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VOICES



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MUSIC ACADEMY: FINAL RECITAL

Hot on the heels of BIS Got Talent, earlier this week we had the BIS Music Academy Final Recital. With over 25 inspiring performances on violin, cello, flute, keyboard and voice, this show highlighted the enormous success of our Music Academy - the progress students have made in such a short time is fantastic. While a large part of this is the dedication and commitment by our students, we should also highlight the wonderful music teachers we have who come each week to teach, inspire and motivate BIS students. Thanks also go out to all of the supporting families, who help encourage students to practice at home and for attending recitals.



Renting Instruments over the Summer Vacation

Students who are in the Music Academy and are renting now also have the opportunity to do so over the summer. If you do not wish to rent over the vacation, please return your instrument by June 14th. If you wish to continue to rent, please make payment by Monday 13th June - see Ms. Bojana's email for further details.

Mr Grant, Head of Performing Arts

CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our following award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

All Grade 3 Yellow Class, all Grade 3 Blue Class, all Grade 2 Blue Class,
Muras (Grade 7B)

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

All Grade 0 Yellow Class, all Grade 0 Blue Class, all Grade 4 Yellow Class, all Grade 4 Blue Class,
Anna (Grade 3Y)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

All Grade 1 Blue Class

TAIGANS LEAVERS

Best wishes to all of amazing Taigans leavers! We wish you future success and happiness. May this life transition bring new open doors and many opportunities.



GRADE 5 OVERNIGHT TRIP TO CHONG KEMIN

Grade 5 had their overnight trip this week to Chong Kemin. We enjoyed rafting, swimming, delicious food, a camp fire and of course, toasted marshmallows.

In the words of Thomas 'You don't even know how much fun it was'. Ms Rebecca



In the guest house we were discovering our rooms. We felt excited! First we went into our rooms, then we had a break. We were looking at our phones and playing games. After lunch we went to the pool. It was big! After the pool we had a break. Then we had dinner. After the dinner, we made a bonfire, and we ate marshmallows. Then we went to sleep. The next day, we went to the giant hoe. After the giant hoe we went to a pool. After the pool we had lunch and we came back to school'.

Asadbek

On the way to the guest house, we went rafting. It was so fun at the front seat, the water splashed on our faces, and it was very cold. There were big waves. It was really fun, we got dunked in the water.

Iman



GRADE 6 TRIP TO ISSYK KUL



The grade 6 students went on their final overnight trip to Solemar, near Cholpon-Ata, in Issyk Kul. They stopped by the cultural center first before getting a chance to relax at the Solemar resort. There, they swam in the lake, the pool, and went down the waterslides. At night time, it was dead quiet, so either the students were very sneaky or they all fell fast asleep early. To my surprise and delight, they were all asleep due to the exhausting day of playing and eating. We stayed for one night, and on the next day, we took a ferry onto the lake, where more students swam! It was an absolutely memorable trip!

Mr. David and Ms. Asel, Grade 6 Form Teachers



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR JUNE 13-16 AT BIS

Dear BIS community,

In our final week of school, things look a little different from usual.

Please be reminded of the following upcoming events:

Tuesday 14th June: Preschool and Primary educational visits day. **Final day of ECAs.**

Wednesday 15th June: Parent-teacher meetings from 3.30 - 6.00pm **in-school**. See the email sent on Friday morning for all details.

Thursday 16th June: Last day of school! **School begins at 13:15**. Parents and friends are invited to join the All Americas Barbecue to celebrate the end of the school year at 17:00. Preschool and primary students' parents, please collect your child from their classroom at 5.00pm. Supervision by BIS staff for preschool and primary will be provided until 17:30 only.

Buses on Thursday 16th June: please wait to hear from Burmakan Birnazarova about adjusted bus times on Thursday 16th June. Buses will run **to** school, starting their routes at 12:00. Buses **from** school will run on a demand basis only.

Please note, ECAs and Music Academy will run as usual on Monday and Tuesday with a few small changes to staffing and some activities. There will be no ECAs on Wednesday during parent-teacher meetings, but some basic supervision will be provided in the playground, primary library and small hall.

Best wishes,

Mirzat Osmonova



HOUSE WINNERS 2021/22

As we are reaching the end of the school year I would like to take a moment and give you a big round of applause for working hard throughout the year earning points for your Houses!

Whether you were drawing, writing, dressing up or competing in sports - thank you for your hard work! The competition between the Houses this year was fierce! Every single member of the house was very proactive! In fact, the final points earned between the House of Piranhas and the House of Phoenixes were so close to a tie, the House of Piranhas being behind only by 82 points!

TOTAL HOUSE POINTS SCORE:



Phoenixes

26335



PIRANHAS

26253



SNOW LEOPARDS

22223



Also a big round of applause goes to the Heads of Houses:

- **Mr Tim - The House of Phoenixes**
- **Ms Munara - The House of Piranhas**
- **Mr Faez - The House of Snow Leopards**

Thank you for motivating and encouraging your members and actively participating yourselves in the house activities!

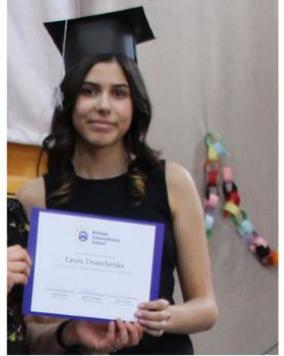
As mentioned during the assembly - Mr Tim is leaving BIS this year, and now Ms Valeria is going to replace him! So please welcome Ms Valeria as a new Head of Phoenixes!

Thank you all for making this year incredible!



Ms Aigul, Houses Coordinator

BIS Snapshot: MYP Graduation



BIS HOSTS KYRGYZSTAN'S FIRST-EVER FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

This year, BIS held its first-ever Floor Hockey Tournament -- also the first ever to be held in Kyrgyzstan! An outstanding 84% of BIS students between Grade 0 and Grade 5 participated in the tournament that was held between May 23 and June 8.

The two-and-a-half-week competition brought a festive atmosphere to the school and a competitive spirit within everyone involved. While 84% of students played, every single PYP student participated in some way. Whether it was designing posters or supporting players from the sidelines, everyone was involved in the celebration.

The format of the tournament was "Battle of the Classes":

- Grade 0B vs. Grade 0Y
- Grade 1B vs. Grade 1Y
- Grade 2B vs. Grade 2Y
- Grade 3B vs. Grade 3Y
- Grade 4B vs Grade 4Y vs Grade 5



Highlights

- First-ever Floor Hockey tournament in Kyrgyzstan
- 84% of PYP students participated in the games

I learned that we need to work together as a team to win the game.

Lucie (Grade 4Y)



The best part was seeing the students and teachers who were coming out to watch, support and cheer on their friends, siblings and students. The energy in the Big Hall at lunch time was electric!

A BIG thanks goes to the MYP and high school students who helped set up the floor hockey rink everyday in the Big Hall, and to Ms. Anna for score and time keeping all the games.

A BIG congrats also goes to the respective champions from each grade and to everyone involved in the first Floor Hockey Tournament in Kyrgyzstan!

Mr Faez, Primary Physical Education Teacher



Champions

- Grade 1B
- Grade 2 (Finals on Wednesday)
- Grade 3B
- Grade 4B
- Grade 0B

BIS Snapshot: Floor Hockey Tournament



SUMMER CAMP

Good Day BIS Parents. I am writing to invite your child to the Summer Camp from June 27- July 7, 2022. The camp is open to children aged 6 to 10. The camp is not organized by BIS but by a member of staff, Ms Aigul (ELA and Visual Arts teacher).

This trip will give your child the opportunity to take part in a range of art related (painting, handicraft, cooking) as well as physical activities (swimming, horseback riding, hiking, quest games, etc); exploration activities (visiting a Cake factory, Sports and Music taster days) and much more.

Our program consists of day trips from Monday to Thursday during a two-week span.

All trips will be supervised by 2 adults.

Regular and vegetarian meals would be available at all places. If your child has a specific allergy or dietary needs other than vegetarian, please let us know and we will see if we can arrange that.

The camp will be conducted in English.

The cost of the camp is 395 USD per child. The cost includes all the activities, meals and snacks as listed in the program; entrance fees where applicable; all the materials for master classes; driver with transportation.

The trip is entirely optional. Kids can wear masks if they wish. Accompanying staff are First aid trained by the Red Crescent Society. Hand sanitizers and masks will be available in the bus at all times and temperatures will be measured on a daily basis.

If your child is interested in joining, please respond to this email by Monday, June 6th. Permission slips will be distributed that same day, due Friday of the same week, June 10th. A 50% deposit would be required by June 10th as well, either in cash or by a bank transfer to Ms Aigul.



Aigul Kubatbekova, ELA Teacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13th June, Monday: Preschool 3 & Grade 5 graduation
- 14th June, Tuesday: Primary School Educational Visits day
- 15th June, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 16th June, Thursday: Last Day of School / All Americas Barbecue
- 17th June, Friday: Teacher in-service day

LUNCH MENU

The school menu for June 13th – 15th 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, friends from Preschool 1 have been talking about recycling. Our friends realized that we can make new objects and things from old things by recycling, and this whole process is called recycling. At the beginning of the week we sorted everything used, plastic, paper and other things in 4 different boxes for recycling. We also discussed that plastic and other waste is polluting our planet, which leads to bad consequences and natural collapse and recycling of waste and garbage will save the planet on

which we live. To better understand, we imitated the sea and left marine animals and garbage there. After that, we explained to them and showed how the garbage adversely affects the sea and its inhabitants, that garbage and water pollution will lead to the death of marine animals. For art, we used recycling to make aliens from a paper roll, a tree from an egg carton. Our friends had a great time and learned a lot.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week Preschool 2 friends devoted their time revising the themes we learned this semester. At the beginning of the week, we talked about our feelings and emotions and the possible reasons that caused us to feel certain feelings. We played “Guess, what feeling is this?” game and each friend had a turn to guess what feeling picture he had from getting some clues from friends. Our friends were really good at giving some hints to help the friend to guess the right feeling. The class friends were giving hints such as

“you stay at home”, “mommy calls the doctor” and more for sick feelings while giving hints such as “when you get ice cream” or “when you come to school” for a happy feeling. In the middle of the week, we repeated that people share the planet with plants and animals and they all have their own habitats. We completed a task by sorting all animals into the right habitats. Towards the end of the week, we created a plant and repeated the plant parts.

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

As this academic year is so close to ending our preschool friends had an opportunity to say goodbye to some of the friends and teachers that will not be returning to BIS during the next academic year. Saying goodbye is an important part for all our students, and helping students understand that saying goodbye

doesn't mean that we will not see each other again. We also had fun preparing for the graduation and helped our teachers make some fun decorations for the graduation party. All our Preschool 3 friends are really looking forward to the graduation and the big move to Grade 0.

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

