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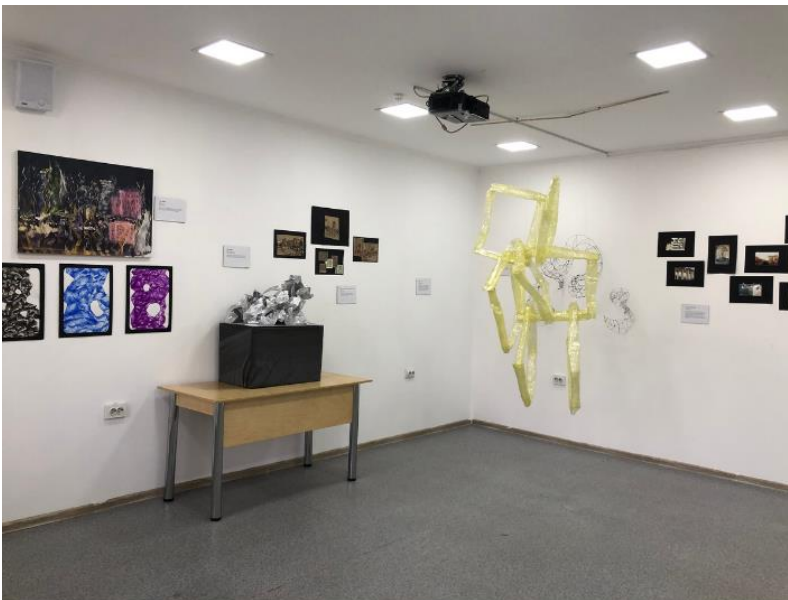


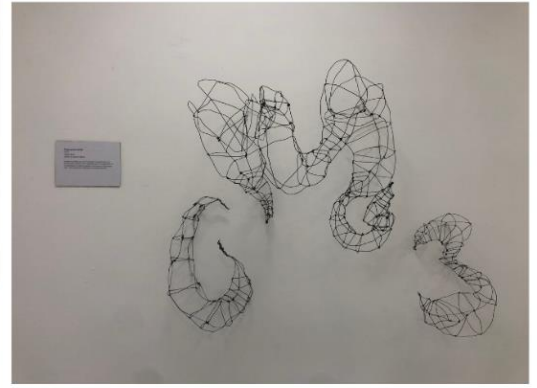
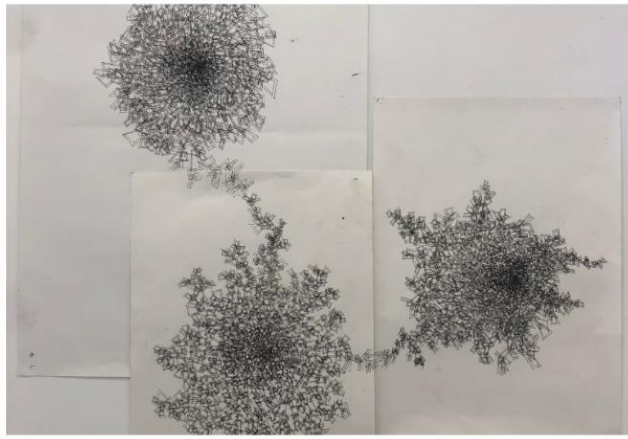
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12th March 2021

DP2 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

On the 9th of March, DP2 Visual Arts students Anel Kenzhebaeva and Adelia Abdrakhmanova held an exhibition of their final works. As part of their IB Visual Arts curriculum they have created art pieces which encapsulate both their artistic interests and experimentation with different mediums.





Future is one of my personal favorites. Clouds are always moving, they change their structure, size, and shape as they flow in the sky. Throughout the artwork I wanted to capture the process of the cloud formation.

Frozen Cloud artwork visualizes a cloud frozen in the atmosphere. I used toothpicks to represent icicles hanging from the cloud. Since we cannot see cloud in the atmosphere, I decided to show it by creating this artwork.

My main intentions to create these artworks were to show people the beauty of clouds.

Anel Kenzhebaeva and Adelia Abdrakhmanova, DP 2 Students

CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS



A huge well done to our following award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

- **Guney** (PS3)
- **Ayan** (MYP3)
- **Asiia** (IGCSE1)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

- **Grace** (P4J)
- **Fernanda** (DP2)

BROC (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator):

- **Amalia** (PS1)
- **Vincent** (PS2)
- **Lia** (P5)



PYPX UPDATE!

This Wednesday, Primary 6 students had the pleasure of meeting with guest speaker, Veronique Garrett, to learn more about different disabilities.

The students engaged in a variety of activities to consider and reflect on what having a disability may feel like, and to think about how the environment around us can be more inclusive for those who have disabilities.



Following the session, P6 students reflected on their workshop:

'Disabled people are also humans, they also have feelings, there is no reason we should discriminate against them or not include them in society.'

'People are equal and some people have disabilities. That is OK and they have to be treated good.'

'Today I got more into the theme of disabilities, and better understood that people need lots of patience, time and attention.'

Following the workshop, Veronique informed our students about a new campaign she is leading in Kyrgyzstan: **March 21 - International Day of People with Down Syndrome.**

This date - the twenty-first day of the third month - was not chosen by chance. People with Down syndrome have three copies of chromosome twenty-one instead of two. This syndrome was first described by the English physician John Langdon Down, whose name is used in the name of this chromosomal condition.

On this day, various events are held around the world aimed at raising awareness of this syndrome.

This year Kyrgyzstan is joining the #LotsOfSocks international campaign.

Kyrgyz manufacturer of socks "Lucky Socks" in cooperation with the Public Foundation of Parents of Children with Down Syndrome "Santerra", wife of the British Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic and mother of daughter with Down syndrome and inclusive cafe "Solomon Sandwich" announce a flash mob, the essence of which is to post on social networks a photo of themselves wearing odd socks in the coolest and most imaginative way from March 20-27.

BIS will be joining this campaign one day early on March 19th in support of Down Syndrome Awareness! Mr. David was so excited to hear about this community action, he's already put on his odd socks!



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY THROUGH READING BOOKS!

At BIS, we are committed to supporting diversity, inclusion and social equity within our community. Our school library is trying to build a diverse collection of picture books and novels that encompass numerous factors including though not limited to race, class, gender, disability, and religion.

To leverage the power of books for positive impact and change, and to help our students to develop understanding and respect for other people around them, the library has launched the project "BIS books: Celebrating Diversity!" which is aimed at celebrating Diversity through reading books. Within the project a series of videos with our teachers reading aloud have been recorded. Each story features characters of all different ethnicities, races, religions and gender identities. A new story will be released every week!

Our first featured video is a book wonderfully read aloud by Ms Grace Park – our English Language and Literature teacher. The book Grace chose to read a section of is called "She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who Changed History" written by Chelsea Clinton and illustrated by Alexandra Boiger. It celebrates women from around the world who have made a difference and inspired others.

Similar to the reasons for celebrating International Women's Day each March 8th all around the world, this story helps us to recognize women's social, economic, cultural and political achievements and contributions, and helps to increase awareness about gender equality.

Enjoy!



P1 "IN-SCHOOL" FIELD TRIPS

As part of our UOI we are learning about jobs, our P1 Friends have enjoyed having "In-School" Field Trips to learn all about the many jobs here at BIS.

Last week we investigated what the custodian/carpentry team, lead by Mr. Ermek, does for the school. Did you know that Mr. Ermek and Co. have made over 130 wooden chairs and 90 tables!

We also met Mr. Jalil and the Security Team and learned that the best part of their job is seeing all the smiling students arrive each morning.

And this week interviewed our head Chef, Mr. Duishenbek, and visited the kitchen; we learned that the 8-person Kitchen Staff serves 320 people a day!

Thank you to all the wonderful behind-the-scenes staff that helps to make our days at BIS so wonderful. The student really really enjoyed learning all about the important things you do.

Ms. Kathleen, Primary 1 Homeroom Teacher



BIS Snapshot: Costumes inspired by incredible women



CREATIVE WRITING IN P5

In last week's episode, Armoury, the sorceress, had agreed to go to Enchantment Kingdom with her brothers, Zonk and Atsy.

THE ADVENTURES OF ARMOURY THE SOURCER

Written by Apolline Colburn (P5)



Zonk put the last box of broomsticks on the dock while Atsy, who was known far and wide as the chief broom maker, made sure the top-of-the-line fast flyers were shipshape. The reason Armoury supposed that Merlin had chosen them was because Zonk was an excellent potion brewer. Atsy was the inventor of many broomsticks which included the Fast Flyer, Flaming Arrow and Shooting Star while Armoury was a good transformer and spell caster. When all the boxes of food and broomsticks were on the dock, Armoury picked up her willow wand to perform the extremely difficult and complex shrinking spell on the boxes.

Once the spell was performed, Atsy strapped the dice sized boxes to the broomsticks. Zonk, Atsy and Armoury hopped on their brooms and, as they were all excellent flyers, they flew in the air at once, saying goodbye to Broomstick Kingdom.

Enchantment is not very far away, only about 500 miles. So the brothers and sister should get there in one day. As soon as they flew over the dark desert, Armoury knew that Enchantment Kingdom was very close. When they landed in Enchantment Kingdom, the king and queen welcomed them warmly on the fire flower meadow.

But, as Armoury finished regrowing the boxes of broomsticks, the Queen said, "We can't give you the broomstick polish because the bad wizard Grendel had enchanted the doors to the main supplies rooms. So we cannot open them."

Then, Armoury answered, "Maybe I can help." The king and queen agreed willingly and sat down, watching carefully with pancake-sized eyes, to see what would happen next.

Armoury was worried about the spell because she knew it would include turning herself into three animals in the same hour! She knew it would be exhausting because the last time she tried it she fell asleep for 18 hours! This time, Armoury knew she had gained more experience and had become a better wizard. She picked up her wand and started to do the spell.

The first transformation, when Armoury became a cat, was quite easy. She didn't even need her wand! She thought to herself confidently, 'I'm sure I can do this!'.

During the second transformation, Armoury went through a more complex process. Needing four legs and a tail required even more concentration! With one soft neigh, and poof, Armoury became a horse!

In the third transformation, a bird, Armoury grasped her wand until her knuckles turned pale white as feathers started to cover her from wrist to shoulder!

NOORUZ CELEBRATION

Nooruz event at BIS will be held on **Friday 19th March from 13:40 to 15:15**. Parents are invited to sign-up to watch the show at school, with the first 50 parents accepted.

If you would like to attend this outside Nooruz event, please **complete this online application**. All visitors to the campus during the school day (except students and staff) must have a negative PCR test in the 48 hours before coming onto campus. Only sign up if you will take this test on Thursday morning 18th March and send the result to doctor@bis.kg before 12:00 on Friday 19th March, so that you can come into the campus.

For those unable to attend, but still keen to watch the show, it will be **broadcast live via this Zoom link**.

P A M C *Drink Sale!*



FRIDAY 19TH MARCH



Coffee



Lemonade



Smoothie!

PERFECT BLENDS

100 som per drink!

Preorder through the [sign up sheet](#).

#LOTSOFSOCKS DAY

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On Friday, March 19, BIS is joining the #LotsOfSocks international campaign.

We invite all students and teachers to wear odd socks on this day. Thus, you will show that, although we are all different, we are all equal! And you will receive 10 house points!

WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT, WE ARE ALL EQUAL

#LOTSOFSOCKS DAY



**WEAR ODD SOCKS ON FRIDAY
19TH MARCH TO RECEIVE 10
HOUSE POINTS**





FIGHT SEXISM

DRAWING COMPETITION

Prize – 1000 Som Kulikovskiy
certificate

Format – digital or on paper

Open to MYP1 and up

Submission due 18th March








Exhibition on 19th March,
3.30–4.30 in the cafeteria

for further information contact
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leam@bis.kg or laurape@bis.kg

CALENDAR FOR 2021/22 AND UPDATED 2020/21

The calendar for academic year 2021/22 is now available [here](#).

We also have an updated calendar for [2020/21](#). Changes are as follow: Art exhibition moved to 29th of May and PTM moved to 17th of June.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 19th March: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- Sunday 21st March: Nooruz Public Holiday
- 22-26 March: Spring Break
- Sunday 3rd April: BIS Annual Debate Tournament
- Wednesday 7th April: April Revolution Day – public holiday
- Saturday 17th April: BIS 10th Anniversary Show – Official School Day
- Friday 23rd April: Art Exhibition and Poetry Evening
- Saturday 24th April: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- End of April: IBDP and IGCSE Exam Sessions start

LUNCH MENU

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

The lunch menu for March 15th – 19th 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.



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Preschool Discoveries

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PRESCHOOL 1

This week, Preschool 1 friends have had an exciting time learning about insects and their worlds. Now our friends know that there are so many different insects such as grasshoppers, butterflies, ladybugs, bees, ants, and more. And the most interesting fact for our children was that insects can be found everywhere on the ground, trees, flowers, and in the air! Together, we transformed our learning wall into a nature wall and decorated it with all the insects that we know. In the middle of this past week, Preschool 1 friends made an exciting in school field trip and visited the big field where we went on scavenger hunt for insects with the help of magnifying glasses. Our friends were happy to find many insects and the ants and ladybugs were the popular ones as we found many of them. Our favorite stories in the week were “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” and “The Very Lazy Ladybird” and our friends made ladybug artwork out of paper rollers, and beautiful caterpillars out of egg cartons.

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, our Preschool 2 group devoted time to revision of the topics we learned throughout the term. We started discussion with the food friends like to eat and cook at home, then moved to the food we eat at home. We looked at the pictures of food, tried to name some dishes and ingredients the dishes consisted of. The next day we talked about the food that comes from the farms and animal-products such as milk, cheese, eggs, yogurt. I have noticed that the children learned lots of the things we discussed previously and are able to implement this knowledge in their everyday life. We also talked about fruits and vegetables and their positive impact on human health. On the last day, we discussed the problem of food wasting and agreed that we will finish our food till the end and try not to waste food at school or at home. Throughout the week, we did lots of artwork related to food – pasta, apples and ice-creams covered with colored rice, bowls full of cotton rice, playdough grapes! What a run week of revision!

Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Our preschool 3 friends have an amazing 4-day week. This week we learned about flowers and in our Kyrgyz lesson we made really beautiful sunflowers and poppy flowers. We also did a lot of practicing for Nooruz as we will be performing our dance next week with Preschool 1 and 2, and we are really excited about it! We also learned about the letter 't' this week and we practiced writing the letter 't'. We had an opportunity to taste the letter 't' when we made tea and toast and ate a tomato! It was delicious and we decided we like toast the most. We also continued working on our alphabet story books with Dr. Anna.

Next week we will be looking at the letter 'U' where we will also continue to learn about classical and modern stories.

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

