



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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5th February 2021

WINTER SPORTS DAY

On Friday last week we celebrated our annual Winter Sports Day! This year, over 150 staff and students from Primary 3 – DP2 signed up for a day of fun in the mountains. 16 minibuses set off for Chunkurchak Ski Base just after 8am for a day of skiing, snowboarding, sledding and picnicking. Whilst some students whizzed down the mountain with ease, others enjoyed their first taste of winter sports with ski instructors, and others had fun slipping and sliding on sleds. The weather was amazing and we all enjoyed the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air. Students from Preschool 1 to Primary 2 enjoyed having the school to themselves for their day of winter activities. A big thank you to all who made this logistically complex day so successful, and to the preschool and lower school team for their work in organising events for our younger students.



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS



A huge well done to our following award winners:

- **CPR** (Caring, Principled, Reflective): **Ginevra** (P1), **Allison** (P3), **Arya** (P3), **Amira** (P5), **Adilet** (MYP1 G), **Bektur** (IGCSE 2);
- **KTI** (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer): **Ange** (P3), **Emil** (P5), **Arina** (DP2);
- **BROC** (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator): **Stanislava** (Preschool 3), **Asylai** (P6).

GALAXY GO GETTERS



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

We are holding a remembrance service for Kanat Chokev in restaurant in central Bishkek at 13:00 on Saturday 27th February. If you would like [join us for this gathering, please complete the form here](#), and we will add you to the guest list and send you further information. If you would like to make a donation for Kanat's family, please give it to the cashier at school, or transfer via [EL SOM](#) or [bank transfer](#). You may also leave any condolence cards at school, or add your [condolences here](#). Please note the revised deadline for donations and condolences is Friday 26th February.



Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration

PRIMARY 2 LEARN SOUND WAVES



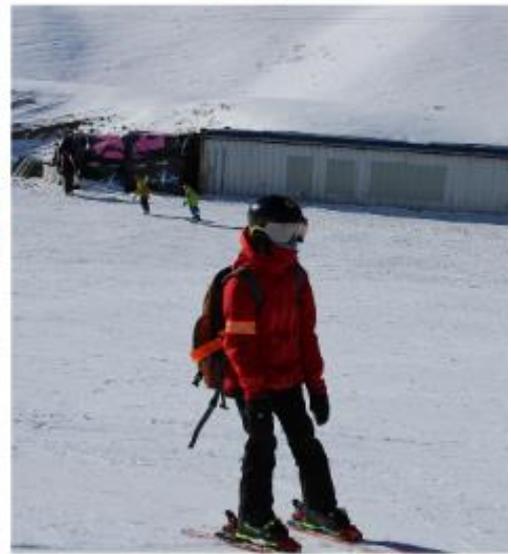
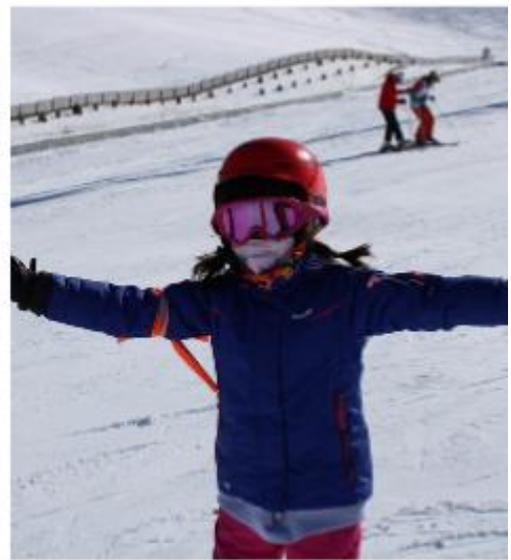
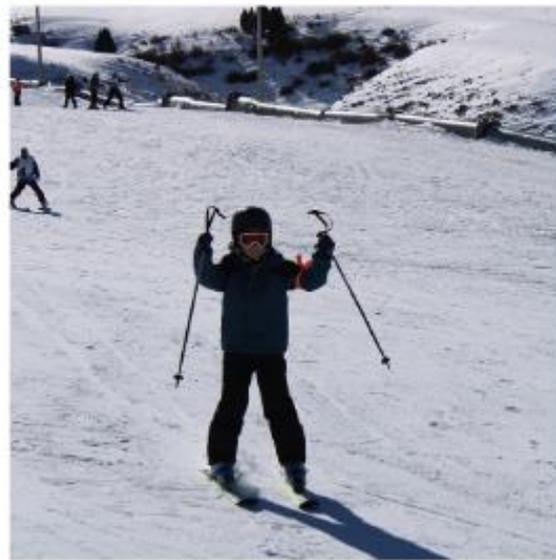
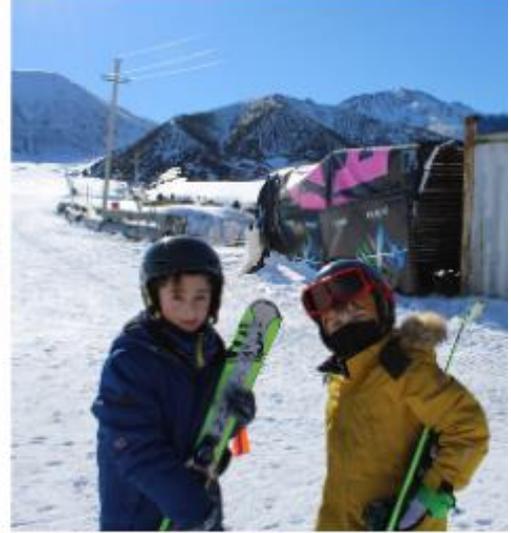
This week P2 learned about how sound waves move through the different states of matter: solid, liquid, and gas. To explore how sound waves move, the students got to use tuning forks and see how they create ripples in water, make noise with their hands or voice to make rice, couscous, and salt move, and use clapping hands and shouting to see if they could make a bubble full of air move. The class had a fantastically fun time and are excited to continue experimenting in science.

Ms. Shelby, Primary 2 Homeroom Teacher



BIS Snapshot: Winter Sports Day





PAMC ANNOUNCEMENT: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please help us celebrate our "Annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast"!

On **Friday, 12th February**, families can send something sweet or savory with their children to school for our staff to enjoy. This annual event is a way of saying thanks to the members of the staff community who help our children each day. Whilst parents aren't yet allowed onto campus, our designated parent is permitted on-site and our Chair of the PAMC, Nirika will join the staff on the morning of the 12th. As we are now a nut-free school, please make sure any items donated for the event do not contain nuts.

Items for this breakfast can also be dropped off at the school's external reception on the morning of Friday 12th February.



THE PAMC PRESENTS

BIS ANNUAL STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Date: 12th Feb
Time 08:00-09:00
Location: BIS Cafteria



**Friday 19th
February**

Languages in our Lives

MYP languages mix-up

**PYP & pre-school languages
scavenger hunt**

**PYP & pre-school taster language
lessons**

**Dress up to show a language or
culture important to you!**

Poetry recitals

Language wall

Languages in BIS video

*Activities for
remote and
in-school
students*

BIS' LIBRARY INVITES
YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN

**MY FAVORITE
BOOK CHARACTER
COMPETITION!**

Drawings size A4 should include:
Name of your character
Name of the book and the author
Your name and class

Prizes:

1st place - 100 hoise points

2st place - 70 hoise ponts

3 st place - 50 hoise points

and each participants get 10 house points

Bring your drawings to the Primary Library no later than 5pm on February 11th.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 12th February: Valentine's Day
- Friday 19th February: Languages in Our Lives Day
- Monday 22nd February: Extra Holiday
- Tuesday 23rd February: Homeland Defender's Day
- Friday 26th February: STEM Fair Day

LUNCH MENU

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

The lunch menu for February 8th – 12th is **"Menu A"**. 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 16

This week, Preschool 1 students were busy learning about arctic animals. Now our friends know that very cold places are home for many animals such as polar bears, penguins, seals, walruses, moose, snowy owls and more. Together, we decorated our learning wall into a polar animal's house and we made penguins, walruses and big polar bears. To consolidate our knowledge of animals that are staying warm in polar zone, we made a tangible experiment. We froze many ice cubes in the freezer, then we put frozen ice cubes into the container full of water. Our friends tried to put their hands on it and could not stay even for two seconds. After, we put plastic bag with fat and, in another bag, we put our hand. Later, we tried to put our hand with the plastic bags into the icy water and noticed that our hands were happy to stay for longer. Now we know that some marine animals have fat under their skin that helps them to stay warm in polar climates. Next week, we will start to talk about jungle life.

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week our Preschool 2 group continued talking about fruits and vegetables, their good impact on human health and tried to answer the question “Where the fruits and vegetables come from and how do they grow?”. We already discovered that most of the fruits and vegetables grow on farms, but we wanted to know how they start growing. Together, we looked at the apple tree life cycle and saw that the apple tree starts its life from a small seed. Thus, almost all fruits and vegetables start their life from seeds. To see how the seeds start growing, we planted beans in paper cups and will observe and give them water every day to notice changes. With Doctor Anna in our art lesson, we discussed what we like to eat and what kind of vegetables we can find in shops, and then made vegetable prints using cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots and lemons.

At the end of the week, we decided to enjoy cooking and made healthy sandwiches in class using pieces of carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes and pepper. The friends liked to put veggies on the bread slices and comment “I like carrots most of all”, “Veggies make us very strong”, “Cucumbers are green and tasty!”

Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week was a fantastic week for the Preschool 3 students. We learned about the letter 'o' and we made a giant octopus to help us remember the letter 'o'. We also listened to the book, *'There's a hole in the bottom of the sea'*. We also made our own orange juice by squeezing oranges until the juice came out it was really juicy. The preschool friends also had an amazing time putting all the finishing touches on our extremely colorful and beautiful concertina books with Dr. Anna.

Next week we will learn about the letter 'p' and we will also look at ordinal numbers again.

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

