



29 August 2018

Primary News

A word from Mrs Železinger

A big welcome to all returning and new students and families that have joined us in the school year 2019-2020. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Welcome Back BBQ last Friday, meeting new staff and enjoying good food.

It has been a busy and exciting first week of school: decorating classrooms for the new topics, getting to know one another through various activities, exploring the woodland area and playing outdoors. Students have also learned about the daily routines and rules to keep them safe.

questions and guidance on attendance, uniform and other school matters. Parents can contact the class teacher via email, should they have any questions or concerns relating to their child.

House System

The House system will be applied to the whole school this year. The aim is to encourage children to collaborate in teams, celebrate their own success and the success of others. Students are placed into one of the four houses: Zircon, Emerald, Sapphire and Hessonite, represented by four dragons, each with their special attributes. House points are collected weekly and at the end of each block.

Primary Assemblies and PSHE

Primary assembly will take place each Friday and focus on the theme of the week. Teachers will select a student from their class to receive a Star of the Week for their achievements or positive attitude to learning; for exhibiting exemplary behaviour or service to the school community. Our PSHE theme of the first week is one of the school's values: RESPECT. We talked about different ways that we can show respect: to one another, towards our environment and our wider community.



Information about the School

Curriculum and Meet the Teacher evening provided an opportunity for teachers to pass on important information on timetables, curriculum and year group specifics. Please refer to the **Primary Student Handbook** (also on our website) for further

I wish you all a good weekend,

Mrs Železinger

Class Teacher Reports

Y1

What a fantastic start to the year for year 1! The children have participated in fun 'ice-breaker' activities to get to know each other and have also started to work with year 2, with a focus on improving their phonics and reading. It has been great to see children harmoniously bond across the key stage.

Mr Hughes

Y2

It has been a great first week back after the summer holidays for Year 2. The children have thoroughly enjoyed starting our new topic and have been able to think about what they would like to learn during our topic lessons. It has been lovely getting to know the children and I look forward to the coming weeks.

Mrs Harris

Y4

Year 4 have had a great start to the year. It was lovely seeing the smiling faces on Monday morning. We welcomed a couple of new students into our midst also and new friendships have quickly formed. Our first topic is entrepreneurship, and students have already been honing their marketing skills in preparation for the big market event at the end of our unit.

Mr Bishop



Y5

It has been an exciting week in year 5 with new classmates and a new room to enjoy. Children have been learning the routines of the day and have started to dive into some work on place value and writing skills. In Topic we have looked at Ancient Greece and the children have created booklets on their favourite god or goddess. I am very much looking forward to the academic year.

Mr Walker

Y6

This week the Year 6 spent their time:

- finding out about our new school premises.
- settling into our new middle school learning areas.
- getting to know each other and new members of staff.
- installing important apps on our tablets and setting up learning platforms.
- learning the Middle School class and school routines.
- carrying out peer and self-assessment of our writing.
- researching and discussing the new values of our school



Miss Charlesworth and I have been assessing maths, reading and writing and establishing our new Guided Reading groups.

Mr Kokalj

MFL

The new school year has started and we are all very excited to work with your children. We already started with review lessons and many pupils have proven themselves as excellent guardians of French and Slovene words. *Merci* and *hvala* for your continuous support.

MFL Team

Departmental News

Math

This block we will be celebrating Mathematics. Stay tuned for news of some exciting upcoming events to celebrate this subject throughout the school.

Dates to Note

September

Mon Sept 2

PE presentation

Fri Sept 27

Last day of block 1

October

Mon Oct 7

Block 2 begins

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