



## PRIMARY 4 VISIT TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Primary 4 attended The Gapar Aitiev National Museum of Fine Arts on an education visit this past week, supporting our current unit, "Artists and Inspirations." The students had engaging discussions with the English-speaking tour guide about the lives and work of the local and regional artists, whose paintings and sculptures were displayed. There was a special temporary exhibit with Kyrgyz paintings related to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child - which we learned about in our first unit. Exciting connections were made, and after the tour, each student sketched a painting that they particularly liked, which they discussed and shared upon returning to school. It was a memorable experience for the students.

Ms. Katie, Primary 4 Homeroom Teacher



## PRIMARY 5 VISIT TO KTRK

Last Thursday, Primary 5 had an educational visit to KTRK Studios, a Kyrgyz national TV and Radio broadcasting system in Bishkek. Our class has been learning about media for our unit, How We Express Ourselves, so it was a great way to get a first-hand look at how information is spread to the public.

At the studio we were met by our guide, Ms. Nurzida, a journalist for KTRK. She told us about the 60-year history of the network and answered the students questions. The

students visited various offices and were able to learn about the different jobs that people do to keep the studio running. Ms. Nurzida was impressed to see the Primary 5 students with their clipboards taking notes.

P5 was very excited to have a quiet peek inside an actual live radio broadcast. They even had a chance to go into an empty studio to see the inner workings of a radio program and try it out themselves.

Next, the class had a chance to wander around the sets where TV programs, such as morning talk shows and discussion programs, are filmed. The students were able to sit in the actual seats where popular TV hosts and famous guests sit.

We were very thankful to KTRK for allowing us to visit their studio in order to help us further our understanding of media.



Ms. Rona, Primary 5 Homeroom Teacher



## NEW FACES: MS. JAMIE

Hello, my name is Ms. Jamie and I teach Primary 3. I am so happy to be here at Bishkek International School. Everyone here is so kind and welcoming. This is my first time teaching abroad and I am enjoying Kyrgyzstan so much. I have always wanted to teach abroad and when this opportunity presented itself, I was quite excited. I have traveled to many countries and love seeing new sights and learning of their history. In Bishkek, I find there are so many activities and events that go on here that I am always busy. Previously, I taught for many years in several schools in the United States. I have taught ages from Preschool up to 14. Every age is unique and interesting. I am enjoying Primary 3 and the super activities we get to do.

I am from Saint Louis, Missouri, which is directly in the center of America. (It is about 4 hours south of Chicago.) I have one son who is 22 and will graduate from University in May 2020. I also have 2 little mini daschunds, LuLU and Fritz, who are keeping my parents company back at home. I have 5 brothers and sisters and many nieces and nephews.

I like to run and have found some paths and trails to run here - although they can be tricky to navigate! I also play volleyball and soccer. In fact, here at BIS I coach volleyball. Please feel free to come in (or send me an email) and talk whenever you get a chance. I am always happy to communicate with, and learn about, the families I teach.

Thanks for the opportunity to work here and teach your wonderful children. They do make me smile all the time.



**Ms. Jamie, Primary 3 Homeroom Teacher**

## PAMC FRIENDSGIVING

Thank you, everyone, for joining in the 3rd Annual "PAMC FRIENDSGIVING" event! There was so much good food, the first-ever holiday Sing-A-Long with our sincere thanks to Mr. Grant, Ms. Sunny and Ms. Munara for coordinating this, and even more new connections made between our BIS families! An additional thanks to all those who contributed to the amazing charitable donations for the Red Crescent Society Kyrgyzstan and SOS Children's Village Bishkek! We are so grateful for your solidarity which continues to strengthen family life for the special Bishkek community in which we live! Cheers to our wonderful and growing #BISFamily!



## TAIGAN SINGERS!

Announcing auditions for BIS's first vocal ensemble (singing group).

We have a school band. We have a school show. Now we need a school choir. So if you love to sing, if you have music in your heart, come to auditions and tryout for Taigan Singers! Open to students in P6+.

Taigan Singers will sing the songs you choose, learn to harmonize, and hopefully -if we get good enough- perform for the school!

Auditions will be held during ECA time on Monday 9th December in the A4 music room (in the annex). Come prepared to sing your favorite song (without accompaniment). You don't have to sing like a pop star to join, you just have to be able to sing in tune (hear a note and sing it correctly).

Taigan Singers will meet on Fridays during ECAs starting next term. Singers who pass the auditions will be automatically signed up. For more information, contact Ms Sunny [sstimmler@bis.kg](mailto:sstimmler@bis.kg)

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# ***BIS Snapshot: Extra Curricular Activities***





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# December Spirit Days

Join in the festive fun by wearing:

**Winter Jumpers (06.12.19)**

**Cosy Pyjamas (09.12.2019)**

Join in the festive fun by bringing:

**Homemade Cookies (13.12.2019)**



Our Spirit Days are a chance for students, from Preschool to DP, to enjoy the winter season and its festivities. Students will receive 10 House Points for each day that they participate in.



**Bishkek  
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# **YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN**

**Saturday 7th December, 2019**

**From 16:00 - 18:00**

**Kyrgyz National Philharmonic Hall**

## THE ANNIVERSARY SHOW IS NEXT WEEKEND!

The entire school is involved, and we are looking forward to showing the BIS Community what we have been working on. The day of the Anniversary Show, December 7th, schedule is as follows:

**Main Cast and Stage Crew - arrive at 10:30 at Philharmonia. (Please eat a good and healthy breakfast and get lots of sleep!) BACK DOOR ENTRANCE on the North East corner of the building. Staff at the door will let you in.**

When inside, follow the signs to go up the stairs to the third floor and into the stage area.

**First run through 11:00**

**Lunch 12:30**

**Primary 3-6, Primary Co-Teaching Teams and ALL BACK-STAGE VOLUNTEERS - arrive at 13:30 at Philharmonia. (EAT LUNCH BEFORE YOU ARRIVE.) BACK DOOR ENTRANCE on the North East corner of the building. Staff at the door will let you in.**

When inside, follow the signs to go up the stairs to the third floor and into the stage area.

**Second run though 14:00**

**Snack 15:00**

**Pre-School, Primary 1/2 - arrive at 15:00 at Philharmonia. FRONT DOOR**

Students will come into the theater through the main front door.

**STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE WITH BLACK PANTS AND SNEAKERS/BLACK SHOES.**

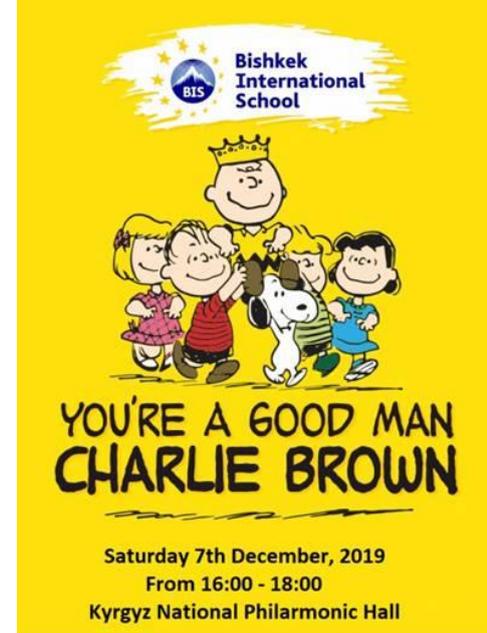
## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December: BIS 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show**
- **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz**
- **16<sup>th</sup> December - 6<sup>th</sup> January: Winter break**
- **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January: New Year's Day**
- **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January: Orthodox Christmas**
- **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January: First Day of Second Semester**
- **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January: Individual Parent-Teacher meetings**
- **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January: Winter Sports Day**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> December 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

Preschool 1 friends had an exciting week learning about community helpers. During the week, we talked about doctors, dentists, bus drivers, firefighters and teachers, and we pretended to be these community helpers. On Monday, we also visited our doctors' room where we learned about doctor's workplace and her job. Back in the classroom, we made our ambulance car, doctor kit and the children took care of baby doll. They measured the temperature, listened to the heartbeat, checked the ears and gave the baby injections. Later in the week, we also created our own school bus and role-played being drivers. We loved singing "The wheels on the bus" song. In the middle of the week, Preschool 1 children were firefighters who saved people's lives when they were in danger. The next day, we were dentists who treated cavities in mouths. Our friends also enjoyed pretending to be teachers by leading circle time. A huge thank you to Ms. Caitlyn who shared her fantastic roleplay costumes! Next week, we will continue to talk about other community members who help us every day.

**Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Form Teacher**



## PRESCHOOL 2

In the beginning of the week, Preschool 2 friends begun exploring where else milk can be found and accessed. We learnt that lots of milks can be made from plants – not just mammals. A big thank you to Miss Krisha who brought 5 different kinds of plant milk for us to try including banana soya milk, vanilla soya milk, chocolate wheat milk, coconut milk and rice milk. Children took turns to taste all the different types of milk and shared their opinion. It was interesting to listen to what different children thought about the new milks: “It smells like banana”, “I like chocolate milk”, “It is sweet”, “It is also white” were just a few of the reflections made. To indicate the class’s favourite milk, we made a picture chart where the children voted for the milk they liked. Our data revealed that the chocolate-wheat milk won!

We also inquired into communities that access food from the ocean. We discovered that fishermen sail to the ocean on big boats looking to find fish, seaweed, caviar and shrimps which are then sold to shops for us to buy. To remember what animals live in the ocean, our friends made their own small ocean out of cardboard with some sea creatures, seaweed and real sand.



Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Form Teacher



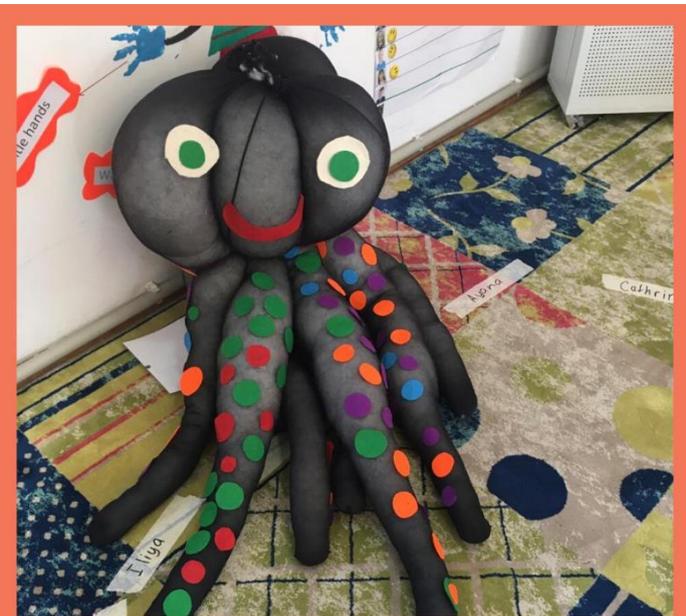
## PRESCHOOL 3

Preschool 3 had an amazing week!

We inquired into polluted water and discovered that, whenever we throw things like dirt, plastic, paper, oil, soap and all other man-made things into water, it becomes polluted! However, we also learned that we can help people to not pollute our water by recycling, reusing and cleaning up polluted areas. As we continued to explore, we created a water filter to help us clean polluted water!

Next week we will learn about the letter 'm' and have a go at a polluted water experiment.

**Ms. Carmen, Preschool 3 Form Teacher**



**MR OLLIE, NEW MEMBER OF PRESCHOOL 3**

