



31st January 2020

Secondary News

A word from Ms Andronikos

This week the Year 9 students led the Secondary assembly, hosting a languages quiz with the entire Secondary school. It became rather competitive, with students having to select answers in teams to questions such as: What is the shortest alphabet in the world? Which country has the most official languages? It was interesting to see the students debating between their options and eventually the correct answers. Well done to the Year 9 students, the supportive languages staff and all the Secondary school for participating so well.

There are only two weeks left for Year 9 and Year 11 students to submit their subject preferences. Students in Year 11 are able to slightly refine options if they wish once IGCSE results are officially released. Please ensure that these forms come back to me so that I can begin considering subject groupings.

Also, this week Year 7 and 8 were the first cohorts to attend the annual winter ski trips. I was very pleased to hear of the great feedback from all the staff involved. Students had a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed their time skiing with each other. These times to cooperate, respect and be challenged outside of the classroom, is also critical for their persona development. A big thank you to the staff; Mr Damjan, Ms Maddison, Mr Collop and Ms Poulet, for taking our students.

There is a lot of illness going around, other than taking all the usual precautions, get plenty of rest and stay warm this weekend. Enjoy.



Yr 9 Students hosting this week's assembly.

Stephanie Andronikos, Head of Secondary

Seasonal Flu

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform all parents that seasonal flu is now present in Slovenia. The National Institute of Public Health is recording approximately 40% absence in Schools across the country. As from the available information the flu lasts up to a week.

Guidelines:

1. Wash your hands regularly and keep your hands away from your face.
2. If you see symptoms of flu (fever* or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, pain in muscles...) stay home from school and other public places until you are feeling better and your fever has been gone for at least 24 hours.
3. Ask people living with you to talk to their doctors about preventing the flu.

BISL School Uniform

BISL school uniform plays an important part in the school's daily life and wider community, as it encourages a sense of unity and common purpose; a particularly important consideration as we endeavour to welcome students from a wide variety of countries and provide them with a true sense of belonging.

We are very proud of the students and the way they wear their uniform, as that is often commented on by the visitors who are impressed with the high-quality presentation of our students. Our uniform is and always will be a very important aspect of our School and our values. We are delighted to present the link to the updated stock on our [uniform shop](#).

PE News - Winter Ski Trip Days

A reminder of the **Winter ski trip days** over the next 2 Fridays at the Ski Resort of **GROSSECK-SPEIERECK** (Mauterndorf & St. Michael).

WINTER SPORTS DAYS:

Friday 07.02.2020 (Year 9, Year 10)

Friday 14.02.2020 (Year 11, Year 12, Year 13)

Mr Anže Damjan, Head of PE

The first of the Winter Ski Days with year 7 and year 8 students is taking place today and we have just received these photos via the wonders of technology.



Sciences -My Machine Project

Last year BiSL secondary school students produced fantastic research, work and presentations on Environmental Science. This work was cross curricular and applied throughout year groups. It resulted in some brilliant display work, presentations and investigations. BiSL students led Science week and invited parents into classes to see share investigative findings and research on climate change. Year 9 students presented their work and delivered lessons to primary school students. These events raised awareness on climate change issues and responsible action to our younger students. Students then decided to have a 'Green Day' and were also invited to the Mayor's office to discuss green policy in Ljubljana. It is therefore very pleasing that the environmental awareness has stayed with our primary students who have made this the predominant theme of their ideas put forward for the 'My Machine' project. Nearly all entries had themes around the environment. The selected concepts were:

The selected ideas for 'My Machine' were

Carlota Y4 B - The Ocean Cleaner

Ela Y3 -The Bin that Eats the Rubbish

Artem Y4B- A Circle that Shows Endangered Species (Extinction clock)

In preparation for the 'My Machine Project, Year 7, Year 9 and later Year 8 are using their Biology curriculum units to expand into a deeper understanding of pollution and extinction. This will form the background research for the project. Students are studying how bad the problem of pollution and extinction is Also how these two issues affect the Earth's environment, ecosystems and food chains.

Science club and the My Machine Project will shortly be producing articles for the newsletter and beginning stage 2 of the project which is Proof of Concept.

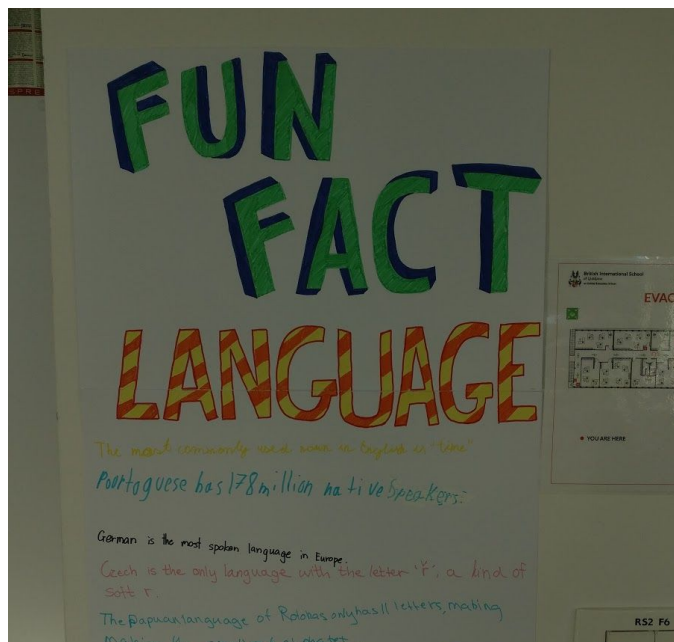
Students wishing to get involved with the My Machine Programme should go to main lab on Thursdays at 14:45.



Doing an experiment in Yr 8A Physics this week

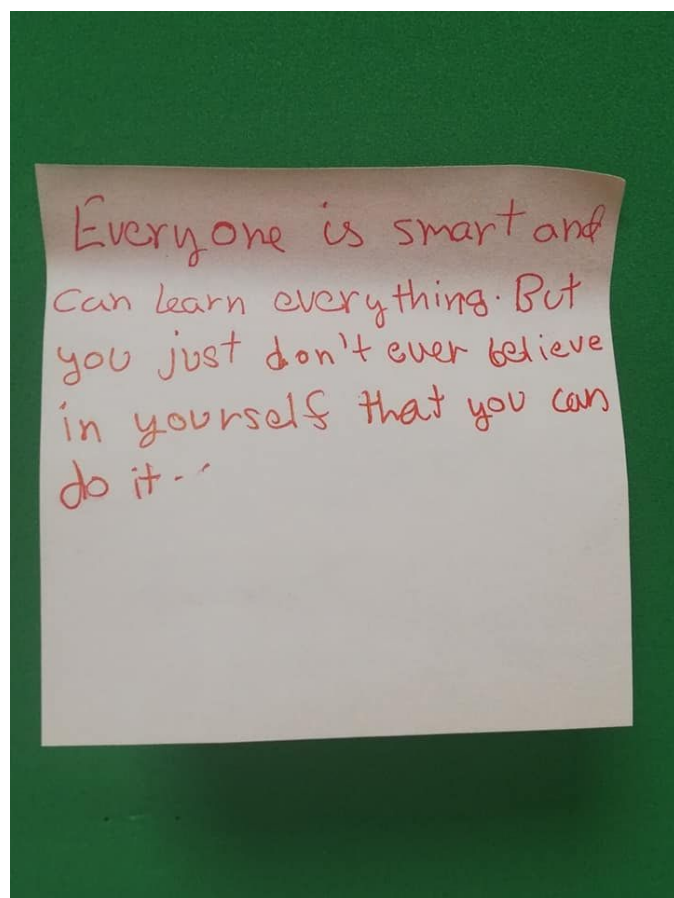
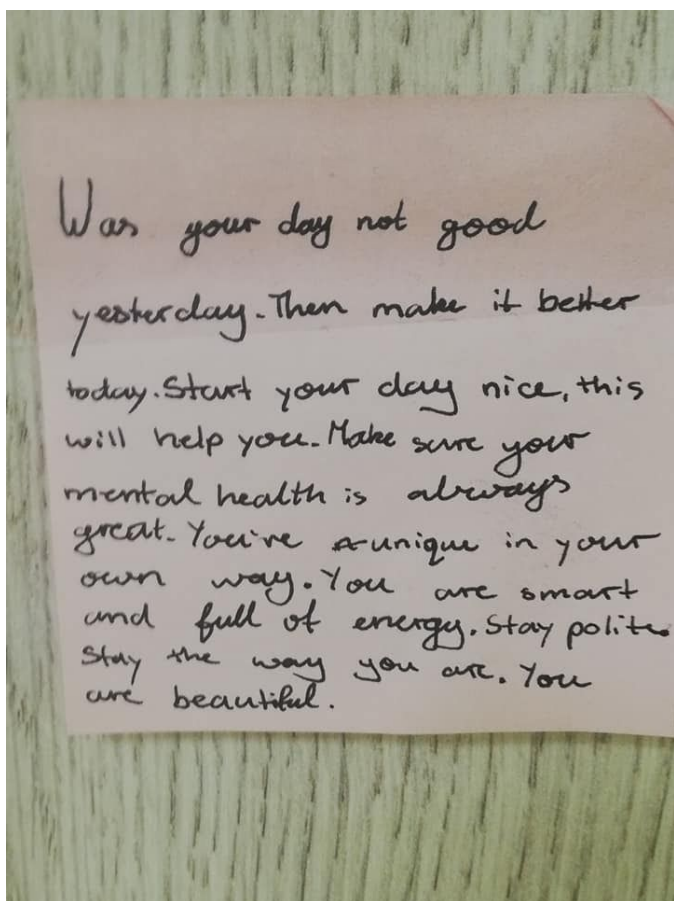
MFL -Language Block

As part of this blocks theme of Languages, Yr 8A have been inspired to find some more fun facts and trivia about languages.



Year 7 Form Project on Mental Well Being

Year 7 have been discussing Mental Well being in form time and have been looking at different ways of promoting awareness and improving it in general. With this in mind, you may have noticed some encouraging and positive messages posted in various locations around the school to help others and promote well being for the day. Thanks year 7.



Dates to Note

February

Friday 7th Feb	Yr 9, Yr 10 Winter Ski Day
Mon 10th February	BSO Visit
Friday 14th February	Yr 11, Yr 12, Yr 13 Winter Ski Day
Friday 14th February	Last day of Block 4
Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st	School holidays - School Closed
Weds 11th March	BISL Open Day

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