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# VOICES



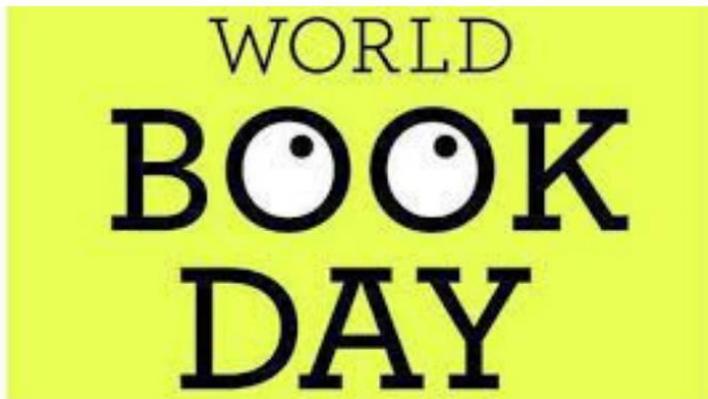
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## WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

On Thursday, the 3rd of March, World Book Day celebrated their 25th Anniversary all over the world. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to discover the pleasure of reading.

Throughout the week Preschool and Primary students participated in fun quizzes. They had a chance to demonstrate their knowledge of book characters covering everything from fairy tales to Harry Potter.



On Friday students and teachers arrived at school dressed as their favorite characters from a book. Costume choices included characters from popular children's books by authors including Roald Dahl, J.K. Rowling, and Dr Seuss.

Well done to all our students and teachers who came to school dressed up as their favorite book characters.



## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our following award winners:

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

Yaroslava (Grade 9)

Taha (Grade 12)

Sebastian (Grade 12)

Jingwen (Tanya) (Grade 12)

Aizat (Grade 12)

Karina (Grade 12)

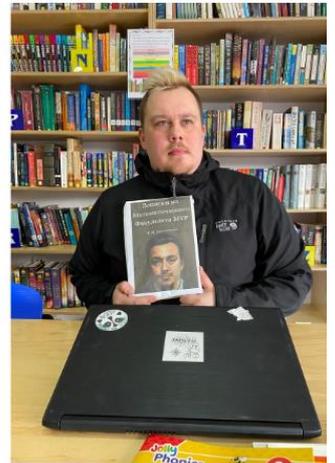
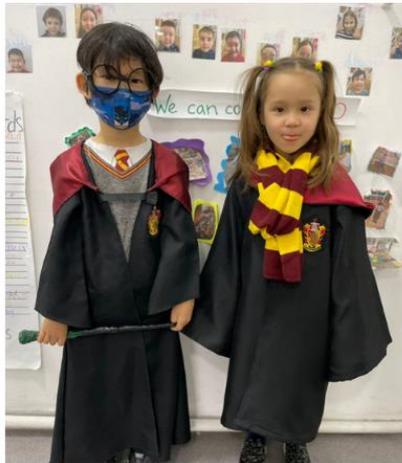


Grade 4 Blue and Yellow visited Supara Interactive Museum to gain more knowledge related to our unit. We learned about how people lived in the past and saw the types of tools that they used as well. It was fun because the students were able to experience traditional games and grind flour using a stone mill.

We had fun learning!



# BIS Snapshot: Favorite Book Character Costume



## BIS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM – CHAMPIONS OF BILIMKANA CUP TOURNAMENT

On Saturday morning BIS Boys Varsity Basketball Team arrived to Bilimkana School to compete with Compass College and Bilimkana in a round robin tournament. After a very shaky first half, BIS regrouped and came back to win the first game against an energetic Compass College Team.

In the second game, BIS played stronger against Bilimkana and had a good lead going into half time. Despite a number of BIS points accidentally being awarded to Bilimkana they continued to dominate the game and won quite comfortably.

Our final match was a friendly against Compass College which was very well balanced, having every member of our 10 player team scoring in the strong win. Well done to the team on a great effort!

**Mr Grant and Mr Zeljko**



## CHESS TOURNAMENT



Chess competitions present a unique challenge and motivation for development. Healthy competition is part of the world of sports and leads to a deeper and more comprehensive understanding of the game of chess. For this purpose, the BIS administration supported the idea of holding an Interschool Chess Tournament on March 19th.

On the 4th of March, BIS hosted a tournament for the selection of a school chess team. 19 students took part in the tournament and they all tried hard to win, but Alisher Nazarmukhamedov, Alan Medisov, Alan Choibaev and Aman Zhumashukurov became the students who scored the maximum number of points and joined the team. Saadat Bazarbayeva also joined the team according to her performance in tournaments on a national scale.

Good luck to our chess team!

**Ms Janyl, Chess ECA teacher**



## MARCH IS “THEATRE IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH”!

BIS is fortunate to have such a robust and growing theatre/drama program with many opportunities for students. Currently, we have drama classes for students from Grade 4-9.

BIS and the IB curriculum recognizes the importance and benefits of a solid dramatic arts program in school! For instance:

“Students involved in drama performance scored an average of 65.5 points higher on the verbal component and 35.5 points higher in the math component of the SAT [exams]”.

And “The act of performing can help students and youth recognize their potential for success and improve their confidence.”

You can read more about Theatre Education benefits [Here](#) and [Here](#).

In PYP Drama (Grades 4-5), students are introduced to “acting”, and they begin to learn how to communicate effectively and expressively. They work together to explore through improv and scene-work, how to physicalize a character, and tell different stories. In Grade 4, students are practicing story-telling through traditional Kyrgyz folk stories and legends. In Grade 5, students are finishing up directing their own scenes in collaboration with classmates; next term they will begin putting



together a puppet show, with characters they recently created in art class with Dr. Anna.

In MYP Drama (Grades 6-8), students continue to improve their communication skills through various genres and units. Grade 6s are learning about storytelling through story/music through “Musical Theatre”; next term, Grade 7s will soon be launching into a “World Theatre” and learning about Japanese Theatre; and the Grade 8s most recently finished a Shakespeare “Romeo and Juliet” unit.

In IGCSE Drama (Grade 9), students have been exploring different ways to tell stories through “devising”. They also begin to explore other elements of Drama, including design, lights, sound, and construction. It is a very hands-on experience.

The most extravagant annual theatre production is the Anniversary Show.

Our last production “James at the Giant Peach” and “The Lion King” before that, had over 100 students from G3-12 involved!



We rehearse a lot to prepare a high-level spectacular event for the community and families.

The title of the next Anniversary Show (December 2022) will be announced sometime in Term 4. Auditions and Rehearsals will begin in the Fall of 2022.

Stay tuned for more information!

As the theatre program is expanding, this school year, we have been able to commence two additional theatre opportunities for students.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION: SHAKESPEARE'S "THE TEMPEST"**

You are invited to watch Shakespeare's "The Tempest" performed by students in Middle/High School! This production tells the story of a storm, a shipwreck, a magical king, a monster, and spirit fairy, and revenge.

There are two performances, in the BIS Small Hall on March 16th and 17th from 18:00-19:00. Admission is FREE! The limited seats are first-come first serve.

Everybody in the BIS Community is encouraged to watch (recommended for ages 11 and up). Come and support the hard work by these talented participants!



**Performers:** Tanya Sun, Alice Li, Allan Khaldarov, Yasmeen Khan-Robbins, Yaroslava Fedorova, Aria Babanova, Lana Jiang, Irem Savruk, Linus Kelbert, Saikal Tursalieva, Izma Aziz, Matilda Lamberti Fossati, Veronica Kirsanova, and Arina Selezneva.

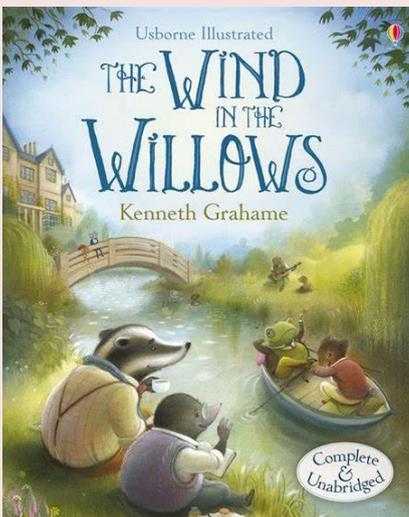
**Tech Support:** Delilah Bowles and Altana Dashitsyrenova

**Art Director:** Dr. Anna

**Director:** Mr. David Lien



### **PRIMARY SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION: "THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS"**



Students Grades 1-5 are invited to participate in this musical theatre production during Term 4.

Rehearsals are on Mondays AND Fridays during ECA time. Parents can sign their children up later this week when Term 4 ECA signups begin. Keep lookout for the Schools buddy email which will be sent out soon. Spots are limited!

The performances will be on the afternoon of June 1st and 2nd, at BIS. This production is directed by Ms. Angelina and Ms. Shelley; and organized/produced by Mr. David, contact [DLien@bis.kg](mailto:DLien@bis.kg) for more information.

**Mr David Lien, Music and Drama Teacher**



## HOUSE POINTS FOR A FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER COSTUME

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated World Book Day last Friday and wore their favorite book character outfit!

It is interesting to see that the BIS community is a community of readers deeply in love with books and literature!

This time the 1st place goes to the House of Snow Leopards which scored 320 points! The 2nd place goes to the House of Phoenixes - 280 points, and the 3rd place goes to the House of Piranhas - 210 points.

Well done, the House of Snow Leopards!



Ms Aigul, House Coordinator

### TOTAL HOUSE POINTS SCORE:



**18884**

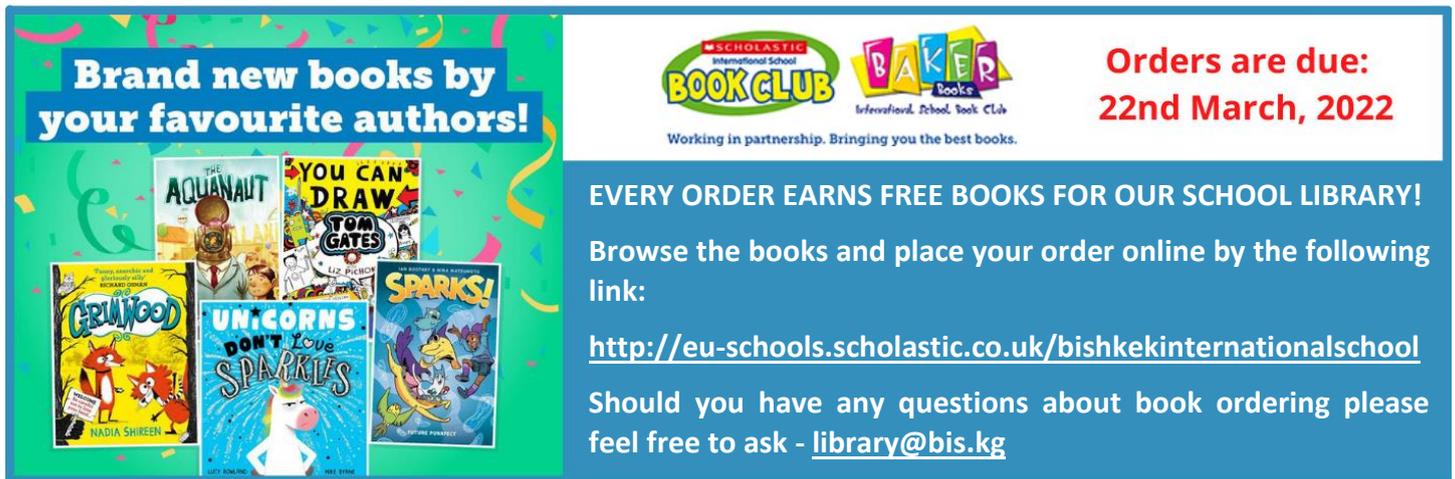


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## MARCH BOOK CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING

A promotional banner for a book club. On the left, a green background features a blue banner with the text "Brand new books by your favourite authors!". Below this are six book covers: "The Aquanaut", "You Can Draw", "Tom Gates", "Grimwood", "Unicorns Don't Love Sparkles", and "Sparks!". On the right, the Scholastic Book Club logo is displayed, along with the Baker Books logo. Below the logos, it says "Working in partnership. Bringing you the best books." To the right of the logos, the text "Orders are due: 22nd March, 2022" is written in red. Below this, a blue background contains the text "EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY! Browse the books and place your order online by the following link: <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool> Should you have any questions about book ordering please feel free to ask - [library@bis.kg](mailto:library@bis.kg)".

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> April, Friday: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- 21<sup>st</sup> March, Monday: Nooruz Public Holiday
- 21-25 March: Spring Break

## LUNCH MENU

The school menu for March 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 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

This week, our Preschool 1 group started to inquire into ocean animals. At the beginning of the week, we talked about the ocean and discussed which animals live under water. We sorted pictures of sea animals and sang a song called "Down in the deep blue sea". The next day we discussed what ocean animals eat, how they move and how they breath. We also played a fun fishing game, we used a big blue piece of material to pretend to be the sea, a big container to

be a boat, then we lived in the sea with the sea animals on it, and our kids got into the boat from the big container and tried to catch them. After each morning class, we had art activities where we painted our dark blue sea and fish from handprints. Our friends enjoyed painting a big submarine and jellyfish. We read books about "The snail on the whale", "Sharing the shell", "Ocean friends", and "Little turtle".

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



## PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 friends continued talking about how people express their ideas and beliefs through professions. The week started by talking about builders who can build different kinds of buildings such as houses, apartments, offices, skyscrapers and more. We also talked about their equipment, clothes and transports that they have in their working place. Our friends pretended to be builders and loaded kinesthetic sand and bricks in their dump trucks. In the middle of the week, we were talking about firefighters and their heroic job in saving many lives. We looked at their professional equipment and discussed how their clothes and helmets help them to protect their body and their transport which has ladders, hose, tools and pump

water. We sang “The five little firemen” and counted our firefighters and stuck them on the firetruck. The most exciting part happened towards the end of the week, when our friends went on their first field trip. Together, we visited “The town of Professions” and pretended to be real doctors, firefighters, police officers and more. We became aware of other occupations and enhanced our knowledge about some professions that we learned at school. This was an amazing experience for our small friends to take a school bus and visit such a fun place.

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



### PRESCHOOL 3

This was an amazing week for all our preschool 3 friends. This week we celebrated all the wonderful women in our lives who help us every day, take care of us, clean up after us, and empower us to be the best we can be. To celebrate Women's Day, we created a beautiful art piece that the preschool 3 friends shared with the special women in their lives. We also practiced a special song to sing to all the kitchen ladies to say thank you for all their hard work. We had a lot of fun singing for all the ladies in the

kitchen! The preschool 3 friends also learned a lot this week, we learned about the letter 'j' and, to help us remember the letter 'j', we made some very yummy and sour juice with green apples. We also went on a field trip. We had an amazing time dressing up and learning about all the different occupations.

Next week we'll create our own books about what I want to be when I grow up. We will also learn about the letter 'z' and continue to learn about addition.

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

