



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 11 / 2019-20

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PRIMARY 4 VISIT TO THE US EMBASSY

Primary 4 went on an exciting educational visit to the US Embassy in October. They had the opportunity to tour the premises - learning about how the embassy functions, creates their own power during electrical outages, purifies water on site, and how they are opening a community garden. The students prepared questions in advance and asked diplomats and members of the US Marine Corps about their lives, duties, challenges and what they have done to help the local community.

Ms. Katie, Primary 4 Homeroom Teacher



PRIMARY 3 VISIT TO THE SEE CREATURE MUSEUM

P3 visited a fantastic sea creature museum. We have been studying habitats, and students were fascinated by the coral reef habitat. The museum we visited had many coral reef "skeletons" that we got to see and feel. The curator described the aquatic creatures' lives to us and how they came to be in her collection. P3 knew many of the animals in her collection though, excitingly, some were new to all of us.

Ms. Jamie, Primary 3 Homeroom Teacher



NEW FACES: DR. ANNA

G'day everyone, (that's Australian for hello!)

My name is Dr. Anna. I teach MYP, IGCSE, DP Visual Arts, and Preschool 3 Art with Ms. Carmen at BIS. I am also a practicing Visual Artist with over twenty-five years' experience in making and exhibiting my own work. Every night, when I go home from school, I make art from plastic bags so if you have any used shopping bags at home, please bring them into me, and I will transform them into wonderful colourful creations.



I come from the home of that cute little marsupial animal, the Tasmanian Devil, who is often depicted in Bugs Bunny cartoons as being rather snarly and ferocious. I don't think I am like that as I love my life, and being surrounded by young people, helping them solve their creative problems and making their art ideas real.

I am, however, a very curious person, which I think is a necessary pre-requisite for being an Artist so I have spent a great part of my working life travelling the world seeking out new cultural experiences, trying out gastronomic tasty treats, and visiting the homelands of well-known Artists and Art movements. My most recent favourite place to visit was Pompei in Italy. I loved walking down the excavated cobble stone streets and touching the ancient mosaics that I had only ever seen before in books. My imagination was going wild thinking about the fatal days of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius back in 79AD.

As I now reside in Kyrgyzstan, I am very interested in discovering the unique Art and traditional Crafts of Central Asia. I worked for 4 years in Kazakhstan before coming to Bishkek. At any opportunity, I travelled out to the steppes. I felt I was on the historic silk road, walking the grassy trails, staying overnight in yurts and listening to the songs and stories of the local people

Recently, here in Bishkek I was offered the opportunity to walk the mountain trails of Ala Archa. It nearly killed me as it was rather steep climb, and very slippy coming back down but I had the best day. I felt I was part of an expedition, discovering a timeless and beautiful world. That's what makes my life so rewarding, meeting new people and having this great opportunity to work at such a progressive and mindful school. The students at BIS are happy to accept art challenges, and try out new ways of seeing, and making art.

So please pop in if you need a help or advice about art making or learning about a new skill or even if you just want to come and have a look at what we are up to - you are most welcome.

Dr. Anna, Head of Visual Arts, Art and Design Teacher

UPCYCLING ART – BRING PLASTIC BAGS



*Projects using
plastic bags*

Please bring your
plastic bags, white
and colored, and give
to Dr. Anna to make
art with.

MYP STUDENTS SHOW THAT LEARNING SPANISH GRAMMAR IS FUN

Last term, one of the topics that we were studying was verbs that end with "ar" "ir" and "er" and their conjugations. Conjugation is what happens to a verb when we change the ending to show who is doing the action. Our task was to create a game based on what we learned about them.

So, my game has two decks of cards. One of the decks contains verbs and the other one contains conjugations (the endings of the verb that can change). The point of this game is mainly to practice conjugating verbs. As you move through the game board you should land on the spaces where they ask you to take one pair of cards - one card has a verb and one has a subject (for example: you, we, or they). Your goal is to conjugate the verb in the correct form according to what you got on the card. If you fail, then you have to move back. If you pass then you can move up. Sometimes, to make it more difficult and trickier, the space will say to take three pairs of cards (that means three verbs and three conjugations). To make this board game even more challenging I added in some obstacles, such as 'move forward three' or 'move back five'. In addition to this, at the beginning of the game, players have to choose a country as their game piece. To make the players feel surprised, in some spaces I wrote things related to these pieces, such as: "If you are Mexico then take three pairs of cards". If that player's game piece is Mexico they have to take three pairs of cards, but the rest of the players don't have to. In my opinion this game can be really helpful for learning how to conjugate verbs in Spanish. Here are some pictures of us playing the game!



Ilona Pasicinicov, MYP 1 student



BIS Snapshot: Halloween Day





BISHKEK SPELLING BEE



It's official, the annual Bishkek Spelling Bee has been announced. QSI will be opening their doors to BIS and Hope Academy on **Friday 29th November** for the spelling competition. Participants from Grade 1 - DP2 will have the opportunity to showcase their spelling abilities and spend the day with fellow keen spellers in the community.

Homeroom and form teachers have been informed of the event and will be asking students if they are interested in participating. In the coming weeks, quizzes and/or spelling bees will take place in the classrooms to determine which 3 interested students from each year group will go on to represent BIS at the competition.

We will be keeping the community updated with our Spelling Bee progress. If you have any questions about the Spelling Bee, please contact Irina Pak (ipak@bis.kg)

Krishna Gandhi, Director of Studies



COMMUNITY SERVICE RAFFLE

As part of our mission to positively contribute to our society, we are holding a raffle as part of our Service Learning Project. Our goal is to raise money from the raffle to help the following childcare centres and rehabilitation schools:

- Voenno-Antonovsky childcare centre;
- Rehabilitation centre UMUT;
- Boarding school for visually impaired people.

The raffle will take place on **Thursday 7th November** in the cafeteria. It will also be right before a three-day weekend, so you have plenty of time to use your prizes! We will be selling tickets from October 31st to November 7th, excluding weekends. They will be sold during lunch, the last snack, and pick up time from 4:15 to 4:35. You can also buy tickets from the reception!

Teachers, parents and students are welcome to buy tickets and attend the raffle. The prizes will be from local places including Kulikovskiy, Chicken Star, Sierra, Dodo Pizza and many more!

Be sure to buy a ticket and help us reach our goal!

RAFFLE



Karina, Iman, Erdem and Aizat, IGCSE 2 students

RAFFLE

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November the 7th

TICKET PRICE: 200 SOM



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NATURE REPUBLIC



THE EARNED AMOUNT WILL BE DONATED TO:

- VOENNO- ANTONOVSKY ORPHANAGE HOUSE
- BOARDING SCHOOL FOR THE VISUALLY IMPARED
- REHABILITATION ORPHANAGE CENTER



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CENTRAL ASIA SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

November 6-10, 2019

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Next week BIS will be attending the Central Asia Soccer Championship. We will perform with all four teams showing the commitment of our players and their coaches during the soccer season.

The trip starts on Wednesday, November 6th at 12:00 and return is scheduled for Sunday, November 10th in the afternoon at 14:00.

We will play with 39 players from our school and will be joined by 4 players from QSI Bishkek, as well as their Athletics Director.

Our school will also be represented by our soccer coaches:

- Ms. Krisha Gandhi - JV Girls;
- Ms. Hollis Magee - Varsity Girls;
- Mr. Darren Simpson - JV Boys;
- Mr. Jacques Prinsloo - Varsity Boys.

JV GIRLS

1. Lea Marti
2. Sienna Chamberlain
3. Ilona Pasicinicov
4. Ava Aja
5. Eva Aijan Grant
6. Delilah Bowles
7. Cholponai Malabaeva
8. Madeline Selinger
9. Laura Tereschenko
10. Mabrukah Hamid
11. Nicole Chandra

VARSITY GIRLS

12. Gulmira Kalandarova
13. Aila Grant
14. Sona Sedrakyan
15. Igana Alieva
16. Fernanda Natalia Ormel Aracena
17. Satenik Sedrakyan
18. Arina Krylova
19. Linda Orozova
20. Kamila Yusupova

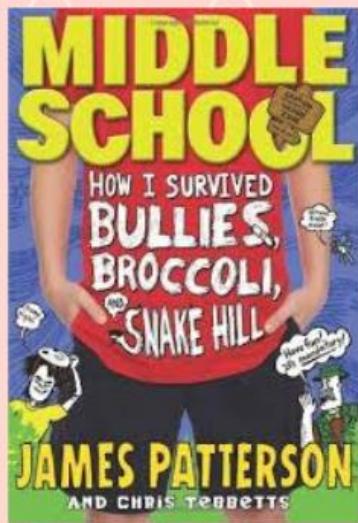
JV BOYS

1. Mete Kobanbay
2. Samuel Selinger
3. Emmanouil Kareklas
4. Hayato Haraguchi
5. Arif Tasher
6. Bruno Salmon
7. Frithjof Thevs
8. Aider Nogoibaev
9. Riyan Jamil
10. Nurislam Nurbaev

VARSITY BOYS

11. Irakli Giorgadze
12. Dastan Ryskulov
13. Aimen Akmatbaev
14. Kutman Karaev
15. Aizhigit Mamatov
16. Alessandro Marti
17. Sean Nathaniel Lee
18. Alisher Toichubekov
19. Askar Shermambetov

STUDENT CHECKOUTS AT THE LIBRARY



Middle School: How I Survived Bullies, Broccoli, and Snake Hill
by James Patterson, Chris Tebbetts,
Laura Park (Illustrator)

I like this book because there were a lot of funny things in it.

Zeynep

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, 2nd November: Teacher In-Service Day
- Wednesday 6th November – Sunday 10th November: Central Asia Soccer Classic (Football Tournament), Almaty
- Friday 8th November: History Day – Public Holiday
- Saturday 16th November: BIS Annual Debate Tournament
- Wednesday 23rd November: Friendsgiving Dinner – Parents Association

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 November 4th – 8th 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 Discoveries

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PRESCHOOL 1

Preschool 1 students have spent this week learning about healthy eating habits. We discovered that some products we should use in everyday life - healthy food. We also learnt that there are some foods that we can eat only sometimes. In Preschool 1, we called them, "Sometimes Food". We learned to name fruits and vegetables and the importance of eating these. Together, we sorted many foods that are in our class and made our healthy food plate by choosing our favorite fruits and vegetables. Another advantage that we had this week was learning how to make a healthy sandwich – taught by our chef. We enjoyed making a healthy sandwich and liked all the ingredients!

This week we also had spent time celebrating Halloween. We loved being dressed up in spooky and funny characters, and participating in festive games such as face painting, pumpkin painting and cookie decorating.

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Form Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

That was the first week of our second Unit of Inquiry: "How we organise ourselves". This term, Preschool 2 group is diving deep into learning about food and understanding that it is an essential necessity. Our discussions have started with talking about fruits and vegetables which containing lots of vitamins and are extremely good for the human health. To encourage healthy eating, we have tried many vegetables and fruits in the classroom and shared our ideas about them. It was great hear comments such as, "cucumbers will make me strong" and "carrots are good for my belly". To learn the names of fruits and vegetables we made a set of activities such as color sorting, counting, cutting and pasting activities. One of the main ideas friends learned is why fruits and vegetables are divided into these two groups. It appeared that a fruit develops from the flower of a plant and has seeds inside, while a vegetable can develop from other parts of the plant - roots for instance.



On Thursday, preschool friends had their Halloween celebration. We had a lot of fun decorating cookies, painting pumpkins and drawing pictures on the faces. The children were wearing spooky costumes and were very proud to show the dresses to friends.

Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Form Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We are really happy to see everyone back at school after a wonderful midterm break. This week was filled with lots of fun activities and events. We learned about the letter 'c' this week and created a fun Halloween cat and delicious letter 'c' cupcakes. We also learned about grouping and how to group different things together. Next week we will learn about the letter 'k' and we will continue inquiring into grouping.

We hope everyone enjoyed the fall festival!

Ms. Carmen, Preschool 3 Form Teacher

