



HELPING ON THE FRONT LINE

Our school doctor – Dr Asel – has been called-up to work full time as an ambulance doctor, with 18 hour shifts every second day, due to the medical system overload with the COVID-19 crisis. We have around 650 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country and this number is growing by the day. **Medical professionals are at the highest risk and are 40% of all confirmed cases in Bishkek.** There are many stories from medical staff who do not have sufficient personal protective equipment to protect themselves and sometimes don't have soap and clean towels or hot food and drinks at the end of a shift. **We must protect the heroic medical staff who are risking their lives on the front line in the battle against coronavirus pandemic,** or the lockdown will be ineffective and we will never stop the virus. Dr Asel says that each ambulance is short of personal protective equipment, and they really need donations of medical masks, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies to protect themselves. She says that the full list of supplies required for ambulances and hospitals is: Surgical Masks; N95 Respirators; Face/eye Shields; Disposable Gloves; Cleaning Supplies; Hand Sanitizer; Disinfectant Wipes; Isolation Gowns; Hot Food; and other basics. **We are asking the BIS Community to come together to provide these supplies as far as possible. We know that many people are suffering financially in this crisis but we can still come together to support those who are risking their lives for us.** Our Chief Accountant, Ermek Alybekova, and Lawyer, Nargiza Kakelova, are leading a team of BIS staff to organize the logistics of our support. A 'Medical Supplies Fund' account has been opened by BIS in KICB to receive USD.



<p>Beneficiary name: PF "ESCA-Bishkek International School" Bank Name: Kyrgyz Investment and Credit Bank, 21, Erkindik blvd., Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic SWIFT: KICBKG22 USD Account Number: 1280010119383396</p>	<p>Correspondent bank: Raiffeisen Bank International AG Am Stadtpark 9, 1030 Vienna, Austria SWIFT: RZBAATWW Account № of KICB: 070-55066534 Description of Payment: COVID-19 Donation</p>
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For KGS transfer Elsom wallet will be available from Monday 27th April, and this information will be sent out by email.

Please donate what you can to protect doctors, nurses and medical assistants. Dr Asel will help us get the supplies to the people who really need them. A report will be given in Voices each week with information on total donations received and how supplies have been procured and supplied to medical staff, with account information available at the end of each month for transparency. If you have any questions or suggestions or wish to donate physical supplies instead of money, please email donate@bis.kg

Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration

CONGRATULATIONS TO

THE CPR HEROES!



As we settle into a more regular remote learning routine, there has been a slight change on the CPR front. This week, we will be acknowledging students from Preschool 1 to Primary 1 in our Early Years category. I am truly taken aback by the number of nominees in this category in the first week, and I'm confident that this will continue. So, here we go... (takes deep breath)

EARLY YEARS

Aruna (PS1) has been principled in her active participation in all activities this week, always having a smile on her face as she does so. **Emil** in PS2 has also been in a good mood this week, and has been working hard to improve his storytelling skills.

In PS2, **Muskul** like Aruna has participated in all lessons and completed all tasks. **Ajibek** has shown his talent by always having an answer ready in Kyrgyz lessons, and **Aysha** has always had a kind and happy word to say to her friends. Both **Rustam** and **Klara** have reflected on their learning, applying what they know and thinking about what they don't so they can find out more!

In PS3, **Ginevra** has been caring at home by helping with the cleaning up and looking after her baby brother. **Ilya** has done some great individual work, while **Cathrin** and **Cedrick** have helped each other out by working together. Finally, **Nil Mira** in Primary 1 has once again been recognised for continuing to show all of the CPR attributes, as she has done since the beginning of the year!

PYP2-6

Reyhan (P4) has made an excellent effort in her Spanish studies and is making a great improvement! Also in P4, **Laia** has been principled by dialing in to all morning calls, and in P5 **Arina** and **Daria** have cared for each other by working together. Great job!

MYP

Adilet (MYP1) has been really reflective this week, always reaching out for help and using his teacher's feedback to improve his work.

Ayan in MYP2 has been recognised for always going the extra mile in her studies, **Delilah** has completed all of her work on time and to an impeccable standard, and **Alibek** has shown his care and commitment by participating in lessons and completing his exit tickets!

IGCSE

Christina in IGCSE1 has been an excellent communicator, reaching out to teachers and also sharing information with her fellow students (and she completed the Incredibox challenge!). And ... drum roll ... our first nominee in IGCSE2! **Sean** has been more active this week, both in class and ensuring that deadlines are met!

DP

In DP, **Alibek, OuYi, Kip, Arslan, Sabira, Aigerim and Nurbek** (all DP2) demonstrated care for their classmates by agreeing to have a session outside of normal class time so that **Rylee** could join the conversation from the US. A great example of working together to face the challenges presented to us by remote learning!

So there we go, another busy week full of caring, principled and reflective actions. As you read this, I would like to remind parents that we also very much welcome nominations from you. In the current situation, most of what we see from our students is the work they have completed, while you get to see what they are like at home. If you have any instances of your child displaying caring, principled or reflective behaviour that you think should be shared and celebrated, please contact a class teacher, form teacher, programme coordinator or myself. Between us we can ensure they get the recognition they deserve! I look forward to having even more to write about next week. Have a great weekend!

Mr. Darren, Head of Student Welfare

TAIGANS @ HOME CHALLENGES!

This week, reading buddies read Chapter 1 of Roald Dahl's *George's Marvelous Medicine*! So, our challenge this week is to try and create our very own funky 'medicine'! Make sure you use fun and safe ingredients. Here's a basic recipe to start you off!

Visual instructions:



Steps:

1. Put a teaspoon of Bicarbonate of Soda into a cup. The longer and taller the cup, the better!
2. Add a squirt of washing-up liquid
3. Stir and mix together! If it is tricky, try using a drinking straw (an eco-friendly straw if possible!)
4. If you want your magic medicine to be colourful you could add some food colouring!
5. Squeeze or pour in a small amount of lemon juice. Continue stirring as you pour.
6. Bubbles should start to form and fill the cup.
7. Add more lemon juice and soda until the 'medicine' bubbles over the top!

This isn't a tasty marvelous medicine as it contains soap! You could use fruits and juices to make something a little more enjoyable and edible!

Send your photos and recipes to ipak@bis.kg to share them in next week's Voices!

All of our Primary Students have been working tremendously hard this week! The below students have been awarded **Galaxy Go Getters** for going above and beyond in their learner profile development!

Primary 1: All Primary 1 students! Our students completed their first remote assessment and get our Galaxy Go Getter Award for doing such an amazing job!

Primary 2A: Ailin for being a strong communicator who always eagerly shares her knowledge and ideas during our daily check-ins.

Primary 2S: Amanda for being principled and a risk taker. She always completes her exit tickets and has started to volunteer more during our morning meetings.

Primary 3: Sofia Eva for being principled and prepared for learning every day.

Primary 4: Kanykei has been a communicator and knowledgeable student who actively participated during class discussions and knew the correct answers to the multiplication and division problems.

Primary 5: Lanie for being knowledgeable and caring. She read books about how to take care of the environment and expanded her knowledge beyond the daily lessons!

Primary 6A: Saidnur for being very principled in completing his Math and open-minded in creating his unique poems!

Primary 6S: Murad has been very careful to complete all assigned work as well as respond to any comments and suggestions given. Well done, Murad!

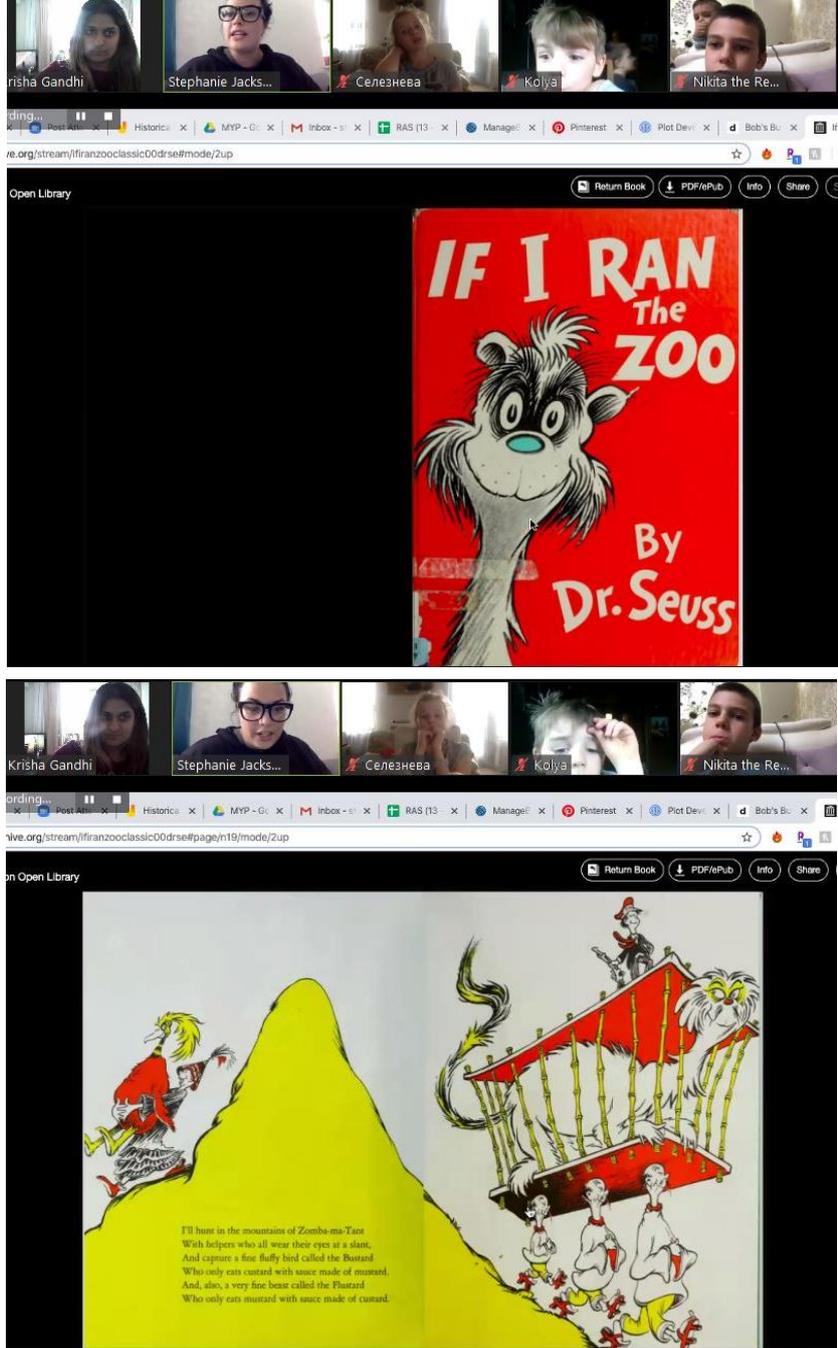
The PYP Team!

READING BUDDIES

Reading buddies is the best time of the week and one of the things I miss the most about being at school. Getting to sit and hangout with your class and your buddy and share books that you love is the absolute best. This was something we were really missing. We have also been missing community service. Community service is a huge part of BIS and who we are as global learners and how as members of the community we contribute.

Beginning last week, we created a community service project to combine these two things. Monday through Thursday at 13:30 we have digital reading buddies! Over the last two weeks Ms. Krisha and myself and sometimes guest readers like Ms. Anastasia have been reading some of our favorite stories to any PYP students that would like to join us. Beginning next week, we will have students from IGCSE and DP joining us to read and lead reading buddies.

Working together as a team and as a community doesn't go away just because we can't be together and reading buddies is an example of our resilience! Please join us for reading buddies Monday-Thursday at 13:30 and if you would like to volunteer to read (students AND teachers!) please email me at sjackson@bis.kg. Zoom login information is included in Primary classroom documents or you can email me with any questions! We look forward to sharing our favorite stories with you!



Dr Seuss animal drawings by Arya



Ms. Stephanie, ELA & Drama Teacher



BIS Snapshot: Taigans at Home



Daiana

Life is really hard. It's not that easy how you think.
But never give up. Believe in yourself.
If no one believes in you, make them to.
I want to give you nice advice
Be sly as fox
Be as fast as a tiger.
Do not be scared to make mistakes
We are all humans. People will understand.

Nuraym

Nuraym
English Language and Literature MYP2
15 April 2020
Unit 5: Spoken and Slam Poetry
Wednesday's free verse poem

Even if the land breaks where we stand,
If all the globe collapses, take my hand.
No matter who defies, I'm with you,
Believe in yourself, dream far away.

I'm gonna give you all my love,
To see you living your best life, of course.
I will work day by nights to see your smile,
I will give you everything that you want.

To son.
(her son is invalid and she's
the only parent)

Olivia P2A



Yaroslava

we are all equal
and we are
all people

ASIA

EUROPE



Kais



INCREDIBOX CHALLENGE

A huge thanks to all the participants of the INCREDIBOX challenge!

Our results show a tie for first place with the following three students taking the top spot! **Beatrice** (MYP1), **Sienna** (MYP1) and **Jibran** (IBDP1).

The links to the winning Incredibox:

[Sienna](#)

[Beatrice](#)

[Jibran](#)

Piranhas get 200 points (Sienna and Jibran) and Snow Leopards will get 100 (Beatrice).

Congratulations to the winners!



UPDATED HOUSE POINTS:



Phoenixes

5453



PIRANHAS

6007



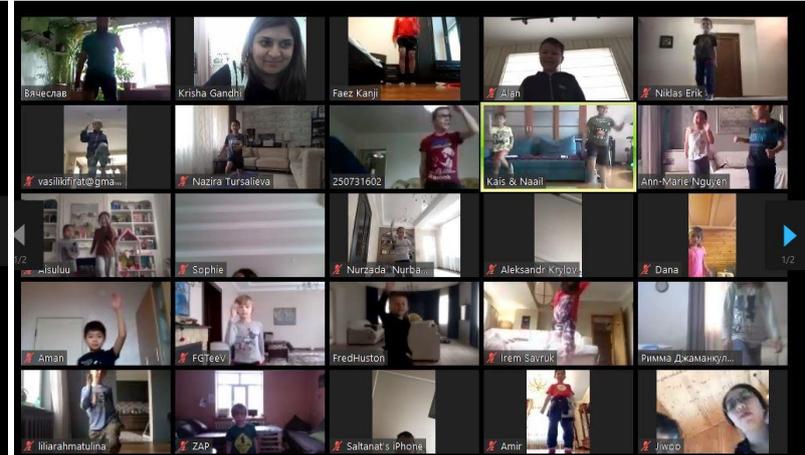
SNOW LEOPARDS

5707

PYP LIVE FITNESS SESSIONS

Our daily fitness classes are interactive sessions which focus on skill development and coordination. Mr. Slava takes the lead by introducing a variety of foundational movements while Mr. Faez provides individual feedback on technique! The goal is not just to break a sweat, it's about promoting the number one reason why we love to play - to have fun! It's been lovely to see siblings join in the classes together and we've loved seeing our parent community also join the sessions! Fitness sessions take place every **Monday to Friday at 14:30**.

The link and password can be found in the primary classroom documents.



Mr. Faez and Mr. Slava

BABY FACE COMPETITION!

Thanks to a great suggestion from MYP, our students will soon be able to participate in a 'guess the baby photo' competition. We are asking all students to send in a baby picture of themselves by Thursday 30th April! Pictures will be shared with individual classes. Students who correctly guess the most photos from their class will win 100 points for their house. Students who send in a photo will also earn 25 points!

You can start the fun by trying to guess the pictures below!

HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE



BABY FACE COMPETITION!

PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY BABY PHOTOS SHOULD BE SENT TO
ATILEKEEVA@BIS.KG

SECONDARY BABY PHOTOS SHOULD BE SENT TO BASKOVIC@BIS.KG
PLEASE SEND PHOTOS WITH YOUR (CHILD'S) NAME AND CLASS.

Tips + resources
for BIS parents supporting
students at home

THRIVING TAIGANS

THIS WEEK'S TIPS ARE IBO APPROVED AND ENCOURAGED.

CHECK IN REGULARLY

Be curious about what and how your child is learning. Try to keep conversations going to encourage exploration and reflection. Keep the discussion conversational rather than interrogative. Show interest in what and how they have learned so far.

ASK QUESTIONS...

Let your child explore ideas, wonderings, problems and solutions. Give time for independent discoveries and hold back from giving too many suggestions. Ask what is challenging in their learning, or what they feel they need help with. The aim is to enable them to come up with their own solutions.

PERSONAL NETWORKS

Consider pairing your child up with a friend (virtually via Skype, WhatsApp, Zoom or another digital tool) so that they can share their learning and give feedback throughout the learning process. They have their class calls but personal interactions can be very motivating too.

PRODUCT NOT PROCESS

Focus on the learning process rather than the product. This is an opportunity for your child to develop critical thinking skills, build understanding on how to research and investigate, continue to ask questions that deepen their learning and inspire further questions.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

What did you learn today that made you want to keep finding out more?
What don't you understand yet?
What new questions do you have now?
Have your ideas or thinking changed?
Why?
What different opinions/views are there on this subject?
What's your opinion and why?

CELEBRATE!

This is an odd time and it can be easy to skip over this step but our students are reaching development milestones weekly (at the very least). Whether it's skills-based, content-based or regarding the learner profile, take time to give your child recognition for their hard work.



RESOURCE OF THE WEEK – ‘TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS’ AND ‘NUMBOTS’

Times Tables Rockstars is a fun, engaging and challenging programme which allows children to learn, practise and apply their times tables – all while having fun!

The programme focuses on enhancing the children’s speed and accuracy of multiplication facts up to 12×12 . Through regular practice, the children increase their fluency and quick recall of these important facts, as well as building upon their confidence.

The programme has four different gaming modes: garage, arena, studio and festival across which the children will earn coins that can be exchanged for different accessories for their rock star avatar. The more questions they answer, the more coins they will earn!

As a parent, you will be able to access your child’s ‘my stats’ page which will allow you to see which times tables facts your child is confident with, as well as which they may be finding difficult.

NumBots is an online game designed to improve your child’s recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts.

‘**Times Tables Rockstars**’ and ‘**NumBots**’ can be accessed through the web address <https://play.ttrockstars.com> or alternatively on a tablet or phone by downloading the Apple or Android app. Each child has been assigned a username and password.

If your child is interested in practicing their math with this game, please email mrayimbekova@bis.kg who will share usernames and passwords with you.



OUR BIS RESOURCES SHORTLIST

[Here](#) you can find our compilation of online resources that could support and supplement your child's learning during this time. We will be adding our top resources each week. If you have a suggestion that you think should be shared, please email fkanji@bis.kg



KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have anything you want to discuss or any suggestions for the school, please contact your child’s Homeroom or Form Teacher and they will either answer directly or pass the message on to the right person. Messages can be sent in English or Russian, or in your own language. If you do not know the correct email address for the person you want to write to, please write to info@bis.kg and our Reception will forward your email to the right person.

NO SCHOOL
1st – 5th May
2020



PRESCHOOL 1

This week, Preschool 1 friends have learned all about musical instruments. We discussed drums, guitars, maracas, pianos, and xylophones. On our first day, we made a homemade bottle shaker which was filled with different items such as rice, beads, and beans and have found that they make different sounds. On Tuesday, we made a scavenger hunt for musical instruments in our homes and found guitars, bottle shakers, drums out of pan and wooden spoons, and maracas from spoons. During our live lesson we had a group play in our instruments and sang birthday song to Steven who just turned 3. We also found out that all musical instruments that we tried to play make different sounds. For art and crafts, we made a colorful xylophone, and a pizza from different shapes in math. Next week, we will talk about dinosaurs!



Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Form Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

Preschool 2 group has been talking about how people share the planet with tiny creatures - minibeasts. The week started with the introduction to the world of mini creatures. During our life call we played a memory game using pictures of a ladybird, a worm, a bee, a dragonfly, a butterfly and a spider. Our friends were so good at memorizing and every time could tell me what minibeast had disappeared. We discovered that these amazing beasts are everywhere, we just need to be more attentive to find them in the grass, or on the tree branches, or in the ground and sometimes they can live in our house, for instance a home spider. The first creature we talked about was a ladybird.

Most of our friends like ladybirds and shared with us that they had seen them in the grass. The book "The Very Lazy Ladybird" helped us to know that ladybirds don't like to fly, they prefer to crawl. The next day, we looked at a spider. Scary! Reading a book about spiders, we saw how spiders spin tricky webs making sticky dots on their threads to catch yummy flies, and they can lay up to 1000 eggs! Moreover, we counted their eyes and legs - 8 of both! Together we drew scary spiders using lots of different colors. At the end of the week, Ms. Aisedep made an interesting Kyrgyz lesson where we revised colors and showed each other our favourite color clothes!

Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Form Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Week 5 of remote learning has been lots of fun for our Preschool 3 students. We took part in a virtual field trip to watch a show called snow mouse! We also had lots of fun creating a game called "pin the nose on the

clown" during one of our class calls. We also had fun participating in a show and tell activity as well as creating cute bird books for Dr. Anna!

Ms. Carmen, Preschool 3 Form Teacher

