



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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WELCOME OUR HOUSES CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS

We are pleased to introduce our first official House Captains and Vice Captains for the 2020-2021 year.



Head of House: Mr. Darren
House Captain: Sienna, MYP2 Vice-Captain: Yorali, P5



Head of House: Mr. Slava
House Captain: Fernanda, DP2 Vice-Captain: Lia, P5



Head of House: Mr. Faez
House Captain: Alina, IGCSE2 Vice-Captain: Carys, P6



CONGRATULATIONS TO

THE CPR HEROES!



Special mention this week goes to **Farhan** in MYP1 for being enthusiastic and engaged in his learning while reflecting on the work he had produced in English. **Aidan** in IGCSE2 deserves acknowledgement for also reflecting on her work, and also for taking responsibility and clearing up shared spaces unprompted that would otherwise have been left a mess.

As we draw towards the holidays, it is a time to think back over the past year (which, in many ways, may be one that people would rather forget). We should nonetheless try to focus on the things we have learned as a result of the challenges we have faced, individually and as a community. 2020 will shortly be on its way out, but the skills and resilience that we have developed will stay with us, making 2021 a much brighter prospect.

Lastly, the concept of care may be one that many take for granted over the festive period as people catch up with family and loved ones both near and far. 2020 has been a tough one for many, and for some more than most. As we enjoy this time of year, spare a thought for those that might need a little help, give some if you can, and don't be shy to ask if you need it yourself. All the best for the final week of term and the holiday period.

Mr. Darren, Head of Student Welfare

PYP GALAXY GO GETTERS



PRIMARY 1 STUDENTS EXPLORE MEASUREMENT

This week the P1 Friends continued to explore measurement – we experimented with liquid volume to be precise! We also made a paper chain out of recycled paper! It was 31 meters long! And of course, are still playing "restaurant" in the drama center and we enjoyed PJ Day!

Ms. Kathleen, Primary 1 Homeroom Teacher



THRIVING TAIGANS IN THE SNOW!

As we approached the colourful orange and red leaves of this year's autumn, it was time for the BIS sports coaches to determine what Term 2 would look like. Without inter-school and international competitions, was there a need to continue with football practice twice a week? To add to the dilemma, we also had to consider how wintery the weather could get - full well knowing that Bishkek's winter months often come with an increase in air pollution too. We ummed and arred before settling on a unanimous "yes!" to continue Girls' Football twice per week.



We did have to concede to pollution a few times and took the sessions indoors where we would watch and analyse famous World Cup matches. Though, whenever possible, our fierce and determined girls showed utter Taigan spirit and tackled the sport in conditions that many would shiver at the thought of!

Instead of frowning or being frustrated, our girls have taken to the novelty of snow-football with absolute excitement and delight. They've learnt that footballs don't roll on snow the way they do on grass, they've developed their quick footwork, have improved their in-game analysis of where to pass a ball and why, and have been laughing and smiling the whole way through despite the chilly temperatures.

Though gender equality is progressing and women's football is more popular than ever before, many female football players still struggle to be taken seriously as professional athletes. What our young female Taigans here at BIS have shown is that a love of sport, an enjoyment of team spirit and a commitment to improve is not defined by your gender but it's a part of who you are.



Well done, Taigans, we are proud of you!

Coach Krisha and Coach Shelby

BASKETBALL 3 X 3

Last Friday we had our second House sports event. Until the last day, we had teams in all houses and all categories, but unfortunately some of our Piranhas were forced to cancel their participation due to injuries. We look forward to seeing all categories participate in the next tournament!

We started right after the assembly. The matches lasted 10 minutes each and each team played at least two times. The rules are a bit different from basketball but the students quickly adapted. We had great referees; thank you to Ms. Anya and Mr. Olen. Unfortunately, students who did not participate could not attend, but BIS provided a broadcast and a link for this event. Results by groups, and overall results can be seen [here](#).

The Phoenix house and players were very successful in this tournament and significantly cut the points difference they had in comparison to other houses.

Snow Leopards were second and, playing with one team less, Piranhas came in third.

Overall, a special thanks to the young teams of Snow Leopards who fought bravely to the very end and brought very important points to their house - because of you your house is still first!

Thank you all and see you at the next home sporting event.

Mr. Zeljko, Head of Physical Education



NEW FACES AT BIS: MR TOM

My name is Tom Clifton and I am a new English Language & Literature and ELA teacher here at Bishkek International School. English, in all its forms, has been what I have wanted to absorb and impart for as long as I can remember. I studied English language and literature at Queen Mary University of London and, after a sojourn working in the advertising industry, jumped headfirst into teaching English abroad. My first impression at Bishkek International School has been an amazing one. Rooms full of students who are eager to learn, and a warm community here to support everyone, young and old. I've been fully enjoying getting to know each of my students, and how I can help them in their school life here at BIS.



Aside from some time working in Iraqi Kurdistan implementing European Education Standards in two local universities, I have spent the best part of three years working in the Kyrgyz Republic in the teaching field, and have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this country. I am still enamoured by the mix of old and new, West and East, and the daily reminder of the mountains being so close to the city makes me continually realise how lucky I am to be living in this part of the world.



Most of my free time in Kyrgyzstan is spent exploring the nooks and crannies of the city in a search for good food and bad 1980's Russian pop music, trying to expand my terrible (абдан жаман) vocabulary bank of Kyrgyz and Russian, and endeavouring to not fall off precipitous cliff faces when driving on the narrow mountain roads of the more distant regions. In fact, my "driving skills" have led me to wear out three Soviet Ladas in this country, and I expect that toll to continue.

I look forward to being able to meet all of you in person as we begin our hopeful return to normality in 2021.

Mr. Tom, English & English Language Acquisition Teacher

ENGLISH CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT



Wanted: Enthusiastic, energetic students who love English to run an English club during ECAs. Qualifies as service for CAS and other requirements.

We hope the English Club will be a place for students new to learning English can come together and enjoy English through

- Talking about their favorite movies, music, books, comics, TV shows
- Playing games
- Sharing best-loved English media
- Debating fascinating topics
- Hanging out while speaking English

The English Club will be available as an ECA, starting Term 3 of this year. The Club leader(s) will be responsible for planning fun, engaging activities that give students new to English authentic and enjoyable ways to improve their English. They will run the ECA sessions, keeping all Club members using English as much as possible.

Enthusiasm is key! Learning a new language is challenging, and many of your peers need a boost in finding fun ways to take on the challenge of an English education.

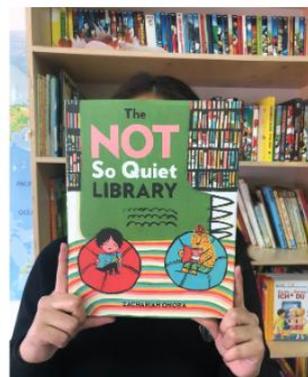
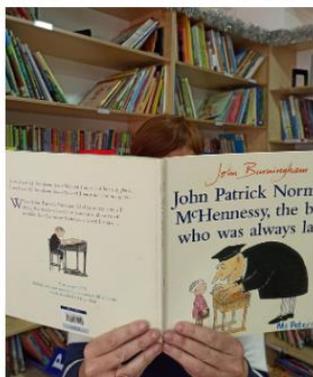
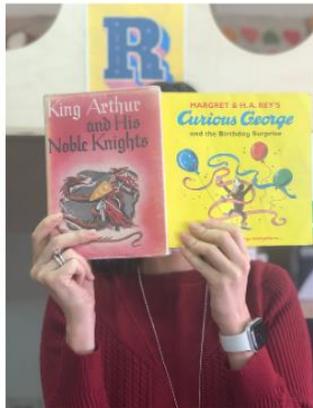
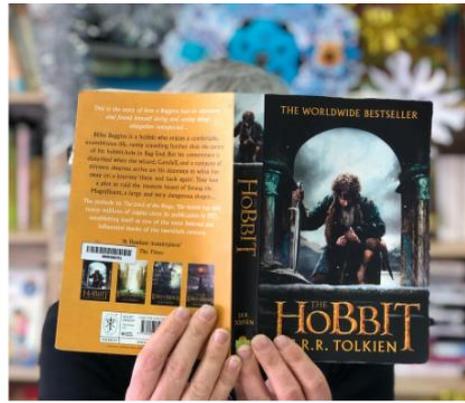
If you are a strong English speaker interested in this fun service opportunity, contact Mr. Tom and/or Ms. Sunny.

Sunny Stimmler, IBDP English Teacher, Head of English Department

BIS Snapshot: Cozy Pajamas



BIS Snapshot: Teachers Read Too



MYP STUDENTS WRITE POETRY

This semester, we focused on the study of the of 19th century poets, poetic vocabulary, artistic and visual means of poetry, and the principles of versification. The result of students' research studies was the creation of their own poetic texts. We are delighted to show you their final pieces in their original language versions:

Ms. Nazgul, Russian Language and Literature Teacher

Nuraiym, MYP3

Друг (Friend)

Снежинки падают прямо на мои ресницы,
Слегка касаясь губ.
Не нарушай личные границы,
Ты все еще мне друг.

Хруст снега под ногами,
И красный от мороза нос.
Зима тут между нами,
Ты ждешь весны как нежных снов.

Мой милый друг, не знаешь,
Что в сердце у меня внутри.
Давно замерзло, и навряд ли,
Весна смогла б его спасти.

Aaron, MYP1

Вечер волшебства (Magic Night)

Однажды ужинал я дома,
Свечу зажёл и кофе пил.
Читал я книгу у балкона
И пёс лохматый рядом был.
Камин разжег
И искры полетели,
Теплом приятным я объят!
И мысли умные в моей главе сидели!
Решился написать я белый стих...

Nestan, MYP1

Я помню в моем детстве
Ты был со мной всегда.
От тебя всегда исходит доброта,
Мой любимый дедушка – ата.

Мы белочек кормили,
И все ты разрешал,
С тобой цветы садили,
И ты их поливал.

Но вдруг тебя не стало...
Мне было грустно очень...
Я помню этот вечер
И что случилось ночью...

Когда тебя не стало,
Все сразу потускнело.
Я по тебе скучаю.
Я очень повзрослела.

Churek, MYP3

Мы глухи (We are deaf)

Земля мала, она не так уж
велика,
Для всех для нас она ведь дом.
Она у нас у всех одна,
По ней мы ходим, на ней живем.

Берем мы от Земли, что можем,
Обратно ничего взамен.
И предложить - то ничего не
сможем,
Чем мы отплатим ей мы, чем?

И тот, кто слышит стон
земельный
Нам переводит плач ее .
Мы ищем в небе дом отдельный
И слышать не хотим ее.

Shirmet, МҮР1

Снег (Snow)

Сегодня ночью выпал снег,
И все как будто изменилось.
Остановился жизни бег,
Все замерло, остановилось.

На улице – белым-бело.
И тишина-не слышно звуков.
И хочется смотреть в окно
И любоваться снежным пухом.

Ayan, МҮР3

Пицца (Pizza)

Много вкусного всего,
Есть на белом свете:
Торт, колбасы, эскимо,
Сладкие конфеты.

Но люблю я больше всех
Пиццу в “Дольче Вита”,
И приходит мой успех
С кусочком Маргариты.

Пиццу в пятницу всегда,
Мне приносит папа.
Всю неделю жду тебя,
И твой вкус и запах.

Домино (Domino)

Азартным игроком был Бен,
Игра коварная схватила в плен.
Долги к шее подходили,
А деньги не приходили.
Любил с деньгами он играть,
Но решил что надо завязать,
А когда не получилось,
Ограбить банк ему случилось.
Приготовил план для взлома,
В восемь вечера вышел из дома.

В банке работала Мариам,
Мечтавшая поехать в Таиланд.
За границу билет купила,
Но из-за вируса не полетела.
Работа у неё скучная,
Работа у неё вечерняя,
Начиналась она поздно,
В 8 вечера приходила.

Вечерним покупателем была Элиза,
Хотела она купить в магазине риса.
Про вкусный плов думала она,
До самого вечера, допоздна.
С работы она пришла поздно,
В восемь вечера в магазин пошла из дома.

Eva-Aijan, МҮР3

Тусовщик был Даниил,
Каждый вечер в клуб спешил.
Напитки крепкие он пил,
На парковке у магазина потом курил
Это был его режим,
Всегда в 8 вечера выходил.

В это же время смелым шагом Бен пошёл,
Грабить банк ему срок пришёл,
Заходит в внутрь, угрожая пистолетом,
Не увидев Мариам за дальним табуретом.
Позвонила она в полицию,
Сожалея, что она не за границую.
Деньги Бен преступно приобрёл
Услышав вой сирены, по-быстрому ушел.
Он бежал в сторону магазина,
Ниоткуда с рисом появилась Элиза.
Врезался с разгона он в неё,
На пол рассыпалось бабло...
Бен услышал погони крики,
Решил убежать, чем лишиться жизни.
Элиза собрала упавшее бабло
Позвонила мужу, чтобы рассказать про все,
Выезжала она с парковки магазина,
Одновременно по телефону говорила.
Не увидела курящего Даниила
Бедного тусовщика она сбила.
И вот пришел конец Даниила,
Судьба его настигла и убила.



BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS



Join in the festive fun by
wearing:

***Winter Jumpers (18.12.)**

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.**



TEACHERS READ TOO! CAN YOU GUESS WHO?

We are happy to announce a new House competition.

Now the Primary Library has an attractive bulletin board "Teachers Read Too! Can You Guess Who?" with our teachers who covered faces with their favorite books!

Students can check themselves to see how well they know their teachers and get extra points for your House!

House points: 1 point for each correct answer;

50 points for first place (student with the highest amount of correct guesses);

25 points for second place.

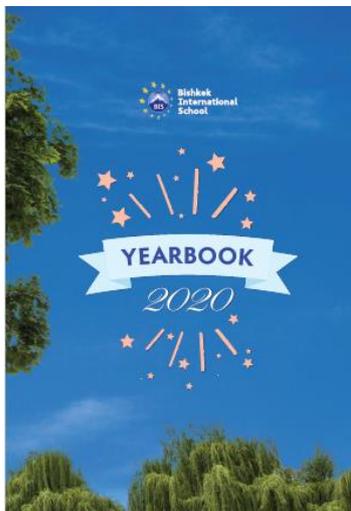
For those who are in remote learning, we have prepared a [folder](#) with numbered photos of teachers and a sheet to fill out. Send your answers to baskovic@bis.kg and get extra points!

The competition will be running until Thursday 17th December. The winners will be announced on the last day of the semester, Friday 18th December.

See you in the Library soon!



YEARBOOK 2019/20



Some hard copies of the 2019/20 Yearbook are still available for purchase. The price is **1000 KGS** per yearbook.

Come to school during working hours from 8:00 to 17:00 to collect a copy or send an email to info@bis.kg if you want it posted to you (the cost of postage will be added to the final cost).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 18th December – Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz
- 21st December – 8th January – Winter Break
- Monday 11th January – First Day of Second Semester

LUNCH MENU

Please find the updated links for the school menus – [Preschool & Primary School](#), [Middle & High School](#).

The lunch menu for December 14th – 18th 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 spent time learning about the senses. We became aware of all 5 senses that help us to explore the world around us by focusing each one every day. On Monday, we have talked about the sense of touch. Our friends enjoyed touching and feeling different textures such as soft, crinkly, rough, fluffy and smooth. Every member in our class have found their favorite textures and liked to touch again and again. On Tuesday, our friends were busy learning about the sense of taste and tried many tastes. We found out that Iman likes sweet, and Martha, Belek and Amalia prefer salty and sour products. On Wednesday, we talked about the sense of sight and made a fun experiment with baking soda and coloring vinegar. We loved seeing the baking soda turning to different colors and starting to bubble. Also, our friends noticed the yellow and green colors we saw. On Thursday, we learned about the sense of smell and made beautifully scented flowers. On Friday, our friends had fun making many sounds with our egg shakers and exploring their sense of hearing!

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

Preschool 2 group has been talking about how people express themselves through art. At the beginning of the week, we looked at the pictures where people were creating different art projects using different art styles. We saw how a man was creating sculpture out of a big stone, a woman who was painting on a big canvas with oil paints, children who were creating paper flowers and a cardboard rocket, and a boy who was modeling a plane out of plasticine. People chose different art techniques they like the most to express themselves through their art masterpiece. So, we decided to try some of the art styles and see how we can express our ideas using them. The next day, all together, we created a huge city where all the houses were made out of paper. Our friends stuck their faces on the houses' windows. On Wednesday, we made salty dough and tried to model with it. The friends created nice stars and New Year trees which we will paint when they are dry and put on the New Year Trees in our homes. The next thing we tried was working with old cardboard boxes. Cutting proper size pieces of cardboard, we created a rocket ship! The rocket ship was nice and spacey, so our friends could even get inside of it and pretend to be astronauts! On Friday, we took colored pasta and made necklaces to express our creativity and uniqueness.

Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Our Preschool 3 friends had an amazing week! This week, we learned about the letter 'n' and its sound! We learned that the letter 'n' is for nails, neck, nose and navel. We also made a beautiful necklace to help us remember the letter 'n'.

Our Preschool friends also had an amazing time in our music lessons and our art lesson with Dr. Anna where we finished our house and our igloo.

We really enjoyed creating the house and the igloo! The best part about the house and the igloo is that they are big enough for us to climb into and play pretend.

Next week will be the last week of the term where we will be reviewing all the letters and their sounds from a-n and we will also be doing some special holiday art!

Ms. Carmen, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher, Head of Preschool

