other side of a university graduation is that your precious offspring is now fully grown up and looking to leave the nest for adventures of their own. Ah well.....

Part of that journey is also going to school and getting head lice occasionally. Please know that we have had

some reported cases in our Primary section most recently. This is an infestation that can be tricky to stop in schools. The only, and best way, to prevent the spread of head lice is for all families to treat the eggs in the students' hair with appropriate medication on a regular basis, and for the prescribed amount of time. So please, if you are notified by your son or daughter's class teacher about the presence of head lice in their class, do check their hair and take appropriate action. In that way, everyone will benefit. If we don't all act as necessary, it will certainly take a great deal of time to get rid of the head lice. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Finally, a reminder concerning school attendance. Please do remember that consistent high levels of student attendance in school (95%+), right from Reception to Y13, is a widely-recognised and accepted indicator of potential success. Whilst we do provide a student absence request form for parents to complete ahead of any planned absence, we do not encourage families to take their children out of school unless absolutely necessary.

Please use the designated school holidays for relaxation and travel. This lessens disruption to an individual's education and the class as a whole and ensures everyone gets the curriculum coverage and teaching they deserve.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Cox', written in a cursive style.

Matthew Cox  
School Principal

## Dates to Note

Sat	Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	LJ Marathon Fun Run
Thu	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Dress Down Day
Mon	Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Reformation Day: School closed
Tue	Nov 31 <sup>st</sup>	Remembrance Day: School closed
Fri	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	End of Block 2

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](#).