



BRINGING OUR WALLS TO LIFE!

This year, our teaching and student community have been working together to bring to life our classroom walls. Led by our Learning Environment Coordinator, Stephanie Jackson, our walls are now being used as visually stimulating and lively resources which are helping to develop and engage our students' learning.

In language classes, the walls are being used to highlight cultural aspects of our taught languages, to promote key vocabulary and to remind students of useful prompts in the target language.



In homeroom classrooms, the journey of inquiry is displayed and continuously added and referred to by both the teachers and students. This helps to consolidate and build on the enduring understandings of the Unit.

Our classroom walls aren't the only part of the school receiving a splash of colour. Above, you can see Ms Stephanie working on our new library mural which will be filled with favourite characters chosen by our students!



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: MYP



This week, in the MYP, students in several subject groups are already starting to decorate classrooms with what they have been learning in their unit one.

In this Language Acquisition class, students are busy brainstorming ideas for their display based on the current unit of study: where French speakers live. They are creating a sign-post with distances to different Francophone (French-speaking) countries and a word cloud with country names in French.

The students were very enthusiastic about inventing a character who would visit the different countries (and of course speak French along the way). Bon voyage!

Mr Tim, MYP Coordinator

PYP ESSENTIAL AGREEMENTS

At BIS, our PYP classrooms thrive on being student-led environments. Whilst we often refer to this in terms of the direction of learning, it's also true of the basic interactions in the classroom.

Over the first few weeks, students have been getting to know each other, understanding each others' strengths and areas to develop, and really learning how they communicate and collaborate with each other. With this in mind, our PYP classes have been developing their 'Essential Agreements' which are, in essence, a set of guidelines that the students have collaborated on and agreed to so that they can secure a healthy and well-balanced environment.



Consisting of good attitudes, shared values and rationale behind why they were chosen, each class is now proudly displaying their unique 'Essential Agreements' for the year. Whilst these are year-long agreements, they are also working documents and may be adapted as opportunities arise. We look forward to seeing how they help our students continue to grow as caring, open-minded and respectful learners.

Ms Krisha, Director of Studies, PYP Coordinator

SETTING AN INCLUSIVE SCENE

BIS prides itself on being an inclusive environment celebrating the diversity of both our direct community and communities beyond our immediate experiences. Many of our classrooms work hard to create an enabling environment which recognises and celebrates the importance of this. With this in mind, our students and teachers in P4 decided to create a family wall where their family photos are displayed. Visitors to the classroom are met with this wonderful wall as they enter and it truly sets the tone for a learning environment that celebrates their class community's uniqueness.



Ms Krisha, Director of Studies, PYP Coordinator

ANNIVERSARY SHOW



Student preparations for this year's Anniversary Show, **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown**, recently began with auditions for all parts. Talented and courageous Primary and Secondary students hoping to participate recited dramatic monologues and sang solos of their choice. Roles have been assigned and we are now having our first practices together during the ECA sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays.

For interested community members, there will be various opportunities to help us with our preparations - further updates coming soon! This is going to be a great show! For more information please contact either one of us.

Ms. Stephanie and Mr. Grant

NEW FACES: MRS. ALEXANDRA



Expose yourself to your deepest fear; after that, fear has no power... ~

Jim Morrison

I'm Mrs. Ali, the new school counselor. I am originally from Florida and Maryland. Upon starting work here at BIS, I was excited to learn about one of the learning profiles in our program which I can relate to well: taking risks! From a young age, I was always interested in learning about different cultures. As a teen, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Israel and it broadened my perspective of the world. Following this, I studied clinical social work in order to help children and address social injustice. I worked with families from all over the world and I was always appreciative of the traditions they shared in our time together.

Ten years later, on meeting my future husband (who invited me to move with him to Nepal), I found a counseling center for orphaned youth in Kathmandu - a perfect match for my what the causes I cared about and my career goals.

Since then, I have seen different cultures, traveled to new countries, trekked to Everest base camp, studied yoga in Bali, and started a new family. When you take a meaningful risk, you are given surprise rewards that you could never expect. Little thrilling moments like riding on the back of motor scooter with a colleague in the sunset of the Kathmandu valley, giggling with the Nepali girls during a fun game, following a pod of dolphins in the Indian Ocean, and trying to out run a pack of yaks on a hanging bridge. Also, the long-lasting rewards like feeling more courageous, building memories, and creating lifelong friendships. Each experience has been a life altering steppingstone into adventures that have also brought me home within myself. I would not be me without the personal expansion and inner discovery that occurs with new places, people and a feeling of connection to the world. Going to new places and taking these chances has also allowed me to refresh the ways I apply my professional skills. Taking risks isn't always dreamy, sometimes things go wrong, challenges arise, but they are all part of the lesson and experience of growing. I encourage you to do the same: take a chance on something new outside your comfort zone.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the BIS community and I hope I can be of service. In addition to discussing the social and emotional needs of our BIS children, please feel free to come talk to me about life, travel, overcoming fears, taking risks, yoga, why dachshunds are the cutest things on the planet, swimming, or anything you wish. I look forward to meeting more of you here! Thank you for having me, BIS!

Mrs. Ali, School Counselor

ASIA DAY!

Please join us for BIS' first community-wide event of the year, on Saturday, 21st September from 10:00-13:00. This is an 'Open Day' event and we strongly encourage everyone to come including non-BIS families and friends. So, invite your friends and make this one of the biggest Open Days BIS has ever had!

We are looking forward to many performances, including a Caucasian Dance group and a traditional Japanese drum show. Students will perform on stage with Asian inspired dance routines. There will also be numerous stations of activities - each representing a different Asian country. These activities are teacher-led and, whilst visiting them, children will be able to celebrate different cultures and enjoy games found throughout the continent.

ASIA DAY! (CONTINUED)

As your children enter the gates on Saturday, make sure they collect a 'BIS Post Card.' There will be many different activities representing different aspects of Asian culture. When a child completes the activity, they will get a 'stamp' for their passport. Completing all the activities, and collecting all the stamps, will mean they have successfully travelled across Asia!

Students, parents, and guests are encouraged to join in the celebrations of this cultural event by dressing in Asian attire! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact info@bis.kg

YOU ARE INVITED!

ASIA DAY FESTIVAL!

21ST SATURDAY, 2019

FROM 10.00 TO 13.00



We look forward to seeing all of you, and your guests, on Saturday 21st September!

BIS Snapshot: Wall Displays



STUDENT CHECKOUTS AT THE LIBRARY



Ark Angel
By: Horowitz, Anthon (2006)

It's a great story and there are many surprises for anyone reading it.

Frithjof

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



DON'T FORGET
Orders are due:
6th October, 2019

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB (CONTINUED)

For every £1 you spend our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. All orders will be delivered to our School in November.

1. Order & Pay online (with your credit card) - <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool>
2. Submit the order form and money to our cashier, Burmakan.

Should you have any questions about book ordering, please feel free to ask - library@bis.kg

We hope that you enjoy browsing through the catalogue and will find something interesting for your child!

SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL

Where:

El Clasico Football grounds - Jukeeva-Pudovkina Street/Geologicheskii lane

Times:

10:00 – 11:00 (5-7 years)

11:00 – 12:00 (8-9 years)

12:00 – 13:00 (10-12 years)

Cost:

150 som each Saturday (Pay at grounds on arrival)

All skill levels welcome!!

**Starts on Saturday 14th of September
and continues every Saturday in term 1
No need to register.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday 21st September, Asia Day/Open Day – Bishkek International School (everyone invited)
- Date change TBC, Middle & High School Sports Day – Spartak Stadium
- Saturday October 5th, Winter Gear Sale, BIS Café
- Wednesday 16th October, Parent Teacher Meetings
- Friday 18th October, UN Day – Bishkek International School
- **Monday 21st – Friday 25th October – Autumn/Fall break (No School)**
- 31 Oct: Fall Festival/Halloween

More information about all of these events will be sent to you later, or see <http://www.bis.kg>

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 16th – 20th is [Menu B](#). Form Teachers and our Chef are responsible for adjusting this menu to avoid any foods your child cannot eat, according to the information provided to us by you.

BIS Ski Club invites you on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

10:00AM - 12:00PM



**WINTER
GEAR
SALE**

**SELL YOUR GEAR!
BUY USED GEAR!**



Who: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

What: A used Winter Sports equipment SALE! Skiing, sledding, hockey, clothing, technical gear, kids and adults!

When: October 5, 2019, 10AM- 12PM

Where: BIS Cafe

Questions? Email us HMAGEE@BIS.KG

SELLERS:

Ready to clear out that old gear from your closet? Email HMAGEE@BIS.KG to reserve a table to sell your gear! *Table reservations are 500 som. Reserve by Oct 3.*

ENTRANCE FEE:

50 som (per adult)
All proceeds go to BIS Ski Club.



PRESCHOOL 1

The Preschool 1 friends had an exciting week. We started to talk about family. We were very creative and made our own house, with a family, where we discussed our own family members. Some friends were pointing at the picture while naming the members of their family. Another piece of artwork that helped us to develop our imagination was the house built from sticks, where every child in our class showed an interesting perspective on architecture. In the middle of the week, we repeated the number 1 which we first covered last week and we were able to make it from dough. Later, once dry, we painted it with our favorite colors. Undoubtedly, this activity helped the children to develop their fine motor skills. Together, we also sang the “Daddy finger, daddy finger, where are you?” song while pointing to each family member. This week, we also read the books “My Dad” and “I love my Mom”. Toward the end of the week, our Preschool 1 friends also decorated a self-portrait by using colorful crayons and different objects to make own their clothes. Next week, we will be continuing to learn about family.

Ms Begimai, Preschool 1 Form Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week was our second week devoted to inquiring about our bodies and our focus became body care and hygiene. One of the personal benefits of proper hygiene behaviour is having better health due to preventing illnesses and infections caused by germs. On Monday, we talked about the form of germs and students learnt that are tiny creatures which can be seen only with an electron microscope. The germs are everywhere - on toys we play with, on our hands, on our clothes, and students concluded that to not to get sick we need to wash hands every time before eating, and after outside play. To remember the danger that scary germs come with, Preschool 2 covered their hands with “germs” (Don’t worry, we wore plastic gloves and attached small germ pictures!) The next day, we moved onto bathing procedures and made pictures of ourselves in the bath tubs covered with bath bubbles. The pictures looked really funny! We hope this memorable activity will help the children to improve on good body care habits. On Wednesday, we talked about cavity care and practiced our teeth brushing skills on a big cardboard mouth full of teeth covered with germs. After brushing, our teeth looked clean and healthy again. The last thing that we talked about was the washing of clothes. The clothes washing habit is an important part of all body care because dirty clothes contain lots of germs, produces a bad smell and can lead to getting illnesses. A great week of inquiry and exploration, Preschool 2!

Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Form Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week, in Preschool 3, we started learning about the letter 's'. We learned that the letter 's' is for snake, sandwich, sand and sing. We also tried our very best to write the letter 's' while also strengthening our pencil grip. While learning about friendship for our Unit of Inquiry, we made 'Get Well Soon' cards for some of our sick or injured friends. Next week, we will continue to learn about friendships, how to treat our friends, and we will also be looking at the number 13 and the letter 'a'.

Ms Carmen, Head of Preschool, Preschool 3 Form Teacher,

