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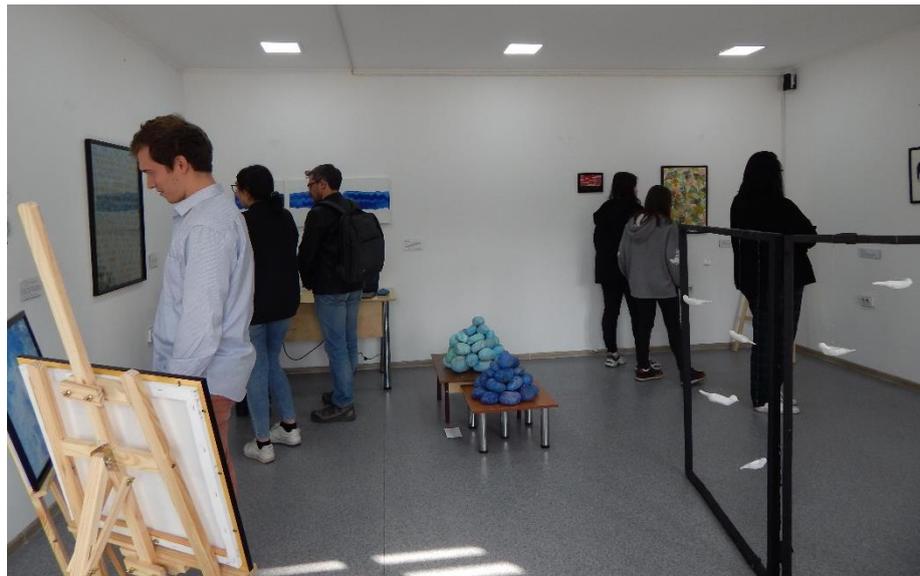
13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## IBDP2 ART EXHIBITION

Bishkek International School's inaugural IBDP2 art exhibition was held at school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. This exhibition displayed the works of two students—OuYi Feng and myself—who have taken the IB Visual Arts (VA) course for the last two years. The IB VA exhibition stands for 40% of the subject's final grade, and so OuYi and I have been working avidly for the last few months to finish our artworks and present them in a worthwhile and effective way.

At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, we began the process of narrowing down our thematic ideas—something that all our final works would be centered around. This process took time but, in the end, we both found a theme that satisfied the IB's requirements and our own creative passions. OuYi's theme centered around nature and the life cycle, with specific focus on death and regeneration. My own works explored the hidden world of microscopic structures, diving into the relationship between The Arts and Natural Sciences.

After deciding on our thematic paths, OuYi and I began the difficult yet rewarding creation process. The IB VA programme requires students to do four main actions when making works: plan, develop techniques, experiment, and reflect. We closely followed this process and we can agree that it led to innumerable failures, but also produced many successes. OuYi and I were able to explore our own interests, in addition to fulfilling the seemingly



impossible IB standards for art making. The IB VA programme requires students to make between 4-11 works—depending on the student's chosen class level. OuYi and I presented eight and six final bodies of work respectively, each of which was carefully chosen to reflect our theme and provided viewers and the IB with a good sense of our artistic capabilities.

Regarding curation, OuYi and I spent weeks planning, setting up, organizing, and writing to prepare for the event. As demanded by IB VA course, we each wrote a short text for each of our works, as well as a larger curatorial rationale, which supports and discusses the overall exhibition. We also spent around 10 hours each setting up our art and props prior to

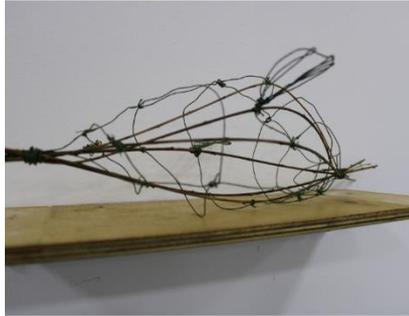
the exhibition. Finally, we spent time photographing the event to give us both a record of the momentous occasion and something to turn into IB to receive our final grades.

Though a lot of work, this was all worth it by the time it came for the exhibition to start. We open the doors to our room at 16:00 and after a short speech from our art advisor and teacher, Dr. Anna Phillips, the exhibition began. Finally, after almost a year and a half of anticipation, OuYi

and I could breathe. We received loads of positive commentary from our teachers and peers as they surveyed our work and we hope that our perceived successes inspired some of the younger students to take on the IB VA course.

All in all, OuYi and I really enjoyed the exhibition and are grateful for all the support we received from staff, parents, teachers, and everyone else involved in our lengthy creation and curation journeys. It was a great opportunity for OuYi and I to be the first graduating IB artists from BIS and experience the exhibition process, and we are sure that future IBDP2 art exhibitions will be just as fun, stressful, and rewarding to organize as this one was for us.

**Rylee McMillan, IBDP2 Student**



## **NOORUZ – FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**



We are delighted to welcome you to our Nooruz celebrations on **Friday 20th March. Gates will open at 14:30 and performances will begin at 14:45. The event will finish at 16:30. As a precaution against COVID-19, this is an internal event for students, staff and close family members only.** No outside guests are invited. Any student or parent who is feeling ill should not attend. Also, anyone who has arrived in Bishkek in the last 14 days from one of the countries in the latest WHO report with 'local transmission' of coronavirus must not attend.

Our students have been working hard to learn and practice their Nooruz songs and dances and are looking forward to showing you their many talents. Following the performances, there will be an opportunity to join in some Kyrgyz games and enjoy some food.

After they have performed, the students will leave the stage and be taken back to the classroom by their teachers in order to get changed out of their costumes. We kindly ask you not to collect your child until they have returned their costumes. Please note, all Preschool students should be collected directly from their classrooms.

In the interests of safety, please make sure you inform the homeroom teacher before collecting your child. Teachers will have a list of students in their class so that they can check off which students have been handed over to their parents' care and supervision for the remainder of the event.

There will be no changes to school buses; the departure time will be at 16:40 as usual.

## NEW FACES: MS. AIPERI

Hello BIS community. My name is Aiperi. I am currently working in Preschool as a co-teacher with Ms. Tina and Ms. Carmen. I joined the BIS community in September 2019. I am glad to be the part of this great school with such great friends, helpful and loving teachers and sound school administration. Before I started working at BIS, I studied and worked at the Stanford children's education center in China for a year. While working for BIS, I have learned and gained a lot of experience. In BIS, we have more chances to improve ourselves and learn from each other and alongside our colleagues.

I can speak sign language, and in my free time I like to draw, and write about/create characters. Since I started working in BIS, I have gained invaluable experience as I have been able to work with people from different regions, cultures and faiths. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of BIS. Please come say hi in Preschool.

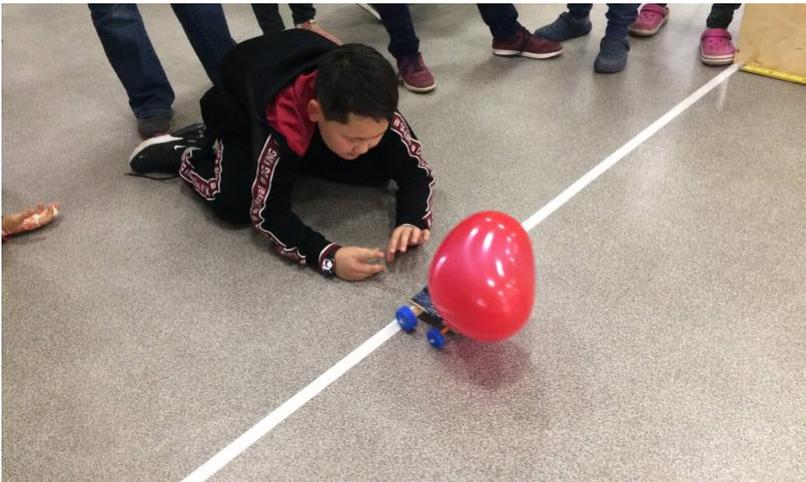


# PRIMARY 3 EXCITED ABOUT BOOKS!

Our Scholastic Book Club is open (see details below)



# BIS Snapshot: Balloon Car Inquiry





Friday, 20th  
March 2020

# NOORUZ CELEBRATION

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2.30 p.m. - Gates open

2.35 p.m. - Teacher Band performance

2.45 p.m. - Performances

4.30 p.m. - Games



## ECA SIGN-UP FOR TERM 4

Next term ECAs start on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March and finish on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Online ECA sign-up starts on **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March** at 19:30 and will finish on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 23:59.

Please use the following link to sign up to ECAs: <http://www.bis.kg/eca>

The video provided [here](#), will give you instructions on how to use the ECA sign-up software.

If you have any questions regarding the sign-up process please contact Bojana Askovic – [baskovic@bis.kg](mailto:baskovic@bis.kg)



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Our March Book Club is up and running! It is open to allow you to order English language reading books, delivered from the UK to our school.

Scholastic book catalogues are available in the library and school reception.

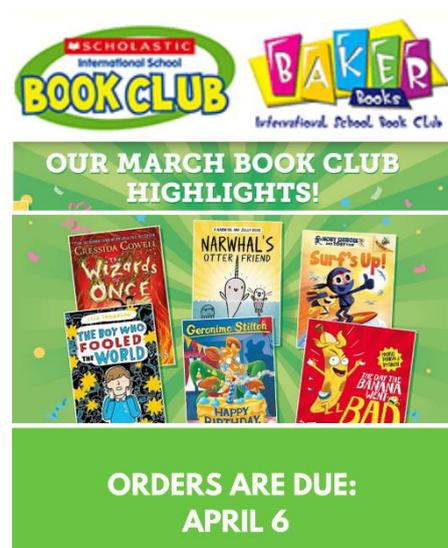
You can place your orders from our March catalogue online <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool> or with our school cashier by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

All orders will be delivered to our School in April.

EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

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

Should you have any questions about book ordering please feel free to ask - [library@bis.kg](mailto:library@bis.kg)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March: Nooruz Public Holiday
- Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March: Spring Break
- Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April – Art Exhibition and Poetry Evening
- Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April – All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- End of April: IBDP and IGCSE Exam Sessions start

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

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 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 Preschool 1 friends have talked about insects and explored their world. Now our friends know that there are so many different insects such as ladybugs, grasshoppers, bees, ants, butterflies, and more. And the most interesting fact for our children was that insects can be found everywhere - on the ground, in the trees, shrubs, flowers, and in the air! We made our learning wall into nature wall and decorated it with all the insects that we know. For artwork, we made egg carton caterpillars, flying ladybugs and honeybees. The most exciting day of this past week was on Wednesday when we visited Ata-Turk park. We went on a scavenger hunt for insects with the help of magnifying glasses and paper binoculars. Friends were thrilled to find many insects and the ants were extremely popular ones - we found many of them. Following that, we pretended to be ants and marched by singing "The ants go marching one by one". Our third educational visit was a great success!



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



## PRESCHOOL 2

Preschool 2 group was looking at the new ways of how people express themselves. This week we talked about role play where we discussed the actions and feelings of the story heroes; Preschool 2 were learning to copy their emotions and show them in a role play. We distinguished several favourite stories for this including 'Brown Bear, what do you see' and 'The smartest giant in the town'. All together we created main hero puppets and one by one the children made a performance in our play theater - trying to retell the story and express the feelings of each hero, for instance happiness, sadness, disappointment, anxiety.

Another engaging activity the friends made this week was putting the pictures from the story in the proper event sequence: by doing the activity, the children practiced to retell the story and again thought more about the feelings of events illustrated in the pictures. For our literacy lesson, we repeated all the letters that we learnt - a, t, s, n, p and i, and played a picture sorting game where children tried to identify the initial letter of the words and put it to the right place. That was a bit of a hard task, but we overcame the difficulties doing the task all together. To improve our handwriting skills, our friends practiced tracing their names and created their names on papers using pasta, beads and small pieces of colorful paper.

**Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Form Teacher**



## PRESCHOOL 3

This week, Preschool 3 friends went on a field trip to Dodo Pizza to look at the inner workings of a kitchen. We asked some very important questions like: "How do we clean the kitchen?", "Why is it important to have a kitchen in the house?" and "What do we use kitchens for?". We also had a lot of fun learning about the letter 'z' this week and we made a letter 'z' zebra with play-doh! Next week we will practice our dance for Nooruz and learn about the letter 'w'.

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

