



**Bishkek  
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**VOICES**



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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

The wonderful 'Class of 2022' graduated school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June with an inspiring ceremony at BIS. Graduating students were welcomed onstage by MCs Aidan and Bektur, took in opening remarks by the Chair of the Governing Board, Fred Huston, then applauded the success of students completing their IGCSE programme in Grade 10, and the Kyrgyz State Certificate of Education in Grade 11. We all enjoyed the wisdom and guidance of Valedictorian, Kamilya Kanat, Commencement Speaker, Jokorgo Kenesh Deputy, Dastan Bekeshev, and Graduation Speaker, Daniar Amanaliev of Ololo Group. The Class of 2022 accepted their High School Diploma awards before hearing closing remarks by Makiko Inaba, IB Diploma Coordinator. Graduates left the stage to applause before going outside to complete the celebrations.

The Class of 2022 had one of the most difficult journeys through IB Diploma, as their first year started online in the pandemic. Their success is a testament to their dedication and to the inspiration of teachers who have worked with these students over many years.

**David Grant, Head of School**



## CLASS OF 2022 DISTINCTION AWARDS

The 2022 Awards for Leadership, Service, Global Citizen, and Valedictorian were presented at the High School Graduation. The awards panel considered many nominations from many members of staff, and decisions were difficult as we have so many exceptional students.

The **Leadership Distinction**, for a student who takes leadership roles throughout the school, helping members of the school community to achieve their academic, sporting, and creative potential, was awarded to **Iman Akmatalieva**. Iman has always been a very active member of the school community, supporting every event, including all sports tournaments, regardless if she was on the team or not. As President of the Student Council, she provided a voice for others, with clear action focused leadership which was very impressive throughout the final year of IB Diploma.



The **Service Distinction** for commitment to service, leading to positive development of their fellow classmates, the school, and the Kyrgyz Republic, was awarded to **Amina Tursalieva**. Amina has had a very positive impact on the school from the first day she arrived, using her unbounded energy, charisma, and commitment to make life better for everyone. She won a Community Award in 2018 for outstanding service, and a Leadership Award in 2021, which included recognition for running the backstage for anniversary shows. We have also seen her in numerous roles creating school memory videos, and always being ready to use her numerous talents to help others succeed.

The **Global Citizen Distinction**, for a student prepared to tackle both global and local issues through a commitment to social justice; tolerance and diversity; communication skills; and knowledge of global contexts, was awarded to Bruno Brezina. Bruno contributed widely to the school community in many ways. His initial years contributed greatly to our school policies, by being as innovative as possible in challenging the boundaries of regulations, but in recent years he has served others in coaching sports at the weekends for primary students, being a voice actor for children's video stories and jointly organising the High School Winter Ball in January this year. He is a great communicator, who is fluent in three languages, and committed to social justice in helping others.



The **Valedictorian Distinction**, for the student who achieved the highest overall academic grade in the IB Diploma Programme years was awarded to Kamilya Kanat, who just surpassed three other high-grade students by achieving 3.94 GPA. Kamilya has been academically outstanding throughout her time in the school and we are sure she will go on to great things.

## PRYMARY GRADUATION

On Monday we celebrated our Grade 5 students' completion of the PYP. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their journey so far and look forward to what lies ahead. Congratulations to the PYP class of 2022! Best of luck in MYP!



# BIS Snapshot: Class of 2022



## LAST DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN / GRADE ZERO

WOW! What a wonderful year we have had in G0 Yellow and G0 Blue.

We spent so much time together as a grade that we decided to call ourselves Kindergarten Green - because Yellow and Blue make GREEN!



On Monday, to celebrate our fabulous year, we created "Green Day" by making tie-dye shirts and spending the whole day together doing various activities.

We all used the same blue, yellow and green dye but look how different all our shirts turned out; each one is unique and beautiful just like all our Graze Zero friends.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and remembers our marvelous year together. We are so proud of each and every one of you.

Love,  
The Kindergarten Team



## GRADE 4 CHARITY FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Hello, we are Grade 4 Yellow,

We would like to say thank you to everyone who bought our products on Monday, and everyone who donated to Dobrie Ruki. We would also say thank you to our lovely teachers who made everything possible for our pop up shop: Mr. Ermek, who brought the tables, Ms. Mirzat, who gave us permission, Ms. Anna, who helped us make our goods, and Ms. Alicia who let us announce our idea at assembly.



Hello, we are Grade 4 Blue,

By coordinating with Grade 4 Yellow, we have donated 3500 soms to Dobrie Ruki, an animal shelter that takes care of animals until they find a home.



Thanks again to everyone who made this possible.

**Grade 4 Yellow and Blue**

## GRADE 1 EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS



## OVERNIGHT TRIP TO ISSYK KUL

Our trip was a fun and engaging experience. We were able to participate in a variety of fun activities, including white water rafting (Poor Dastan). We stayed at a beautiful guest house named 'Solemar' and the beach view was magnificent. We played beach volleyball and swam a ton. Water volleyball was a failed attempt, as the majority of us froze. They had a beautiful pool but the water was even colder than the lake, so not many people swam in it. Mr. Kevin set up a quiz (We got to see young teacher pictures) and a charades type of game and they were both extremely fun. Not only was there a large beach to relax on, but there was a huge variety of sea glass lying around (we



probably looked pretty odd all hunched over along the beach, searching for fragment of glass) there were also 2 puppies, whom we named pudgy (the bigger one) and Mr. Nibbles (the smaller one) who truly lives up to his name. We visited an open air museum, which was also very fun and an interesting learning experience.

I'm sure the whole class (or those who came) would agree that this trip was absolutely fantastic. Special thanks to Ms. Laura, Mr. Kevin, Ms. Saikal and our great bus driver for making this trip possible, we are all really grateful!

Lily, Grade 8 Student

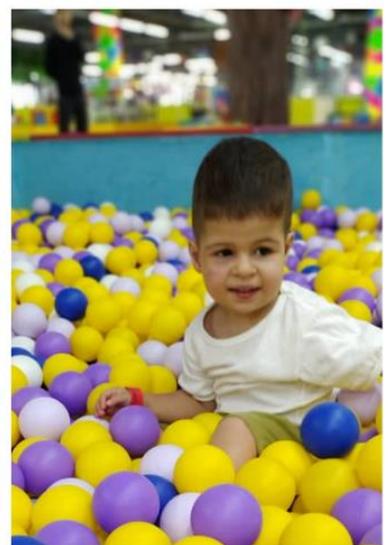
## GRADE 7 END OF YEAR TRIP TO ALAMEDIN





Saying goodbye is never an easy task but this is something we have to say. All of us had a lot of fun and we learned from each other. Thank you for everyone's support, care, and love you have made this year amazing!





# BIS Snapshot: Preschool Graduation

