1 March 2019

# Secondary News

**A word from Mrs Eckman**

This week we have experienced some gorgeous weather. The warmth of the sunbeams made us reminiscent of the time of the year, when the outside breaks are full of students enjoying themselves in playing different activities – the ever so popular 'four squares' has been developed into a 'two squares' activity, basketball seems to be solidly seated as the second most in demand activity. By adding the benches, it is also nice for the students to be able to sit and chat together as they catch some fresh air.

Our Year 11 students were able to get a taste of what their weeks will look like in May as they sat the mock exams throughout this whole week. The strict guidelines of external examination were also a good practice for our A-level students, who joined us this school year. The students reported that they feel tired but happy to have this experience. The students will receive comprehensive feedback in the upcoming week and as announced already, parent-teacher meetings will follow in Week 4 and 5.

Assemblies this week were dedicated to the successes of our 'World Scholars', who received official certificates on Monday, and the dangers of mobile phone addiction. On Thursday, Mr Austin provided a comprehensive presentation on raising awareness of 'smart and safer use' of the digital devices.

The students and teachers were also very happy to welcome back Ms Dečman Zgonik (Mathematics), returning from the maternity leave.

Please don't forget to check **'Dates To Note'** section as many events will be taking place this block. Particularly next week coming up is 'The Movie Night', organised by our Year 12 and 13 students. We hope many Primary and Secondary students and parents will be able to attend the event and support the cause of raising funds for the graduation.

Wishing you all a great weekend and particularly Year 11-13 students, make sure you get plenty of rest after the intense week behind you.

*Anda Eckman, Head of Secondary*

## PTA News

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Pust is here to scare away the 'horrible' winter this coming week!

During Book Week there will be Pust fancy dress on Tuesday on the theme of characters from books and the opportunity for primary parents to read in their own language. There's a fantastic book fair on Thursday too!

Then it's British Science week! Your children can get their models on the theme of journeys in at the end of next week.

There will be the chance to see Science in Action in a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, culminating in a showcase scheduled for the morning of Friday 15th March.

So please save the dates!

**PTA Future Events**
Tue 5th March 8.00, Yoga for Parents with Helen, Thrive Gym
Tue 5th February 2.45, Parents Fit Club with Hannah, Ludus Sports Centre Café
Thu 7th February 8.00, English Booster with Sofia, Meet at Reception
Thu 7th February 2.45, EAL with Ms Nerma Meet at Reception

## Departmental News

### Year 7 news

After taking examinations earlier in the year, Eugene Makino was accepted into an School in Japan and as such, his last day with BISL was Thursday this week. Sadly, we farewell but also congratulate Eugene, wishing him much success in his future endeavours.

*Miss Andronikos and Year 7*

### Mock exams week

Today the year 11, 12 and 13 year group will complete a grueling five days of mock examinations. These examinations will reveal to them their strengths and the areas they need to improve on by the time they take their final external examination in May. They will receive their results from next week onwards so let's keep our fingers crossed that they receive the grades they are hoping for.

*Mr Batson, Exams Officer*

### Sixth form news

### Movie Night

Don't forget next week is

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Coming up on Wednesday, March 6

Movies have been chosen:

Primary: Boss Baby, Paddington

Secondary: Back to the Future, Thor Ragnarok

Parents: Roma

### French

To celebrate French language week (18th to 22nd of March) a baking competition, Le Macaron d'Or, will take place in our school. All students are eligible to participate. However, you will need to sign up before Wednesday 20th of March and bring a dessert of your making on Friday 22nd of March. A jury will select 3 students who will compete at a national level. The French Institute will announce the winners' names and award them a very nice French pastry book. So get baking!

Additionally, to enhance the students learning of French and Slovene languages, Y9a and Y9b classes will visit the National Gallery in Ljubljana on Friday 8th of March. They will discover and analyse architecture, Slovene and French paintings.

*Ms Poulet, French Teacher, MFL Department*

### Slovene

### Pust

This weekend you have a great opportunity to find out what the traditional Slovenian event known as *Pust* is all about. If you like wearing costumes and masks, you can dress up and join one of the numerous carnival parades that will take place this weekend. It's a perfect time to visit Ptuj if you haven't done that yet. Kurentovanje is one of the oldest and most popular celebrations held in Ptuj famous for its loud and scary Kurenti.

You can also go south to Cerknica where Butalci (who take control of the town over the carnival

period) and Uršula the witch are the main attractions.

The western part of Slovenia is famous for the Drežnica carnival (where unmarried men wear wooden masks that cannot be seen anywhere else in Slovenia). The list of events is much longer and you can check for more information on the internet. If you decide not to visit any event, trying some of the delicious sweets such as krofi, flancati or miške is still a must.

*Mrs Meglič, MFL Department*

## Other News

### World Book Day

World Book Day is only one week away, and that means our Usborne Book Fair will be taking place! Be sure to join us on March 7th and look for a new book or two for your collection. Usborne books are beautiful and high quality, so they also make excellent gifts. Here are some tips for parents:

1. Parking and visiting times: Parents are warmly invited to visit the fair in the morning after drop-off or in the afternoon from 2 pm onward. Please park in the public car park so that the usual flow of traffic next to our building is not disrupted.
2. Book purchases: CASH ONLY. We recommend that younger students make a "wish list" when they visit the fair with their classes, and that parents come in the afternoon to make purchases based on the child's list. Students from Year 5 and up may bring cash to make their own purchases. Please put this money in a sealed, clearly labeled envelope as follows: "Jana Novak, Book Fair" so the teachers can help the children manage their money during the day.

*Mrs. Reindl, Library Coordinator*

## Dates to Note

### March

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| Tues March 5 | Pust |
| Weds March 6 | Movie Night |
| Thurs March 7 | Usborne Book Fair |
| Fri March 8 | Year 9 trip to the National Gallery (Ljubljana) |
| Tues March 12 | KS 4 and 6th form visit to University Fair (Trieste, Italy) |
| Weds March 13 | Open Day |
| Fri March 15 | Secondary reports issued to parents |
| Mon, Tues 18/19 March | Years 11-13 Parent-Teacher Meetings |
| Thurs March 21 | KS 3 trip to Planica<br>KS 4 trip to Krško |
| Mon March 25 | Teacher-Student Football Match |
| Tues - Thurs March 26-28 | Years 7-10 Parent-Teacher Meetings |
| Mon April 1-5 | Spring break |
| Mon April 8 | Inset Day (staff only) |
| Tues April 9 | School starts |

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