



ASIA DAY FESTIVAL 2019

Our first big event of the school year was held last Saturday! It was a wonderful day when the community came together and celebrated the culture and cuisine of Asia. The stage was blessed with amazing performances by our very own students as well as guests and representatives of different Asian countries and cultures. We had a number of fun activities for kids to participate in, we munched our way through delicious delicacies from the continent, and we had a lot of fun in the process! Whole community events, like Asia Day, are one of the things that make our school special.

We are very thankful to everyone who helped to organize this event and who came to celebrate this day with the BIS community.



BIS Snapshot: Asia Day



PRIMARY 2A AND 2S

Primary 2A and 2S were visited by a local architect on this Tuesday. The classes are learning how homes reflect local cultures and personal identities, so speaking with an architect gave them an opportunity to see how homes are designed and constructed. The architect was one of the designers of several buildings within our school as well as our new playground treehouses. The students had a chance to look at blueprints, a model building, and also to ask questions about the design and construction process. Afterwards, the students felt they had a better understanding of the process for building a home. Several expressed excitement over having had the opportunity to see the school's blueprints and talk with its architect.



Ms. Alicia, Primary 2A Homeroom Teacher



BAKING CLUB ECA

Our friendly group of MYP bakers did an excellent job of making banana muffins this week at the MYP Baking Club.

The muffins were so tasty that Mr. Tim forgot to take a photo of the finished product. So why don't you find out how they taste?

You can find the recipe we used at

www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/basic-banana-muffins

and bake them at home.



Mr. Tim, MYP Coordinator

NEW FACES: MS. NURAIDA

Hello BIS Community! I am glad to be a part of such a great school where there is a wonderful working environment; everyone is super friendly and always willing to help.

I grew up in Bishkek and I studied in one of the local schools here. As a student I was always interested in humanities and languages and chose to pursue languages in university. I enjoy learning about other cultures, meeting new people, and exploring! I have been teaching students aged 7 to 10 since graduating and I enjoy being a part of their growth. Currently at BIS, I teach Kyrgyz and Russian languages (and am P5 Co-teacher). I really enjoy teaching these languages to young learners. I try to make the lessons interesting for



students by creating different activities and games. These engaging methods help to gain a good result in their work and progress – something I enjoy seeing.

When I am not in school, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and going on hikes. The sense of time slowing down when I am surrounded by nature feels very organic. Though I've only been to a few countries, I also enjoy travelling – and the way it makes you hyper-aware of your surroundings and develops your curiosity of other lands and culture! When I return from travelling, I see home in a whole new light and feel excited about exploring my own country too!

Ms. Nuraida, Primary 5R Co-Teacher



EMERGENCY PRACTICE AT BIS

Health, safety and security is our first priority; even more important than a happy environment and excellent education. We always train students and staff to be ready for emergencies by practicing without warning four times a year for:

1. Fire
2. Earthquake
3. Armed Intruder, as a 'Hide & Seek' game.

For **Fire Practice**, we have a fire alarm which sounds as it would in a real fire. Students and staff exit the building in an orderly fashion as quickly as possible and go to the grass field. Floor monitors check for anyone left behind.

For **Earthquake Practice**, the 'earthquake' is announced via the PA system. Students and staff follow the earthquake procedure to 'Drop, Cover, Hold', then count to 60 after the end of the 'earthquake'. We evacuate only after counting to 60 and checking that exit routes are clear.

The **Armed Intruder or 'Hide & Seek'** practice is announced via the PA system, as "Practice, Practice, Hide & Seek, Wolf is Coming". We train staff and students to treat the practice as an emergency and lock down where they are. Pizza for snack is the reward for all classes who are not caught by the wolf!

Stay safe and enjoy life!

Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration



FOOTBALL - FRIENDLY MATCHES

Boys

Our football season is underway and we had our first matches on Tuesday against Hope Academy Bishkek. These friendly matches were much needed to shake off some rustiness from the long summer break and were well supported by BIS staff and students.

The Varsity boys ended 0-0 but played well with 11 shots on goal. The Junior Varsity boys were 3-2 victors in a highly entertaining match. Special mention should go to Riyan Jamil, who got us back into the game



at 2-2, and to Bruno Salmon, who having scored the first went on to produce a spectacular top-corner effort in the last minute to win the game. I was proud to see the positive team spirit and overall sportsmanship from both teams. We will keep you updated on future fixtures and please come support all our sports teams!

Mr. Jacques, Assistant Head of School

Girls

This week both the girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity soccer teams had their first friendly matches against Hope Academy Bishkek. All the players did a fantastic job of working together and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship. The Varsity girls fought hard to improve from last year's match against Hope Academy and succeeded. Special acknowledgement goes out to Igana for her extraordinary efforts as goalkeeper. The Junior Varsity team had a great start to the season and finished the game 2-1. Thanks to Lea, the team was able to score their first goal of the season.

Thank you to all the students and staff who came out the support both teams. Congratulations ladies on a great start to the season!

Ms. Shelby, Primary 2S Homeroom Teacher



BIS HAS A NEW SCHOOL COUNSELOR!

I am the new school counselor at BIS, I wanted to extend an introduction to all parents in case we have not yet met. Please reach out to me in the event that you have any social, emotional, or behavioral concerns related to the how school functions for your child.

I will regularly be interacting with students throughout the day. Primary students will meet me in our classroom introduction to counseling visits. Teachers can recommend students for support and primary students will also be able to fill out request slips for a visit. Secondary students have met me and watched a presentation at assembly about counseling services. They have the ability to request counseling visits through a form they received by email.

You will be notified if your child is referred for regular, ongoing counseling support by a teacher or if they independently request to be seen. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel welcome to communicate with me through email, setting up a phone call or through a school meeting.

I am looking forward to a happy and healthy year ahead!



Ms. Alexandra, School Counselor

BIS WINTER GEAR SALE

Winter Sale

Looking to buy some used skis? Need some new gloves? Did you outgrow your snow pants? Ready to clear out some gear from your closets? Don't delay! Winter is just around the corner!

The autumn temperatures are dropping, and BIS Ski Club already has winter on our brains! Ski Club would like to invite YOU to join us on **Saturday, October 5th** to KICK OFF the beginning of the winter season with our Winter Gear Sale in the BIS Cafe! Come find deals on gently used gear. All members of the community are welcome! Bring the whole family! Tell your friends!

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 at hmagee@bis.kg

Buyer and Seller Information

Entrance Fee: 50 som (per adult)

Table Reservation: 500 som

Contact us at hmagee@bis.kg to reserve a table to sell your winter gear.



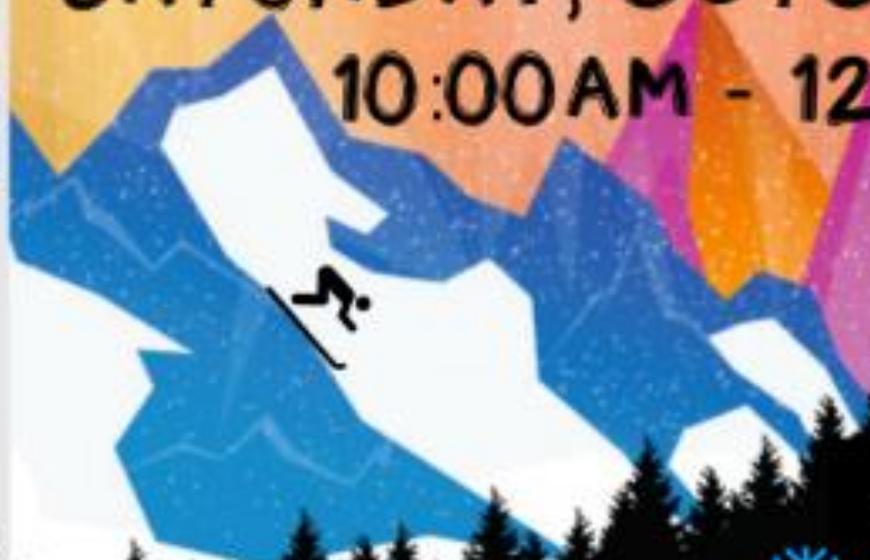
Please remember to reserve a table before October 3rd!

All proceeds of the event go to the students of the BIS Ski Club organization.

BIS Ski Club invites you on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

10:00AM - 12:00PM



WINTER

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

GEAR



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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)
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**BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL PRESENTS**

**COFFEE
WITH
COORDINATORS**

**FOCUS: AN INTRODUCTION TO
MANAGEBAC
(DELIVERED IN ENGLISH)**



**DATE: MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019
VENUE: BIS CAFE
TIME: 08:00-08:45**

Come and join us to see how we will use this new platform to share classroom learning and developments with you at home.

BIS 2019-2020 SPORTS SCHEDULE

We are glad to share with you that the timetable of our sports activities is starting to fill up. Our school calendar highlights key sports events (the most of which remain unchanged) throughout the year.

Please note that our first term focus sports are Football (competitive) and Cross Country (non-competitive).

Football Practice

The school has rented sports pitches nearby our grounds for practice purposes. Every Tuesday, boys of both age brackets (Junior Varsity and Varsity) will train on these pitches during the ECA time (15:30-16:30). Our football coaches are Mr Jacques and Mr Darren. Every Wednesday and Friday ECA time (15:30-16:30) the pitches are reserved for our girls. The coach is Ms Shelby. JV and Varsity teams train together during this time.

Basketball, Cross country, Volleyball - practice times

Basketball - Big Hall

Boys (coach Mr Zeljko)	Monday 16:30-17:30 Varsity	Friday 15:30-16:30 JV
Girls (coach Ms Anna)	Tuesday 15:30-16:30 (JV & V)	Friday 16:30-17:30 (JV & V)

Cross Country - Out of Campus

MYP 2, 3, IGCSE-DP	Monday 15:30-16:30	Coaches Mr Alex & Ms Hollis
Primary 4, 5, 6, MYP 1	Friday 15:30-16:30	Coaches Mr Alex & Ms Hollis

Volleyball - Big Hall

Girls MYP/IGCSSE/DP	Monday 15:30-16:30	Coach Ms Jamie
Boys MYP/IGCSSE/DP	Wednesday 15:30-16:30	Coach Ms Jamie

Our school is member of **BISA** (Bishkek International Schools' Athletic Association). BISA will hold four official tournaments as well as friendly matches for international schools in the city to practice and compete with each other.

BISA Events

Football	October, 9-12 th
Basketball	February, 5-8 th
Fun Run	April, 18 th
Volleyball	April, 27-30 th

We are also member of **CAFA** (Central Asia Federation of Athletics). CAFA organise international tournaments across the region.

CAFA Events

Football	November, 6- 10 th , Almaty
Basketball	February, 20-22 nd , Tashkent
Volleyball	April, 23-25 th , Nur-Sultan
Track & Field	May, 16-17 th , Almaty

STUDENT CHECKOUTS AT THE LIBRARY



Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple (2013)

It's about the power of a daughter's love for her mother.

Lana

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

There is only one week left to order from our latest Scholastic Book Club. Just go to:

<http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool>.

There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Reward points. There are no extra fees!

Please place your order online or by payment to school cashier by **October 6, 2019**.

Enjoy reading with your children and thank you for helping to enrich our school library!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 30th September, Coffee with Coordinator (English Language), BIS Café
- Tuesday 1st October, Coffee with Coordinator (Russian Language), BIS Café
- Saturday 5th October, Winter Gear Sale, BIS Café
- Tuesday 15th October, Middle & High School Sports Day, Spartak Stadium
- Wednesday 16th October, Parent Teacher Meetings
- Friday 18th October, UN Day at BIS
- **Monday 21st – Friday 25th October – Autumn/Fall break (No School)**
- 31 Oct: Fall Festival/Halloween

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 30th – October 4th 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.



PRESCHOOL 1

This week in Preschool 1 we explored 'my face and my body'. Our friends enjoyed singing "Head, shoulders, knees and toes" while pointing at the parts of their body. We had various discussions and activities on making our body parts. We traced our body on cardboard, painted and made our face. It was fun for us to make our eyes, eyebrows, nose and mouth with different materials.

In Math, we learned the number 2 and discovered that we have 2 eyes, 2 ears, 2 hands, 2 legs and 2 toes. We also decorated our face with play dough where we had to think about making 2 eyes, 1 nose and 1 mouth. Together, we measured ourselves to see how tall we are and observed that some friends are taller and some are shorter. We also made our unique handprints on salt dough which we made from salt, flour and water. Making salt dough was an exciting experience and we enjoyed feeling the ingredients ... the activity also helped us to develop our muscles and fine motor skills.

Our favorite book this week was the "Peekaboo, Blueberry!" book as we searched for Blueberry's eyes, nose, mouth, toes, ears and even for Blueberry himself. Each friend in our class was happy to have a turn to lift the flap and play a fun round of peekaboo with the mischievous bunny and his mouse friends!

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Form Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This was the last week Preschool 2 group talked about our body. We decided to go deeper and investigated entire organs each of which has its own role to contribute to an effectively functioning system. On our classroom skeleton (made out of the big separated bones) Preschool 2 friends located brain, lungs, heart and the stomach. Then, taking one organ every day, we discussed its function. The brain being the main organ, is the control center; it gives commands to the whole body, it helps us speak, it is our memory storage and sensory perception center. With the help of lungs (which look like 2 sponges) we located the chest cavity our body and learnt how it is provided with the vital oxygen. To understand better how it works we made a lung model using straws and plastic gloves. The heart pumps blood throughout the vines bringing microelements to every corner of the body!

Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Form Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Preschool had an amazing time learning about the letter 't'. We had a fantastic time learning to make tea and having a tea party in the class. We also created a beautiful tree with a train, all to help us remember the letter 't'. We also looked at similarities and differences during numeracy time. Next week, we will learn about the letter 'i' and enjoy number matching activities.

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

