



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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A FANTASTIC SHOW!

On Saturday, December 7th, BIS celebrated its 9th Anniversary with another fantastic show. All school rehearsed for months to prepare an entertaining and accomplished performance of **You're good man Charlie Brown**.

We are so proud of every student even our youngest groups for their talent, energy and enthusiasm!

We are sure that every single student involved in this fantastic show had an experience that they will never forget.

All staff were involved in different ways and your teamwork made a fantastic show. Thank you to everyone for your contribution to making this show a great success!

We also say thank you to all BIS parents and friends who came to the show! We appreciate your constant support.



STUDENT AWARDS AT THE ANNIVERSARY SHOW



At the Anniversary Show on Saturday 7th December our special guest, Turkish Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Cengiz Kamil Firat, and the Chair of the BIS Governing Board, Fred Huston, presented awards to several outstanding BIS students. All teachers were asked to nominate students for awards and provide reasons for their nomination. The Pedagogical Leadership Team then had the very difficult task of deciding on award winners.

Following long discussions and much deliberation, the award winners were decided upon.

Academic Awards given for excellent academic achievement:

- Primary School: **Pierce Bickel** - for his consistently strong academic skills, challenging himself and supporting his classmates in their work.
- Middle School: **Sebastian Owens** – for pushing himself to achieve top results, being proactive in asking for feedback and always being willing to improve.
- High School: **Alessandro Marti** – for consistent excellence in all academic subjects and a committed attitude to meeting deadlines.

Service Awards given to students whose service contributes to the development of the Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek International School, and their fellow classmates.

- Primary School: **Carys Coppock** – for her dedication to the student council, always thinking of great ideas to improve the school, her communication regarding environmental sustainability, and for always being willing to help.
- Middle School: **Irem Savruk** – for her thoughtful approach to bringing her classmates' ideas to the Middle/High Student Council, for showing courage with any activity or task presented and for modelling the values of our community to her peers and wider community members.
- High School: **Aila Grant** – for her leadership in community projects and school events, for her work as the official 'Youth Delegate' for the UN Sustainable Development Goals to promote 'Sustainable Cities and Communities', and for leading the organization of this year's UN Day for Preschool, Primary, Middle and High School students at BIS.

Leadership Awards for students who take leadership roles throughout the school, helping members of the school community to achieve their intellectual, sporting, and creative potential.

- Primary School: **Saikal Tursalieva** – for her leadership during the Anniversary Show rehearsals, as the first to have her lines memorized and constantly helping and supporting others in being better prepared for the performance.
- Middle School: **Delilah Bowles** – for taking initiative in various parts of school life including as a writing centre tutor, the JV football team, and backstage for the Anniversary Show.
- High School: **Alexia Anikina** – for her natural leadership in any group setting, for helping others, being ready to hear their opinions, and never being fearful when determining how to move forward in any situation or challenge.

Global Citizen Awards for students prepared to tackle both global and local issues through: multilingual communication skills; tolerance and diversity; and knowledge of global contexts.

- Primary School: **Can Firat** – for his determination to master languages in a way which is inspiring even to adult linguists. His globally minded approach to languages sees him lead conversations in Spanish, English, Turkish, Russian and Kyrgyz, and he actively works to improve in each of his languages.
- Middle School: **Lea Marti** – for being a kind and well-respected member of the class. Lea has used her language skills to integrate others in the class, and to show tolerance, respect and appreciation to her classmates.
- High School: **Fernanda Ormel** - for the efforts she has exerted in adapting to a new school environment, in being open-minded to new situations and in overcoming challenges with determination and good humour. Fernanda uses her experience of living and studying in different countries and working in several languages to connect to those around her in a humble yet passionate manner.

We are so proud of all of our students' achievements, and this Semester's award winners are a testament to the school-wide development of intellectual curiosity, achievements across academic, sporting and creative fields, growing confidence in abilities across our student community, and for an ever-increasing respect for communities around us and further afield. We wish our award winners continued success and look forward to seeing all our students continue to grow, inspire and succeed in Semester 2.



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Hello dear reader,

Last Monday, MYP French (Advanced) baked a French cake, traditionally made at this time of year, called a "Bûche". This is not the first time that our class has baked a "Bûche", it has been an ongoing tradition for the French advanced class for at least 3 years, and we are planning to continue this tradition. Every year we learn from our mistakes from the previous year and try to make it even more delicious and enjoyable to eat. We have had a lot of fun but that's not all, because with the help of Ms. Lailo, we also managed to make it an educational experience. The ingredients we used were biscuits, butter cream, chocolate, nuts and of course sweet decorations.

Happy Holidays!

Delilah, Jakob, Lea, MYP students



Bonjour cher lecteur!

Lundi dernier en classe de français avancé on a préparé un gâteau français qui est traditionnellement fait à cette période de l'année. Son nom est "Bûche". Ce n'est pas la première fois que nous avons fait ce gâteau. C'est une tradition qu'on a déjà pratiqué depuis 3 ans et qu'on voudrait continuer. Chaque année on apprend et améliore notre gâteau pour que ça devient de mieux en mieux. On a toujours profité l'expérience de confectionner des bûches. Cet événement n'est pas qu'amusement mais avec l'aide de Ms.Lailo, c'est aussi devenu une expérience éducative. Les ingrédients qu'on a utilisé sont du biscuit, de la crème au beurre, du chocolat râpé, des noix et des décoration sucrées.

On vous souhaite tous des joyeuses fêtes.

Delilah, Jakob, Lea, MYP Français Avancé



OUR YOUNG LEARNERS FROM PRIMARY 3 ARE PRESENTING TRADITIONAL FAIRY TALES THAT ARE DIFFERENT AND INTERESTING.

BASKETBALL FRIENDLY MATCHES

The basketball season began a few weeks ago, and this week the first friendly matches with Hope Academy were played.

On Monday, Varsity girls played. This was the first friendly match of the season at BIS, with the added pressure of supporters around the court. Hope started very well but our Taigans came back into the game later and started to score. The match ended 28:14 for Hope Academy.

On Tuesday, Varsity boys played. It was a tough game and the final result was 54:40 for Hope Academy. Our court is intensive, with spectators right up to the court line which makes it a challenge to play. He who uses his chances wins, and chances are rare. It takes strong determination and courage to overcome the challenges.

Both girls and boys played against the strongest international school basketball teams in Bishkek. They both lost their games this time but this should motivate our players to practice even more and prepare themselves for competition in 2020.

Let's go Taigans!



STUDENT CHECKOUTS AT THE LIBRARY

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A Place Called Perfect
by Helena Duggan (Goodreads Author), Karl
James Mountford (Illustrator)

“One of those books that you think about
when you're not reading it and can't wait
to find out what happens next.”

Tom Fletcher

Winner of the Best Crime Novel for Children (8-12) –
Crimefest Book Awards

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 13th December: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz
- 16th December - 7th January: Winter break
- Wednesday, 1st January: New Year's Day
- Tuesday, 7th January: Orthodox Christmas
- Wednesday, 8th January: First Day of Second Semester
- Wednesday, 15th January: Individual Parent-Teacher meetings
- Friday, 24th January: Winter Sports Day

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



PRESCHOOL 1

The last week of the first half of the school year was full of fun and joy. The week started by talking about winter, coming holidays and making a New Year Tree. The next day we made a snowman out of cotton, googly eyes and paint. In the middle of the week we had baked and decorated New Year cookies. The following day, we had a movie day with popcorn. During our morning circles we sang all our songs, repeated our numbers and shapes that we learned in the first term. The highlight of the week was the visit of Ded Moroz. Our children were really happy and excited to see him together with Snegurochka and receive holiday presents! The team of Preschool 1 wants to thank all parents for your support and cooperation! We sincerely wish you a wonderful break and hope to see everyone safe and back at school in the new term.



Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Form Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This was our last week of the first semester. The time has gone fast and we have learnt so many interesting and exciting things. Our last week was full of activities. On Tuesday all the preschool friends cooked New Year cookies in the shape of trees, stars and ginger breads. The next day we watched a New Year movie with popcorn. On the last day of the week Ded Moroz visited us and gave us the best presents ever. The children were so happy to meet Ded Moroz, some of the friends even recited short poems and others sang "Twinkle, twinkle little star". Everyone in the preschool 2 group feels that we have become close friends, learnt how to share and take care of each other, and how to support each other in a tough moment. It is a bit sad that we will not see each other for several weeks but it's the time for some rest and to get ready for new adventures. Happy New Year Holidays!





PRESCHOOL 3

The second term has come to an end. We learned lots of new things during this term about preserving water and taking care of our resources as well as where water comes from and we looked at our favorite water animals. We hope everyone enjoys this holiday and please travel safely. We will welcome everyone in the new year.

Ms. Carmen, Preschool 3 Form Teacher

