



**Bishkek
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ASIA DAY FESTIVAL 2021

Our first big event of the school year was held last Saturday! It was a wonderful day when the community came together and celebrated the culture and cuisine of Asia.

We had 10 different Asian country stations, where students participated in activities and collected stamps on their postcards. There were a lot of interesting games for children, delicious delicacies from the continent and beautiful performances by our students as well as guests and representatives of different Asian countries and cultures.

We are very thankful to everyone who helped to organize this event and who came to celebrate this day with the BIS community.



TRIP TO TALAS WITH IGCSE 2

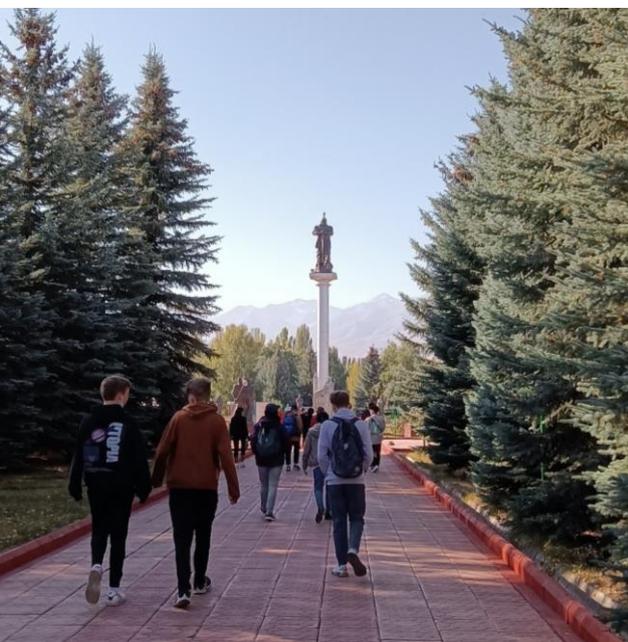
On the thirteenth of September, our class organised a three day and two nights trip to Talas. Everything was ready, we borrowed two school buses and set them out for our special class bonding trip. The road trip was filled with laughter, karaoke, tunnel drives, resting, snacks and seeing beautiful mountains.

After more than a 7 hours drive, we finally arrived at the “Baibol” hotel that we were staying at. After a short break, we were fortunate to visit the annual taigan show, hunting native dogs in Kyrgyzstan.



In the evening we enjoyed a delicious dinner and we played hide-and-seek and board games.

The place where we were staying had fruity apple trees, fragrant flowers, and a gurgling stream. The autumn garden was quiet, except for a few cries of cicadas. The cloudless sky was jewelled with myriads of glittering stars, everything was so silent at night.



The next morning the air was delightfully fresh and cool and we set out to Manas Ordo. After we took off the bus, we saw majestic statues and heard the local people sing Manas songs. Then we visited the manas museum and got to know a lot of history.

After that, we hiked. There were many pine trees around us.



On the hills, the grass was green and wind was soft and fresh. When we got to the top of the mountain, we sat on the stones in the sunshine to have a rest. A creek twines the vast green field just like the blue color satin ribbon, distant places are plain with color harmonious hut, a picture of beautiful moving rural scenery!

In the afternoon, we went to visit the bean factory and the Kirov reservoir. Back at the hotel, we tried archery and saw an eagle.



Late in the evening, we had a bonfire. The yellow and red tongues of fire were playing happily, hugging each other, and sometimes rushing into the air, splashing sparks, burning leaves soaring, and even the stars in the sky waved towards the sparks. We laughed and told stories while enjoying the delicious roasted marshmallow. On the third day, we set off and returned, ending our happy journey.

Darika and Jijun, IGCSE 2 Students



Grade 5 Art class: Learning about our environment



GRADE 1 SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Grade 1 Blue and Yellow did a combined science experiment on variations of species. We specifically inquired into birds that have different-sized beaks and how that would affect the types of food they would eat. Using straws and paper cups we reenacted how it would feel to be a bird with those different types of beaks (in our case warblers and ducks) and which food was easier for us to pick up. Through trial and error, students were able to discover which beak was best for which types of food and how that would change where and how they lived.





Today we had our first field trip in Kindergarten (GRADE 0).

We visited Supara as part of our inquiry and study about Kyrgyz culture.



The Kindergarten Friends explored yurts, investigated Kyrgyz history at the museum, and learned how to make Borsok!

We asked good questions, practiced being good inquirers, and had an amazing time!



The Kindergarten Team



NEW FACES AT BIS: MS RABIA

I am so excited to be joining the BIS community this year as an MYP and IGCSE English Language and Literature and Language Acquisition teacher. Although this is not my first time teaching abroad, I have still been blown away by the welcome I've received from students, parents, and staff alike. This school is a truly special place.

Prior to coming to Bishkek, I was a teacher in the New York City public school system where I taught 9th and 10th grade at a specialized high school. I originally came to New York in order to pursue a graduate degree in education at Columbia but wound up staying there much longer than I'd expected. The city has a way of sucking you in, and I wouldn't trade my time there for anything - although I am quite pleased to be someplace with significantly fewer people and far more accessible nature!

Before receiving my teaching degree, I studied Russian Language and Literature at a small state school in Oregon where I cultivated my passion for languages. I had the opportunity to study abroad in St. Petersburg during my junior year and absolutely fell in love with Russian culture and language. After graduation, I was awarded a Fulbright Grant to study in Vladivostok where I taught English and American culture classes at a naval academy. It was this experience in the Far East that cemented my desire to teach and ultimately led me to get my Masters in English Education.

As an English teacher, I sometimes cannot believe it is actually my job to read and discuss books all day. I love watching young learners figure out what they like - and don't like - when it comes to reading and breaking down the complex writing process into more manageable chunks.

In my free time, I enjoy reading (of course), hiking, yoga, singing, and playing with my cat, Begemot, who is named after the character from Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita*, not the fast-food chain!

Ms. Rabia, MYP and IGCSE English Language and Literature, Language Acquisition teacher



THE HOUSE SYSTEM

The House System exists to promote healthy competition based on inclusion and teamwork. BIS has three Houses for students from Primary, Middle and High school, representing 'land', 'water', and 'air'. Houses were named as 'Snow Leopards', 'Piranhas', and 'Phoenix'. Various events, challenges and competitions contribute to house points. Points are accumulated throughout the year to produce an overall winning House.

Students, who are already a member of one of these Houses, stay in the House until they leave BIS, or may move between Houses only by agreement between the student and Assistant Head of School if this is necessary to rebalance the houses. New Students are assigned to one of the Houses in the first week of Term 1, with assignment elected to ensure that all year groups have a good balance of students in each House and to ensure a good overall balance between Houses.



If you want to find out in which House you are in go to the [link](#).

BIS Snapshot: Asia Day 2021



LIBRARY UPDATE: SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We are happy to announce that our Book Club is up and running!

The Scholastic International School Book Club is a fantastic way to get great value children's books from around the world and help schools to build their libraries with FREE BOOKS.

We'll give a catalogue to each student in Pre-school and Primary school, so please check your child's backpack for the leaflets. Extra catalogues are available in the library and at the school reception. The books will be delivered to BIS directly from the UK (in November). For every **£1 you spend our school will earn 20¢** in Scholastic Rewards.

There's no obligation to order but if you would like to buy English-language books for your child there are two easy ways for you to order:

Order & Pay online (with your credit card):

1. Go to <https://eu-shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/bishkekinternationalschool/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books by the age category;
2. Or choose a particular book from the catalogue, you can easily find it by typing the book number in the search field, e.g. 503 will find Can We Really Help the Polar Bears?
3. Select the books you and your child would like to buy and click 'Checkout'

You can start shopping online from 23rd September, 2021. **The deadline for orders is October 15th, 2021.**

Order with cash:

1. Complete the order forms (find attached).
2. Submit the order form and money to our cashier Meerim. Completed order forms plus payment need **to be returned to school by October 15th, 2021.**

Should you have any questions about book ordering please feel free to ask (library@bis.kg).

We hope that you will enjoy browsing through the catalogue and will find something interesting for your child!

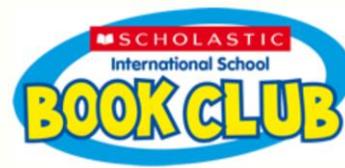
UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13th October, Wednesday: Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 15th October, Friday: UN Day at BIS
- 18-22 October: Autumn/Fall Break
- 29th October, Friday: Fall Festival/Halloween

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 27th – October 1st is **Menu B**.

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.



Please place your order online or by payment to school cashier by **October 15**





PRESCHOOL 1

This week in Preschool 1 we talked about friendship and to learn more about it we discussed the topic: Friends. What is a friend? How do you become someone's friend? What does friendship mean? How do we show love and affection when we are friends? What makes us good friends? After these activities, we created our wonderful work "We are a circle of friends at school". Children drew handprints along the drawn circle.

During the morning circle we sang the songs "Friends, Friends 1,2,3", "Mister Golden Sun" and read the books "How Dinosaurs Play with Their Friends", "How to Become a Friend", "That's what friends are for", "My friends". To develop the fine motor skills of the hands, we played a game of touching the fingers.

The next day we discussed friendship with the children and took pictures of the qualities that were hung on the wall, friends possess or should possess. Good friends help each other. Good friends take care of each other. Good friends are kind. Good friends will always share with you. Good friends stick together. During these sessions we spent some time teaching the children "How to behave with friends". The piece of fiction was a tree of friendship, our children used different colors and drew a whole sheet of paper, after which we drew a tree, which we called the "Tree of Friendship." At the end of the week about friendship, we sorted out our behavioral pictures, discussed what is good and what is bad, and our children chose pictures and glued them to the friendship tree. Also, we played a matching game called "My friends".

Next week we will continue the topic of friendship.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 friends have spent time talking about body change and growth. On Monday, we discussed how human bodies change throughout the live. We described each stage of growth and how bodies change in that periods. Next day, we were challenged to think on aspects that help us to grow and be healthy. We talked that different types of food are important and plays a main role in our growth. Following to this discussions, our friends shared their opinions during our lunch times. Some of the comments included “I eat my food and I get big”, “I am strong because I am eating all my food”, “I ate my soup” and “Look at my muscles”. For art, we build our body out of parts and flamingo out of paper plate and feathers.

On Friday, our friends shared their baby photos on our first Show and Tell and were excited to tell about stories when they were baby and their body changes. Our friends, shared that now they have many teeth, long hairs, strong muscles and that they are big now. Next week, we will start to talk about our families.

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week our preschool 3 friends had an exciting week learning about friendship.

To help us learn how to be a good friend we read the book "is that what friends do?" and we also created our friends' faces by pasting funny eyes, a nose and a mouth to a cartoon body. We also created beautiful friendship hands with Dr. Anna to celebrate our friendship.

This week we also learned about the letter 'i' and we made fun letter 'i' hats. We also learned that we have a letter 'i' friend in our class. His name is Ian!

Coming up next week we will learn about the letter "p". We will continue to learn about friendship and we will learn about the numbers 1-10. We will also look at what happens when you mix colors with some fun but safe experiments.

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



Preschool 3 friendship hands around a tree

