



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 7 / 2021-22

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## GRADE 7 TRIP TO CHON KEMIN



I was very excited on the day we went to Chon Kemin, since it's where my grandpa was born. We arrived at school, and at around 8:30 went on buses. The ride was around 2 or 3 hours long, but it honestly felt way shorter.

We arrived at our first activity, rafting. We had wet suits that, yes, were warm, but it was so hard to get in it. I looked like a penguin waddling around. It felt tight, so my arms were sticking out. It was hilarious. We got on the raft, and the water was so cold, I started shivering. The river was rather calm at times, but since I was at the very top, I was splashed a hundred times and I started shivering even more!!!



We started singing random tunes like "Row, row, row your boat", and "We will rock you" remix. We got to the end, and the hot rocks hurt a lot, because we're used to stepping on flat objects, not round or anything like that. But it felt like a good massage. I remember some boys took their shirts off and laid down on the rocks. They said it was like a massage. I didn't do it though, since it was pretty dusty. After that we got back on the bus and made our way to the hotel. The view was beautiful! We were in the countryside, with what seemed like hundreds of mountains in front of us. The best part about it was the fresh air. It smelled



sweet, like a fresh jar of honey. Lunch was pretty tasty, chai and some of the most buttery, tasty bread I've ever tasted. After lunch we played around outside for a bit, and then we got settled in our rooms. A few hours later we went for a walk to a big "farming tool". I was too scared to climb up any higher than Mr Grant. We came back to our hotel area, made borsok, and had dinner. A little after dinner it was starting to get cold, so we made s'mores. They were yummy. Then we went to bed. When we woke up we went for a little hike along a mountain. It felt like it took forever. But we made it back and had pancakes for breakfast. It was very yummy. And then we came back, after another few hours in a car. The trip is 10/10 for me.

Adilet, Grade 7 Student

## CPR, BROc AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our following award winners:

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

**Abbas** (Preschool 3), **David** (Gr. 3Y), **Aleksandr** (Gr. 4Y), **Anel** (Gr. 9), **Allan** (Gr. 10Y), **Mariam** (Gr. 11Y)

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

**Aidin** (Preschool 2), **Nathan** (Gr. 1Y)

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

**Alexander** (Gr. 3Y), **Aimar** (Gr. 3B), **Alan J** (Gr. 3B), **Soyombo** (Preschool 1)

## RUSSIAN SPEAKING PRACTICE

This week Wednesday 6th, the Grade 5 Russian 2 Intermediate group took their learning from the classroom to Asia Mall - Frunze to apply their learned phrases and vocabulary in a real-life situation. Students used their speaking and listening skills to communicate with Frunze's staff. Thus, they bought various fruits, vegetables, and some other food, which were used in class on Thursday 7th, to describe the taste of each food in Russian.

**Ms. Elvira, Russian Teacher**



"I enjoyed the trip a lot, but my favorite part of the trip was when I asked questions in Russian to buy some fruits."

**Aubrey, Grade 5 student**



"It was fun to walk to the Asia Mall with my classmates, but the best part was when I paid money for a fruit I chose."

**Reyhan, Grade 5 student**

## Grade 5 making a home for our grade 7 paper mache ant colony



### NEW FACES AT BIS: MS AISULUU

Greetings to the BIS community!

I am pleased to start this academic year as a teacher of English and Russian for MYP and DP students. I really appreciate my outstanding students, responsive colleagues and, of course, the experience gained here.

From early childhood I was eager for knowledge. My parents sent me to the first grade when I was 5 years old. I studied Chinese, German and Japanese at university. To this day, studying is an integral part of my life. I am a certified translator. In a year I will be the happy owner of a master's degree. During the first year of my master's degree, I wrote articles that were published in Shymkent (Kazakhstan), in St. Petersburg (Russia). At the moment I am working on my dissertation "The concept of "wealth" in different cultures and in modern cognitive linguistics". In short, I follow the words of the great Russian writer Vladimir Ivanovich Dahl "Learning is light, and ignorance is darkness".

It is a great honour for me to be a part of the BIS family and to help students grow up within the walls of the school, motivate them and temper their unshakable spirit. As a teacher, I feel a huge responsibility for the children's future and hope that all their dreams will be achieved.

Before BIS, I was a tutor of the Russian language for foreign students in a local language school. Then I taught English at the Taalim College at the International University of Kyrgyzstan.

In my free time from work and study, I like to play sports, ride horses, make jewelry and rollerblade.

I have a cat named Pusha. I love animals very much and even enrolled in a Veterinarian University after school, and studied there for a semester. But I decided to connect my life with languages, teaching, and now I am the person that students focus on during their school years. I am grateful to BIS for this opportunity.

Thank you for reading; I am pleased to meet you!



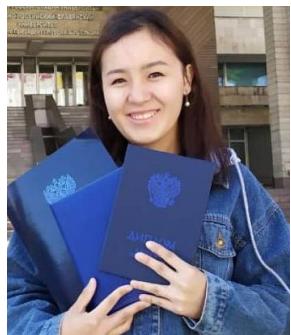
**Ms Aisuluu, English & Russian Language Acquisition Teacher**

## HELP NEEDED FOR OUR KITCHEN STAFF MEMBER AIDA KALIEVA'S DAUGHTER

One of our colleagues, who works in the school kitchen preparing food for us every day, Aida Kalieva, is going through a very difficult time as her 24-year-old daughter, Japara Talatbekova, has sclerosis of the right hippocampus, which results in her suddenly being unable to move for 2 or 3 minutes at a time. Japara was first diagnosed when she was 2 years old but improved as she got older and had no incidents in recent years until she gave birth in 2019. Since 2019 she has been taking medicines to control the episodes, but doctors recommend an operation at the Neurosurgery clinic in Novosibirsk, which costs \$18000. The family has already collected \$9000 and need to



raise another \$9,000 for the operation.



We are asking the BIS Community to help with collecting money to help this young lady stay healthy and be with her family. BIS is collecting donations for Aida's daughter from now until Friday 26th November.

If you would like to make a donation, please give it to our cashier, Meerim, in the outside Reception. If sending money is easier, you can do it via [ELSON](#) or [bank transfer](#).

## A VISIT FROM THE WOLVES



On Thursday the whole school played a game of 'Hide and Seek' when three wolves came down from the mountains and tried to find students and staff to catch. Most students survived by following the 'hide and seek' procedure and were nowhere to be seen or heard when the wolves came to find them, then were rewarded with Dolce Vita pizza at snack time!



# UNITED NATIONS DAY

- UN Parade
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed Games
- Art exhibition
- Trivia
- Face painting

**...and much more!**

**10 House points for coming  
in a national costume  
of any country!**

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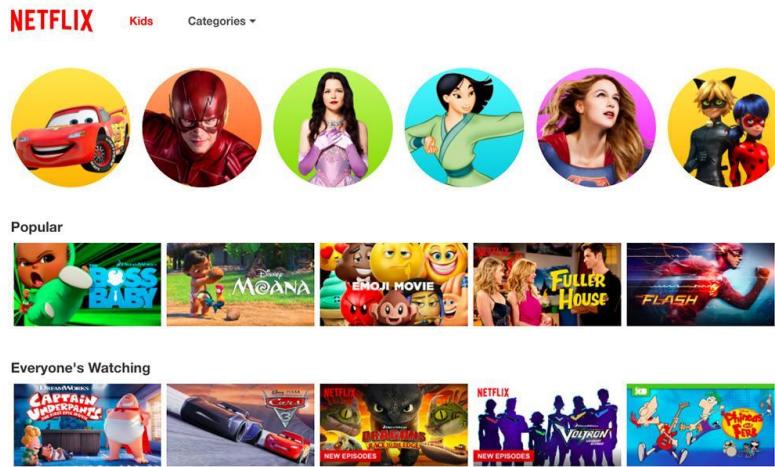
**FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER**

## STREAMING SAFETY

Dear parents,

Being able to stream content digitally is undoubtedly one of the major conveniences of modern life. Streaming content really does seem to have something for everyone to enjoy and engage with, and the range of material available means that there is something for everyone.

However, as with many modern digital conveniences, it is important that streaming is done as safely as possible. It has been noticed at school that students are watching and discussing content which can be highly unsuitable for their age group. Netflix is undoubtedly the most popular streaming service, so below are some safety tips which may be useful to you if you had any concerns, or if you wanted to work on being extra safe with your child.



### WHY DO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE THE NETFLIX APP?

- It's easy to search for movies and shows on the app
- Users can create a playlist on the My List feature
- You can download titles for offline viewing
- The app gives recommendations, based on a user's watch history
- Users can play and pause without commercials

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- Set up an age appropriate Netflix profile for each kid in your family
- Lock each profile and make each PIN different
- Don't tell your kids your PIN
- Don't share your Netflix password with your kids or they can access the Parental Controls settings
- Turn off the Autoplay controls to help reduce the time students spend watching Netflix

THIS IS JUST A BRIEF INSIGHT INTO THE TOPIC, BUT AN EMAIL WILL ALSO BE SENT OUT WITH MORE INFORMATION, SO PLEASE ALSO CHECK YOUR INBOXES.

**Ms Laura, Head of Student Welfare & Community Engagement**

## BIS COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS SURVEY RESULTS

Dear Bis community,

The 2021 school survey report has been updated and [available to view here online](#).

We thank you for choosing Bishkek International School for this academic year and we look forward to working together with all our community members to improve BIS.

Nuriza Begalieva, Governance Support Officer

## LIBRARY UPDATE: SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

There is only 1 week left to order from our Scholastic Book Club.

Just go by [this link](#) to browse the latest books and place your order.

Please place your order online by **October 15th, 2021**.

The books will be delivered to BIS directly from the UK (in November).

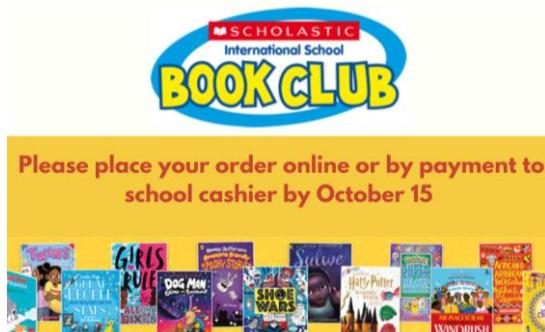
EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

If you are interested in placing an order, there are two easy ways to do so:

1. [Order & Pay online](#) (with your credit card)
2. Submit the order form and money to our cashier, Meerim.

Should you have any questions about book ordering, please feel free to ask - [library@bis.kg](mailto:library@bis.kg)

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October, Monday - Thursday: Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 15<sup>th</sup> October, Friday: UN Day at BIS
- 18-22 October: Autumn/Fall Break
- 29<sup>th</sup> October, Friday: Fall Festival/Halloween

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for October 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<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

This week in Preschool 1 was a great success. On the first day we started our lesson with the songs "Autumn leaves are falling down", "How many leaves", "Rain, rain go away". In the morning circle we read the books "Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn", "Fall weather" we explained to our children that the coming autumn is not only cold, but also a fun season, at this time of the year there is a collection of fruit and vegetable crops - apples, pears, carrots, onions, potatoes and much more, the golden time is coming, the trees around us are changing and take on beautiful autumn colors, and also at this time of year there are many festivals and events that can take us outside!

The most amazing moment of the week is the excursion to the big field. We walked in a tree house and the children went down the large slide. During the excursion, our children watched how the leaves fell from the trees and what beautiful colors of the fallen leaves we also painted with all the beautiful fall colors. The children were delighted when we collected the leaves together.

During our drawing lesson, the children were given different colors of paint, then we made our own autumn tree on which the children glued their leaves collected during the excursion.

Next week we will review all the topics passed.

**Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher**



## PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 friends have spent time learning about family traditions, customs and celebrations. Our friends have been discussing and sharing about different holidays they celebrate with their families; calling out their favourite ones and trying to respond about why these things are special for them. Our friends shared that they like holidays because they celebrate with mommies and daddies. Some of the family traditions in our friend's families included baking cookies, reading books every night, riding bicycle, dressing up traditional costumes and more. We decided to try to incorporate one of the tradition in our class and decided to bake some cookies. Together, we named and counted all ingredients and were excited to bake different shaped cookies and share them with our families. In math, we learned about squares and the number two. We sang "Number two" song and made frog with two eyes, two arms and two legs. What a great week, Preschool 2!



Ms. Begimai, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



## PRESCHOOL 3

Our Preschool 3 friends had an amazing snow-filled autumn week.

Our friends were extremely excited when we finally had snow. We hope that with the next snow, we will have enough snow to make a snow man. To celebrate the snow, we learned how to make fun paper snow flakes and we also learned the beautiful song "snow flake snow flakes".

This week we also learned about the letter 'n' and we read the book "Pappa can you get me the moon?" while the book helped us to learn about the "night sky" and that the letter "n" is for the "night sky".

We then created our very own letter "n" night sky. Our preschool friends also enjoyed learning about numbers this week and we looked at the numbers 11 and 12, and played fun number games to help us remember numbers 11 and 12.

This week we also looked about kindness, and we made a kindness tree where we looked at different ways how we can show kindness toward other friends in class. We also discovered how we can show kindness towards animals and not just humans.

Next week we will be working on our number identification skills from number 1-12. We will also be recapping all the letters we have learned up to now: "s, a, t, i, p, and n".

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

