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Secondary News

A word from Ms Andronikos

It was a great week here at BISL. Our doors were open to the wonderful families of our community who strongly support the education of their children. Late nights spent at school resulted in many cups of tea and coffee drunk, all for the purpose of discussing the learning and engagement of our students. It was great to see so many families this week and the many students who also attended with their parents to discuss their progress. A big thank you to all who attended and the teachers who spent several long but productive days here at school. Working together for the education of children is one of the best contributing factors to improve outcomes for students.

Additionally, this week in assembly, Ms Ross gave us a timely reminder not to overindulge this Christmas, to think of others and the environment also. Taja (Yr 11) and Adrian (Yr 12), presented their Global Perspectives work on the 'Effects of Technology', indicating that it can have a negative impact on our health, economy and sleep, however, it can also have a positive effect on self-expression, self-identity and emotional support. In summary, moderation is the key and when technology is used, make it meaningful. Perhaps calling loved ones afar this season could be seen as an appropriate example..

Also, this week, BISL hosted the Floorball competition at Ludus, which resulted in a fantastic outcome for our students as Mr Damjan mentions in his summary. Congratulations to the students who competed, and for this great achievement.

Looking forward, the students are busily preparing for the Winter Shows next week held in the Assembly Hall. Attendance is compulsory for all students in their own capacity. Students all have an

afternoon allocated from Monday to Wednesday, and each afternoon is from 16:00 until 17:00. I look forward to seeing many families there to get into the festive spirit.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to a productive final week before the Christmas break.

Stephanie Andronikos, Head of Secondary

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Dear Parents,

We will have our Christmas performances in week 5.

Monday: Early years, Year 4, Year 6 and 6th form

Tuesday: Year 1, Year 2, Year 7 and Year 8

Wednesday: Year 3, Year 5, Year 9 and Year 10

The performances will take place in Assembly hall from 16:00 to 17:00 and we look forward to seeing you there to enjoy them with us..

Petra Škofic Damjan

Dance teacher

After school programme and BIMS coordinator

Weekly awards

This week the MFL department awarded Ana yr 9 and Jaume yr 7 certificates for their outstanding work in their lessons, while Lotta and Ema of yr 7 were given certificates for their great work in the Sciences. We were also treated to an excellent presentation on Social Media usage by Taja and Adrian of yr 11. Congratulations to all on their great work,



Year 7 Form

Year 7 are actively preparing for Christmas. After joining the 3 Winter Godfathers project, the students have been completing their Advent calendar challenges. Each day, in their houses, the students have to use logical and organizational skills to solve the challenges in order to get closer to the present. They also brought some Christmas spirit in decorating the windows.

Mrs Poulet, Yr 7 Form Tutor



MUSIC

In the Attic

BISL's own highly talented music group are playing a concert next Wednesday 18th December at Kud Channel Zero at Metelkova to celebrate the release of their "New Fears" EP. Doors open at 21:00 for a 21:30 start. All are welcome to attend. We are all very proud of their success so far and [here is a link to their latest video clip.](#)

PE NEWS:

Yesterday, for the very first time, our school hosted a floorball tournament, with the help of Olimpija Floorball Club, creating a lovely atmosphere for all the participating teams from schools around Ljubljana to enjoy at Ludus Sports Centre. Geared up with excitement, wearing their brand new BISL team kit, our team was certainly ready to take on this new challenge in a familiar setting.

After some truly nail-biting games, we are very proud to announce that our team made it through the group stage with a fantastic 3 wins and 1 defeat, going down in BISL history as being the first team of BISL students to be promoted into the playoffs!

RESULTS:

BRITISH SCHOOL OF LJUBLJANA 1:4 OŠ OSKAR KOVAČIČ

BRITISH SCHOOL OF LJUBLJANA 4:3 OŠ NOVE JARŠE

BRITISH SCHOOL OF LJUBLJANA 6:3 OŠ NOVE FUŽINE

BRITISH SCHOOL OF LJUBLJANA 2:0 OŠ KARLA DESTOVNIKA

STANDINGS (GROUP D):

Lestvica	T	Z	N	P		R	Točke
OŠ OSKAR KOVAČIČ	4	3	0	1	11:4	7	6
BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LJ.	4	3	0	1	13:10	3	6
OŠ KARLA DESTOVNIKA-KAJUHA	4	3	0	1	7:5	2	6
OŠ NOVE JARŠE	4	0	1	3	7:13	-6	1
OŠ NOVE FUŽINE	4	0	1	3	6:12	-6	1



If you wish to see more pictures and videos from the game please follow Bislsport on Instagram.

Max's Moment

A Student's Perspective

Hello Everybody! After Ms. Ross's excellent presentation about the negative impacts of Christmas on the environment and how it can detriment our planet and its many ecosystems, I just knew I had to consolidate her knowledge with further research. Christmas is fundamentally a time where people all over the world will ultimately indulge in an over-abundance of food, beverages, and miscellaneous gifts in the concentration of a few days, vindicating their actions through it being a sacred 'holiday'. This divergence of the true meaning of Christmas and what it means to be thankful of what you have is habitually neglected, and often greed takes over.

Our over excessive eating habits during Christmas cause the same carbon footprint as a single car travelling 6,000 times around the globe, according to a University of Manchester study. In Britain, we

consume 80% more food over the Christmas season than during the rest of the year, spending on average over £174 per household on food for just one day. Our Christmas traditions include 10 million turkeys, 370 million mince pies and 205 million glasses of champagne consumed by UK households. the average Brit spends over £40 in wasted food. Collectively, we bin 230,000 tonnes of unneeded Christmas treats. The equivalent to 74 million mince pies or 2 million turkeys. By March 41% of toys will have broken or our children will be bored of them, most of which will go straight to the tip. As a student, I know that during this time of year, students almost also concern themselves with what they desire, and things they hope for Christmas, without ever questioning the implications that arise. If everyone did their part in consuming less during Christmas, the world would be a more merry place.

Max, Yr 10

Music

Congratulations to the BISL Musical Theatre Club for an outstanding performance of "A Christmas Carol" on Wednesday. The students' hard work paid off and the spirit of Christmas was truly communicated by their acting, dancing and singing.

MEPI News

After the fun-filled challenges of the previous week, the MEPI participants got down to the serious business of cooking 'outdoors style'. There is nothing more welcome than a wholesome, hot meal after a hard day's hiking. Although, if you don't know what food to bring, or how to assemble and operate your stove, you are going to be disappointed. Our students have been experiencing the right (and the safe) way to prepare a meal whilst on expedition



Dates to Note

December

Mon 16th December	Christmas show
Tues 17th December	Christmas show
Weds 18th December	Christmas show
Fri 20th December	Last day of term

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