



27 September 2019

Primary News

A word from Mrs Železinger

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the first block. So much has already happened this block and the last day was no exception.

The Primary Assembly celebrated activities and events organised in the past few weeks, as part of the Maths Theme running throughout this block. Thank you to Mr Bishop, Mrs Charlesworth and all teachers involved in organising exciting and challenging tasks for students across the school.



Today I visited the Y4 Market run by students as part of their topic on Trade and tried a delicious sweet beverage called Papelón (in the photo), consisting of sugar cane, lemon and water (as explained to me by the student).

I recommend it highly!

The last day was also marked by the colourful outfits, as all students and staff dressed in the colour of their House teams. Students wore these proudly and special congratulations go to **Emerald House** for being the Block 1 House Points Winners.

I wish everyone a restful break and look forward to seeing you back for Block 2.



'Rest and be thankful.' — by William Wordsworth

Mrs Železinger, Head of Primary

Class Teacher Reports

EY

Student-led presentation in Early Years

The students in Early Years had their first student-led presentation this week. They were so excited to show their mums and dads the songs, rhymes and dances they have been learning, as well as sounds they have been learning in Phonics. For some of the students, it was their first time performing in front of an audience (and a big one, at that!). What a fantastic job they did. Well done, Early Years!



Mrs O'Hara, Reception Teacher

Y1

This week, in line with trending news, Year 1 have been exploring the worldwide plastic pollution crisis. We have taken a look at the macro-problem and how everyday micro-solutions can help create a safer world for all Earth's inhabitants. Investigating the waste from our everyday snack boxes, we have created 4 separate classroom bins to reduce, reuse and recycle our everyday waste!

Mr Hughes

Y3

Year 3 did an excellent job this block, creating their own islands as part of Topic lessons. The project involved understanding topographical and human features of an island, fabulous artistic skills, and tons of teamwork. Look at these masterpieces! Warning, some volcanoes are active!



Mrs Blundell

Y4

Year 4 finished their Trade topic this week by inviting parents and secondary students to a market in the year 4 classroom. A veritable cornucopia of goods and services was on display. A fitness coach was available to help out those who needed to learn a few more exercises. Jokes and magic were on sale to cheer up weary customers, laden with homemade soap, face masks and jewellery. Not every business succeeded but success is born through failure and everyone learned some valuable lessons.

Mr Blease

Y5

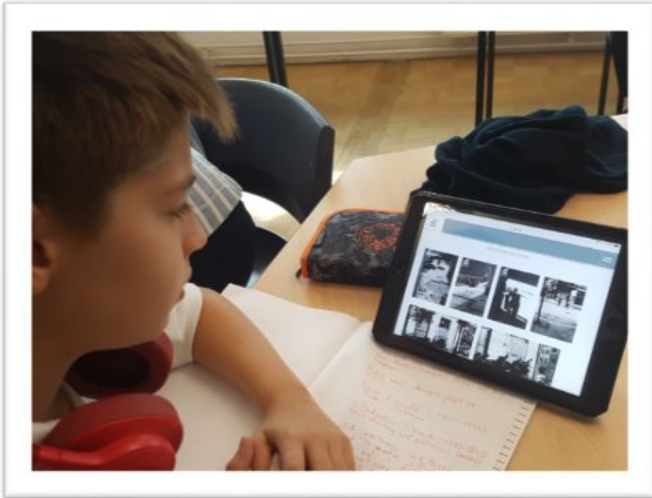
What a fantastic end to an amazing block in Year 5! I'm really proud of the progress that has been made. This week to finish the block, children have written a new ending to our Story (Prometheus and Pandora), bought items out of a catalogue and added the change they would receive and created a comic book strip of the Persian War. Have a great holiday year 5.

Mr Walker

Y6

HOW HAS MY HOME TOWN BEEN SETTLED OVER TIME?

In our class we were researching about the history of our home towns. Since it's not that easy to find really good information on the internet I emailed my city council.



At first I thought that they wouldn't reply because they have other things to be doing, but they surprised me. They actually replied and sent me really good links and old pictures from WW1, which definitely made my writing easier.

Aleksander Malysz, Year 6A

Departmental News

Music

"Guess that tune" continues this week with a new tune on Friday. Mrs Reindl still has a whole collection of chocolates to give to winning guessers, so be sure to try out your music reading skills! The tune this month was "Ode to Joy," a theme from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony that also serves as the European anthem. What will the next tune be?

Mrs Reindl

Maths

24 MATHS COMPETITION

Students in Years 4-7 competed in the 24 maths challenge, where they had to use all 4 given numbers on a card and a range of operations (addition/subtraction/multiplication/division) in order to arrive at the specific answer of 24. The

cards were ranked in 3 levels of difficulty, and points were awarded accordingly. This is a wonderful game to get students to quickly perform mental calculations and the challenge was a great success. A big thanks goes out to Year 8 and 10 students who came to judge in the competitions. You can test your skills on the sample card below.



MATHS TRAIL

The maths trail was designed to show students how Mathematics can be used to study the world (or in this case the school) around them. All students from preschool to primary were involved, working in their Houses, with a variety of questions given to each of the different year groups. Amongst many other activities, Preschoolers searched the playground for various shapes then reconstructed them in the sand pit and then joined in some cooking fun when they got a hands-on pancake cooking experience, as did Years 1 & 2. Older students were challenged to estimate the number of cobblestones in the playground and bars on the school fence and calculate the height of the fire escape, amongst other tasks. Mr Bishop is calculating the house points given to each group and we eagerly look forward to Friday's assembly to find out the Winner.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Everyone knows the value of knowing their times tables, this competition aims to speed up everyone's recall of the answers through friendly fire. Friday

morning, saw many Battle of the Bands played; Charlesworth Carolers vs Mr Kokalj's Brave Knights, 5B vs 5A, 3B vs 3A, and Mr Bishop's Blitzers vs the Rock. Congratulations to all who participated and especially those who beat their previous scores.

TESSELLATIONS - Art in Mathematics

After all the exciting Maths activities, it was nice for the primary students to have a relaxing time creating their own tessellation patterns. The aim of the tessellation activities was to find tessellations in our school, name different shapes that tessellate and create their own masterpieces, just as M.C Escher did.



PIE VERSUS PI

A huge thank you to all of those parents who provided us with pies to celebrate our Mega Maths Morning. Year 6 calculated the circumference divided by the diameter of our pie, but unfortunately, our measurements were not as accurate as they should have been (no Pi) because we were too eager to eat our Pie!

Congratulations to Aleksander Malysz for guessing the closest answer for the area of the school building!

Overall, it was wonderful seeing all students fully engaged and enjoying themselves in the morning's activities, and we were very happy to not hear a single 'this is boring' comment throughout the day :-)



*Mr Chris Bishop (Maths co-ordinator)
Mrs Tanya Charlesworth*

Other News

Recruitment Update

Ms Milward has joined the Primary School this week.

Mr Davies has joined the Secondary School this week (To teach Computer Science).

Ms Kaye joins the Secondary School on Monday (To teach Humanities).

We wish them all a warm welcome into the BISL community.

Mr Rogers and **Ms Alexsieva** will be leaving the British International School of Ljubljana on Friday 27th September. We would like to thank them for their contribution to the secondary school and wish them both the very best for the future.

Mr Paul Walton, Principle

Middle School Area

Dear BISL community,

As you might be aware, last year the Y5 and Y6 began a project in which they were trying to raise money to sponsor their renovation of the Middle school area. They worked diligently in the last block running a bake sale.

Although the sale was a success, the end of the year crept up on us and before we knew it, the holidays started and the project was put on hold.

Last year our budget wasn't entirely met and so the current Y5 and Y6 students (and their teachers) have decided to continue this project.

The idea stays the same. We would like to raise enough funds to purchase the equipment which had so carefully been selected for our Middle school area. Of course all the students (the new and former) would be included in this process.

Stay tuned for the upcoming announcements regarding this at another point during the year.

Best wishes,

Mr Nino Kokalj

Dates to Note

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'.

September

Fri Sept 27th

Last day of block 1
Dress down (House colours)

October

Mon Oct 7th

Block 2 begins

Sat Oct 26th

Ljubljana Marathon

Thu Oct 31st

Public Holiday

November

Fri Nov 1st

Public Holiday

Fri Nov 8th

Last day of Block 2

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