

13 September 2019

# Primary News

## A word from Mrs Železinger

This week is all about *challenge*. As one of the values of BISL, students have talked about what it means to challenge oneself and why this is important for self-development. I remember that I was not very good at Maths in my primary years; it was hard for me to understand concepts that for some were very 'logical'. Later, when in secondary, I understood that the case was not about not being 'good' at Maths, but that my way of thinking was different and I had to challenge myself to develop ways of solving mathematical problems, using my way of thinking, to get me to the same destination (answer). This block, with the theme being Maths, students continue to challenge themselves and will be able to show their skills in the upcoming events (see sections below).

I am sure that each of us has an area they have to continue to work on, to set new challenges and look for solutions. Whether you want to solve a personal challenge at school or provide a solution to a wider global issue, you need to take action and think 'outside the box'. You need to be an inventor and explorer, prepared to make mistakes and persevere in the challenge set. It is with this in mind that all BISL students (from Reception to the Sixth Form) have joined the My Machine Project this year. The project will encourage students to develop new ideas and bring ideas to life through collaboration and perseverance. You can follow the project in the sections below.

'Our ability to handle life's challenges is a measure of our strength of character.' Les Brown

*Mrs Železinger, Head of Primary*

## Class Teacher Reports

### Y4

Have you ever heard of an ancient City called Merv? Did you know you can make a train out of camels? And that silk comes from a worm?

Year 4 do!

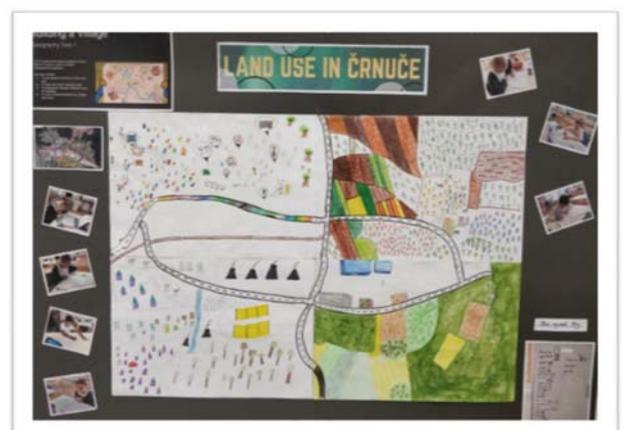
This week they have continued learning about trade and researched the Silk road.

*Mr Blease*

### Y5

Year 5 have had another busy week! My class enjoyed comparing the system of government in Ancient Athens and Sparta, while in maths children have been adding and subtracting using 6 digit numbers. I was very invested in our English class this week which involved some acting and inferring different characters personality from the text.

*Mr Walker*



## Y6

This week Year 6B students completed their first Geography task for their Topic. The students were collecting and recording evidence of how land in Črnuče area is used in order to answer Geographical questions.

The students worked in pairs to:

- Use agreed symbols to mark land use
- Draw the map in the agreed scale
- Distinguish between different types of buildings.
- Mark notable features e.g. bridge over river

This week the students also finished their end of the unit write-up. They used their 'Rocket Writing' to write an explanation text on How to make a book a bestseller, focusing in particular on how authors can engage readers through websites. Everyone did such a great job!

Week 3 - Mission Successful :)



Mr Kokalj

## French

Year 6 has brought to a close their "I introduce myself" topic by sharing the presentations they had prepared to their classmates who had to take notes. We've had the chance to learn how interesting all our students are! Good job!

Mrs Poulet

## Slovene

In Slovene lessons (beginners group) we started the year with how to introduce yourself and others and learnt a song called *Dobro jutro, dober dan* by Neca Falk.

The students love to sing into microphones made out of paper and are getting better and better with their pronunciation.

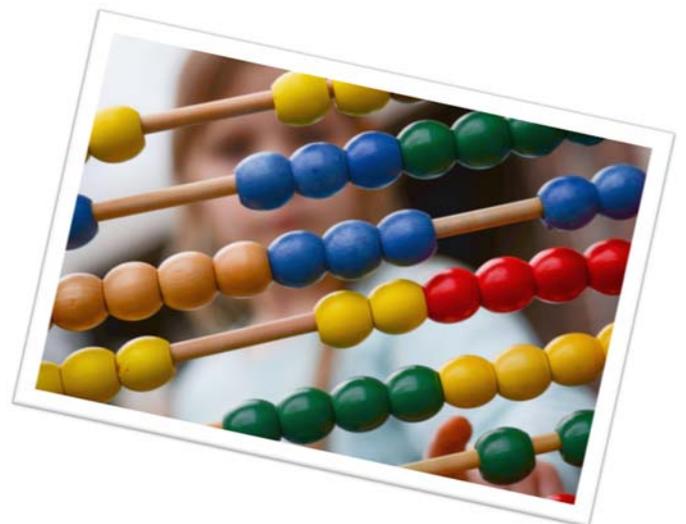
Well done, Y1!

Miss Kotnik

## Departmental News

### Math

Next Friday, September 20, BISL early years and primary school will be participating in the Mega Maths Morning. Students of all ages will be participating in a wide variety of Maths activities, including maths trails, cooking, art classes and competitions to celebrate the wonderful world of mathematics. Events will start in the morning and the programme will run until lunchtime on the day. Stay tuned for a recap of the big event.



Mr Bishop and Mrs Charlesworth

## Other News

### MyMachine project

This year BISL Primary and Secondary students will have a chance to be involved in the three steps of MyMachine project whose initiative fosters creativity in education by enabling the realization of children's ideas. The prototypes of children's inventions are created in an award-winning collaborative process of all levels of education. MyMachine offers a solution for all those students who have a myriad of ideas that are usually not realized. Student's will be able to participate in the project through Science clubs in Primary and Secondary as well as some project-based curriculum time throughout the year. This project is coordinated by the Secondary Science Department, and liaison with Primary Science liaison.



#### STEP 1. IDEA:

Children from Primary invent and present (via drawings, models, manuals, ...) their own 'Dream Machine'. Anything goes: from a machine that helps you to put peanut butter on a sandwich to a machine that cleans your room. The main criterion is that it's relevant for the child who really, really wants it.

#### STEP 2. CONCEPT:

Secondary students (with the help of higher education or university students: for example engineers, architect students, art students) propose one or more solutions to design those machines. The best solutions – according to the children – then are selected and further developed.

#### STEP 3. WORKING PROTOTYPE:

Finally, the technical drawings/designs and working concepts are handed over to Technical Secondary School. They build real prototypes of those machines, assisted by the children who invented them and the Secondary students who designed them.

Throughout this whole process the children, pupils and students can use the expertise and support of a wide range of local corporations and organizations who share a common view on creativity and innovation.

Do not hesitate to take a look at their website <http://mymachine-global.org/>

*small dreams, big ideas*

*Nerma Baltic Papez, Michael Cox,  
Emina Begic, Nino Kokalj and MyMachine*

#### School Calendar 2019-20

To see our school calendar with major dates click on the link below:

<https://britishschool.si/school-life/term-dates-1>

#### School Events Calendar 2019-20

To see a version with all major events on, click on the GREEN button 'Events Calendar 2019-20'.

*Mr Walton*

## Dates to Note

## School Contact Details

### September

Reception Hours: M-Th 07:15-19:00 (Fr 17:00)

General Telephone: +386 40486548

Fri Sept 20

Mega Maths Morning

Admissions: +386 40618356

Thu Sept 26

EY student-led presentation  
for parents

General Enquiries: [enquiries@britishschool.si](mailto:enquiries@britishschool.si)

Accounts: [accounts@britishschool.si](mailto:accounts@britishschool.si)

Fri Sept 27

Last day of block 1  
Dress down (House Colours)

Paul Walton (Principal):

[paul.walton@britishschool.si](mailto:paul.walton@britishschool.si)

### October

Mon Oct 7

Block 2 begins

Sat Oct 26th

Ljubljana Marathon