



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 3 / 2021-22

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## LET'S LEARN ABOUT MICROBES!

Ms. Scientist (aka Ms. Altynai) came to visit the lucky Kindergarten (Grade 0) to teach us all about microbes! Did you know that you can't see germs and viruses on your hands? You have to use a microscope. And did you know, you have to use soap to get those stubborn microbes off your hands! Thank you Ms. Scientist for teaching us about microbes in such a fun way. We can't wait to see what Ms. Scientist will teach us next week!

Ms. Kathleen and Ms. Altynai, Grade 0 Homeroom Teachers



## CPR, BROc AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our following award winners:

**CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):**

Alan Medisov (Grade 7)

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

Aidan Bakytbekov (Grade 1 Blue)

Mikhail Bronnikov (Grade 1 Yellow)

**KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):**

Taiga Vingre (Preschool 3)

Miko Lamberti Fossati (Grade 8)

## Grade 6 Visual Art class, making colorful linear patterns with tooth picks.

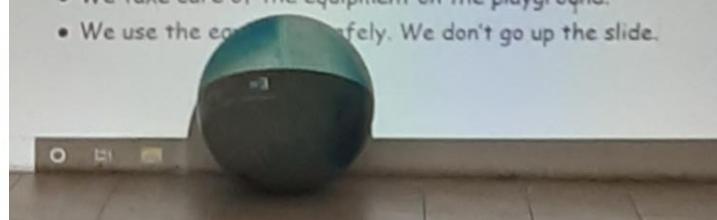


## Grade 4 putting on a play about how to play appropriately



### PYP Essential Agreement for Playtime

- We will share.
- We will be kind.
- We will not bully others.
- Be inclusive with our language.
- We will play fairly.
- We talk to others if we have a problem. We don't hit others.
- We talk to a duty teacher if somebody hurts us.
- If somebody gets hurt, find a duty teacher.
- We use nice words, not bad words.
- If somebody falls down, we help them up.
- We take care of the equipment on the playground.
- We use the equipment safely. We don't go up the slide.



## NEW FACES AT BIS

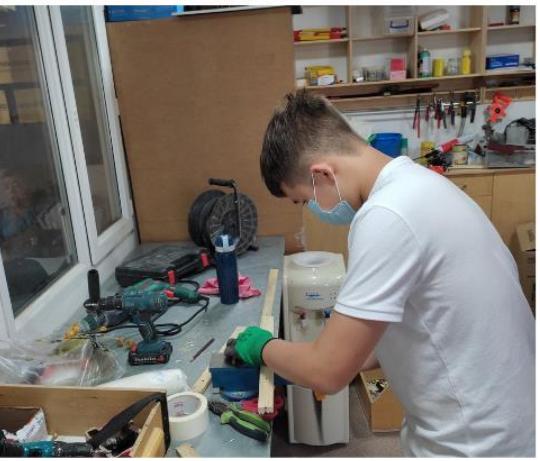
Hello BIS Community! My name is Taylor Weidman and I joined the school this year as an MYP Individuals and Societies Teacher, Theory of Knowledge Teacher, G9 Form Teacher, and Photography Club Advisor. I recently joined the teaching profession after spending the last decade working as a photographer and journalist. During that time, I traveled to over 40 countries working for publications including National Geographic, BBC, CNN, the Wall Street Journal, and many others. As a photojournalist, I was able to produce 3 books on indigenous issues (with Ms. Nina), consult for the UN, complete a Fulbright project, and found a nonprofit. I'm excited to bring some of this real-world experience to my classroom.

I spent the last year working as a student teacher in Bangkok where I taught Humanities at the Singapore International School before joining the International School of Bangkok as an Artist/Photographer in Residence. I love sports, photography, reading, discussing ideas, and exploring new places. I'm also the father of two children, the older one of which is in preschool here at BIS.



**Mr. Taylor, Individuals & Societies and Theory of Knowledge Teacher, Grade 9 Form Teacher**

# BIS Snapshot: ECAs



## BIS JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH / ANNIVERSARY SHOW INFORMATION

Students (Grade 2-12) are encouraged to sign up to participate in our school's biggest event of the year! "James and the Giant Peach" is about an orphan who lives with his two cruel aunts befriends bugs who live inside a giant peach, and together they embark on a journey across the ocean on the peach. The musical is written by Pasek and Paul, the same team who wrote "La La Land" and "The Greatest Showman". Students who want to participate can just sign up. Rehearsals take place during ECA time and begin on the week of September 13th. The performance will be in the National Philharmonia Hall on Saturday, December 11th. Visit our [WEBSITE](#) to learn how to sign up and more information.



A poster for the Asia Day Festival. It features the BIS logo (a blue circle with a white mountain peak and the letters "BIS") and the text "Bishkek International School" in blue. To the right, the text "Asia Day Festival" is written in red. The central image is a stylized tree where every leaf and flower is a different Asian cultural icon, such as a fan, a dragon, or a traditional bowl. Below the tree, the text "Travel around Asia with BIS Asia Day Festival celebrations where you can encounter Asian food, performances, music and much more!" is written in blue.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11<sup>th</sup> September, Saturday (NEW DATE) - 10am-11am: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- 18<sup>th</sup> September, Saturday: Asia Day Festival
- 24<sup>th</sup> September, Friday: Upper Primary & Middle & High School Sports Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday: Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 15<sup>th</sup> October, Friday: UN Day at BIS

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> is **Menu D**.

Our school menu is available [here](#). 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 1

Wow how quickly time flies, it's already the third week behind. And here's what we did in the third week.

In the morning lessons we sang the songs "Hello, what's your name" so that the children could remember each other's names, "How is the weather today?".

On the school wall, together we glued pictures that depict a school, a house and photographs of children, then the children themselves chose their photographs and indicated where they are at the moment, it was interesting and informative and we called this moment "Who is here today?". We also have a lesson schedule on the wall and when the lesson ends, the children themselves move clockwise to the next lesson. Thus, they see the daily routine and see what lesson will be next, they are very interested in moving the arrows themselves.



This week we launched our first "All About Me" unit, where we talked about who we are and painted our portrait using handprints. We focused mainly on teaching and talking about ourselves. We read a book about different things and found out what our children like and what they don't like. It was surprisingly interesting when we went to the library, our children chose books, looked at pictures and at the end we read a book about "Where's Teddy".

The favorite time that children love to spend is the playing area on the playground, where children are especially happy, they ride various swings, play in the sandbox, build various figures out of sand, ride a car. Next week we will focus on the topic "My Family". I'd like to ask parents to bring 5 different family pictures.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



## PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 friends have spent time exploring entire organs that have a vital role in functioning the whole body system. On Monday, we talked about the skeleton; we discovered that these bones support and protect the whole body. Together, we built a skeleton and located some of the organs such as the brain, lungs, heart and stomach. Each day, we discovered carefully these organs. We located our lungs on our chest cavity area of our body and learned that they help to provide our body with oxygen. The next day, we were busy learning about one of the main organs called heart. To better understand its function, we made a scientific experiment by using straws, jars, food coloring, water, tape and balloons. We were excited to see how the heart pumps blood to the whole body. The next day, we talked about the brain as a main control center of our body and made a brain hats. Stomach was the last organ we discussed as an organ which expands and accommodates the eaten food, while it is being digested!

**Ms. Begimai, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher**



## PRESCHOOL 3

This week we learned how to be a good friends. The Preschool 3 friends learned that a good friend is caring and shares with others. To celebrate our friendship, we created a friendship chain. During our Kyrgyz lesson we had a fun time also learning about friendship and how to introduce ourselves.

This week the friends learned about the letter 'a' and we went on a fun letter 'a' hunt through the preschool playground and discovered that the letter 'a' is for: arm, anchor, acorn, arrow, ambulance, alien and our wonderful friends Abbas, Aruna and Alima. We were very excited to have so many letter-'a' friends in the Preschool 3 class. We also had fun listening to a funny letter 'a' rap song. This week we recapped the names of all the prime and secondary colors, and we tried to remember all the names of the basic shapes.

Next week we will be learning about the letter 't' and we will also be using our emotions in dramatizing our knowledge of the characteristics of a good friend as well as numbers 1-5

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

