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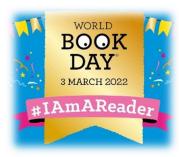
# **Primary News**

# A word from Mrs Železinger

Dear Parents and Students,

This week we celebrated **World Book Day** through various activities to promote the love of reading. Reading for pleasure is extremely important for the development of literacy skills and should therefore

be encouraged at home as well. Thank you to all of the parents that gave up their time to come and read to students their own favourite stories.



Our **Year 4 classes** enjoyed an exciting **trip to Piran** on Monday, which included a visit to the Marine Museum Piran. Students were able to gain deeper learning and understanding about the past explorers and adventurers throughout history, as part of the topic *Famous Explorers*.



The Oxford University Coding Challenge finals will be held next week on Tuesday 8th March. Seven of our students (ranging from Y6-Y8) have been invited to participate due to their achieving within the top 10% nationally at the Bebras competition we recently took part in. We wish them all good luck in the competition!



The PTA will be organising the second-hand **Uniform Sale** on Thursday next week. You can find out more information about this on the school <u>website</u>, along with other upcoming events.

As already mentioned in previous weeks, **Primary Specialist Reports** will be issued in week 5 of this block. Parents are also welcome to book their slots for the **Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews** running from 15th- 23rd March.

For the latest Update from the Principal, please see the <u>News</u> section on our website.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Katarina Železinger Head of Primary



# **Class Teacher Reports**

## **Early Years**

We started the week with Julia Donaldson's book "The Gruffalo". In the story, the mouse strolls through the woods, where he meets forest animals who want to eat him. To save himself, the mouse invents the monster named Gruffalo. All the forest animals were running away from the dangerous-looking Gruffalo, but he couldn't scare our youngest! Our brave Pre-Nursery students enjoyed drawing and combining the scary-looking features to create a paper Gruffalo.



This week's mathematical focus was the difference between light and heavy objects. In addition, the students were learning how to use a scale to weigh forest animals.

Reception and Nursery students created colourful spring trees to consolidate last week's Pust celebration and focus on natural changes. The Nursery students made prints with their fingers to create tree flowers, while the Reception student manipulated paper into balls and stuck it with PVA glue on the tree trunk template.

Ms Kukovica

### Year 1

Our week was full of World book day celebrations! We had parents come in to read books, had a book scavenger hunt and made our very own bookmarks! In English, we have been looking at *Goldilocks and the three bears*. We acted out the story and later thought of alternative endings to the story.



In Maths, we started learning about balance scales and used them to weigh different objects. We tried to apply the use of new vocabulary 'lighter than' and 'heavier than'.

This week's Topic was a Dreamtime story about a frog called *Tiddalik*. We coloured Tiddaliks using dot painting inspired by aboriginal art techniques.

Ms Miklavec

#### Year 2

Year 2 wants to thank the parents who came to our class this week to read to us. We really appreciated your visit and we loved listening to the stories. A special thanks to Charlotte from Year 13. She was looking for volunteering positions in our school and will be in Year 2 more often to help us with reading.

We also had a lot of fun this week learning about the Food Pyramid and making healthy food choices. Every time we went for lunch or had our snack we looked at our plates and talked about the food groups and our choice. Well done Year 2.



Ms te Velde

### Year 4

Y4 students kicked off their week with an educational trip to Piran where they visited a maritime museum. The students had a chance to see models of ships, old maps and discoveries from the bottom of the sea in Piran.



They also had a hands-on learning experience where they learned how to use flag codes and how to make different kinds of knots. They learned about famous captains and sailors and also about the history of Piran.

Year 4 students have had a busy week of learning and exploring, and we are more than proud of their progress! Well done, Y4!

Ms Pirnat and Ms Harris

#### Year 5

Year 5 celebrated St David's day by making their very own Welsh cakes from scratch. They very much enjoyed learning some Welsh traditions and speaking some of the Welsh Language.



The children also wrote their very own newspaper report and in Maths, the children learnt how to use the frog method to add and subtract decimals.

Mrs Thomas-Hayes

## Year 6

This week, Year 6 students participated in an exciting lesson where they presented the games they had created for their last Topic assignment.











The games were inspired by the famous myth of Jason and the Argonauts and ranged from board games to riddles that required both chance and strategy to win. All the games involved adventure, and the students enjoyed playing them so much that they will keep them in class to play on rainy days.

Mr Kokali

# **Departmental News**

## PE

Throughout our PE lessons this week, we continued to develop our understanding of invasion and movement games, across all year groups. Understanding the concept of finding space when playing basketball was a key focus for Years 1 & 2 - who progressed to playing some conditioned basketball games. Years 3 & 4 continued to work on

their Swedish Handball unit, looking at the importance of teamwork and communication on the court. Years 5 & 6 focused on the differing roles of defenders and attackers when playing Handball and the different court positions in competitive matchplay scenarios.

PE Department

## Slovene



Year 1 and 2 students at Slovene Foundation continued learning about body parts. This week, students were split into two groups where they created posters on the topic discussed. They showed their artistic skills and confidence when presenting their work

in front of the class. Odlično, učenci!

Ms Drofenik

In Y4 Slovene Advanced lessons, students have been exploring the differences between their mother tongue and the second language. The students have been discussing how these languages are written, including the use of capital letters. They have also

been exploring the concept of an official language (državni jezik) and how it differs from a regional or minority language.



By understanding the differences between the

mother tongue and second language, as well as the role of the official language, the students are developing a deeper appreciation for the complexities of language and its impact on identity and culture.

Ms Kotnik

## **Other News**

# **English Block**

This week we have another riddle for your:

A monkey, a squirrel and a bird are racing to the top of a coconut tree. Who will get the banana first: the monkey, the squirrel or the bird?

The answer to our last riddle is: Post Office

## **Dates to Note**

Wed Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Women's day (Slovenia)

Thu Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Second-hand Uniform Sale

Wed Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> BISL Spring Concert

Fri Mar 24<sup>th</sup> Block 5 End

Fri Mar 24<sup>th</sup> Dress Down Day

Mon Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> School closed for staff training

Tue Apr 4<sup>th</sup> Start of Block 6

All upcoming events and details are available on our website.

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## **School Calendars**

For Term dates and school holidays, <u>click here</u>.