



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for 2022! We hope you have had a restful break and are ready to return to school and begin our second semester – one which we are sure will be full of new learning experiences and discoveries.

We are happy to see our students after a long winter break!



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our following award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Amalia (Preschool 2)

Ginevra (Grade 1 Yellow)

Uzar (Grade 10)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Simon (Grade 4 Yellow)

Yujie (Grade 11 Blue)

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

Kaya (Preschool 1)

Elhan (Grade 4 Yellow)

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS IN GRADE 5

Does the mass of a substance change when the substance changes state? What happens to the mass when we combine two substances together such as salt and water?

Before the break, Grade 5 spent a fun lesson doing experiments in the science lab. A big thank you to Mr Zhandos and Ms Soumiya for spending time to lead the Grade 5 students on an interesting quest!

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The best part was when we got to use the equipment, and weigh things. All the equipment was cool, and the second best thing was to wear the science lab jackets.

Yorali

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It was cool to actually use the science equipment, and to see that all of the teams had different results. I'm excited to go to MYP next year, and do more experiments.

Leo

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GRADE 7 VISIT TO MUSEUM

This trip was very interesting; the museum is pretty. There were 3 floors. We learned many things. Most interesting floor was the first, there were many ancient artefacts and writings. We realized that ancient Kyrgyz people were really good at architecture and hunting.

It was very cool and interesting and we improved our knowledge about our country. We learned more about Kyrgyz clothing, weapons and buildings. We liked the trip to the museum, except one thing, Ms Gulbara told us not to buy anything, because there can be nuts and still it was very useful and fun.

Alan, Grade 7B student



LEARN BIOLOGY IN A FUN WAY

On the last day of the second term, DP1 Biology students modeled components of Nucleic Acids using some rather fun materials. Students were challenged to compare and contrast DNA and RNA models and describe how the various sugars (ribose and deoxyribose) and building blocks (nucleotides) related to DNA Replication and Protein Synthesis.

It was an opportunity for DP1 to communicate and collaborate in a fun environment.



BIS Snapshot: Welcome Back to School!



MORE NEW BOOKS!



We'd like to thank the BIS community for your fall book orders via our Scholastic Book Club. We acquired 42 new books for the library using Scholastic reward points thanks to your orders!

Some of the exciting new arrivals include Mo Willems' beloved book about The Pigeon, popular graphic novels 'Dog Man', 'Sisters', 'Smile' and 'Guts'. These are amazing collections that would be extremely useful in our Library. The books range from preschool through secondary school including fiction, non-fiction, as well as diverse graphic novels and picture books.

JANUARY BOOK CLUB

Our January Book Club is up and running! We invite you to consider using the Book Club to buy English-language books for your children.

You can start shopping online from 14th January, 2022. The deadline for orders is **January 27, 2022**. The books will be delivered to BIS directly from the UK (in the beginning of March).

Please note that this time in order to reduce paper usage we don't have paper leaflets. You can browse the books and place your order online by the following link:

<http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool>

EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY! So by purchasing your books from the Scholastic Book Club you also help our school library to grow.

You can get 15% off all children's books when you spend over €150!

Enter Promo code **JANBOOKCLUB** at checkout.





UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 17-21, Monday-Friday: Parent-Teacher Meetings on Zoom
- 28th January, Friday: Winter Sports Day
- 14th February, Monday: Valentine's Day organised by Students
- 18th February, Tuesday: Languages in Our Lives Day
- 21st February, Monday: Extra Holiday in lieu of 7th of April holiday
- 22nd February, Tuesday: Homeland Defender's Day in lieu with 23 Feb.
- 25th February, Friday: STEM Fair

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for January 17th – 21st 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.



PRESCHOOL 1

We are back to school and ready for new adventures in the world of interesting and exciting things! The children missed each other a lot and were very happy to meet on the first day of school. We also welcomed our new friend Kaya and they had so much fun playing with her.

This week we also started discussing a new unit of inquiry "All around me". We are going to talk about all living things. For instance, farm animals, sea animals, jungle animals, etc. We will also look at insects and plants.

This week, we talked about Pets. What kind of animal can be a pet. We sorted the pictures and found pets and asked them what pets they like. Most of our

friends chose a dog and cat. We also learned how to take care of a pet and also explained to them about basic tips that they need healthy food, fresh water etc. Afterwards, we played a game called Feed the Dog. We prepared a dog out of a box and our friends tried to feed him. On Friday, we talked about visiting the vet. Soyombo pretended to be a vet and checked all his friends' pets.

For art, we painted a cat, bones, and a parrot. We painted aquariums and glued fish cookies, seaweed from play dough.

During circle time, we repeated numbers from 1 to 5 and sang songs "Five Little Monkeys", "Once I Caught a Fish Alive".

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This was the first week of the new term and Preschool 2 students began to discover the third unit of inquiry “How we express ourselves”. The main goal of this unit is to explore the ways we can convey our feelings, ideas and thoughts. Our friends started this unit by talking about different feelings the we experience in our lives. We discussed that we may feel happy, sad, angry, excited, sleepy, tired and other emotions during the day. Every morning circle, our friends were sharing about their emotions and filling the chart “How do you feel today?”.

Together, we noticed that we had different emotions on each day. We also looked at pictures of the children doing different activities such as playing with friends, eating ice-cream with siblings, arguing over the toys, sleepy children and tried to describe their feelings. Our friends tried to give the right descriptions of people's feelings and were answering like “They are sad”, “They are happy”, “They are sleepy” and so on. For art, we made a panda art craft and each student in the class created happy, sad, sleepy pandas.

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We are so happy that most of our Preschool 3 friends are safely back at school. So, to kick off the new term, we started a new unit of inquiry that is all about stories and different ways of telling stories, and why it is important to tell stories. The first thing we looked at was books and what we call all the different elements that make a book, like a spine, a cover page, a back page, an author, and an illustrator. We also had an in depth look at the story of the hungry caterpillar and we created our own multi-colored

activity book based on the hungry caterpillar story. We also tried to recall and retell the story about the hungry caterpillar. We also started to craft fun puppets out of paper-mâché with Dr. Anna. Next week we will continue to learn about stories. We will look at the story about the Gruffalo and what makes it so interesting. We will also talk about whether it is a fantasy book or a reality book. Finally, we will also work on our number writing skills and learn all about our new letter of the week, letter 'g'.

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

