



Bishkek International School

voices



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ALL AMERICAS BBQ

At the All-Americas BBQ on Thursday 16th June, the whole community celebrated an exciting and successful year of learning together.

We enjoyed delicious burgers, tacos, hot dogs, ice cream and drinks, with children enjoying various fun games provided by the Sun House Team, and everyone enjoying music from Salt Peanuts and Fandango, with many dancing into the night. The final event of the school year ended with an amazing firework show. We thank everyone who worked hard to make the event special and all those who came to enjoy together.

We wish the whole community a very enjoyable and safe summer holiday!



SEMESTER AWARDS AT THE ALL-AMERICAS BBQ

Sonata Coulter, Charge d’Affaires ad interim, of the US Embassy in the Kyrgyz Republic gave the opening speech at the BBQ and presented awards to students. Award nominations are made by all staff members and the awards panel has the difficult task of selecting final award winners. Recognition is given for:

- Academic Award for significant, sustained effort and achievement in academic work.
- Leadership Award for taking leadership roles throughout the school, helping members of the school community achieve their academic, sporting, and creative potential.
- Service Award for commitment to service contributed to the positive development of their fellow classmates, Bishkek International School and the Kyrgyz Republic.
- Global Citizen Award for students prepared to tackle both global and local issues through a commitment to social justice; tolerance and diversity; good communications skills; and knowledge of global contexts.
- Community Award for exceptional contribution to the development and representation of the school community, OR for exceptional personal development through outstanding commitment and learning.
- The Kanat Chokoev Annual Award for embodying the generous kindness and welcoming smile we all remember from Kanat.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Preschool: **Alima Zhumashukurova**
- Primary School: **Isaac Jeong**
- Middle School: **Lillian Robinson**
- High School: **Aymir Mirlan**



LEADERSHIP AWARDS

- Preschool: **Soyombo Borkhuu**
- Primary School: **Bilim Toichubaeva**
- Middle School: **Saikal Tursalieva**
- High School: **Mariam Akmatova**



SERVICE AWARDS

- Preschool: Kaya Weidman
- Primary School: Asadbek Sanzhar uulu
- Middle School: Nurislam Nurbaev
- High School: Aidan Niyazova



GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARDS

- Preschool: Taiga Vingre
- Primary School: Soren Bauer
- Middle School: Lana Jiang
- High School: Zhibek Kubatova

COMMUNITY AWARDS

- Preschool: Diana Bronnikov
- Primary School: Ken Yagihashi
- Middle School: Emil Salmon

KANAT CHOKOEV AWARD

The Kanat Chokoev Annual Award was presented to **Artur Amerkhanov** as he always kind to others, whether it is opening a door, greeting people, or just smiling in the corridor. He is always ready and willing to help anyone around him with kindness and sensitivity.

David Grant, Head of School



BIS Snapshot: All Americas Barbecue 2022



CELEBRATING SUCCESS AND MOVING ON

The end of the school year is always a sad time as we say goodbye to students and teachers who are moving on to new schools and opportunities around the world. This year over 60 students are moving away, including 24 graduates, and we have over 60 students joining us to fill the gaps.

We also have 15 teaching staff who are moving to new pastures, with 17 incoming teachers in August. We miss our departing students and staff as they are all part of a strong community, yet we look forward to welcome those who join us.

Amongst the staff leaving this summer, we say farewell to our wonderful Director of Studies, Esther Johnson, after three amazing years in BIS. Ms Esther has impressed everyone with her professionalism and very positive approach. She will be greatly missed in our school community.

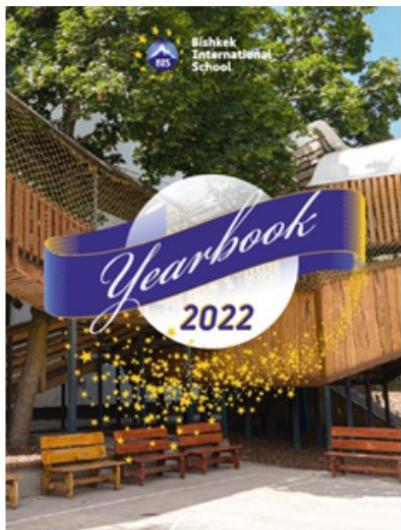


Also leaving this summer is the President of the Parents Association, Nirika Koirala, who is moving to Indonesia with her family. Nirika has made an enormous contribution to the school. She has worked tirelessly to support the development of the school and represent the whole parent body during the very challenging pandemic time. Everyone in the community is very thankful for all that you have done for the school!

On behalf of the entire staff of BIS we thank all of the amazing students who are moving on, whether to university or to other schools and wish you every success. We also thank all leaving staff for your

teaching and support for students at BIS during your years in here. We appreciate everything you have given to the BIS community. We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

2021/22 BIS YEARBOOK DOWNLOAD



[The 2021/22 Yearbook PDF is available online here.](#)

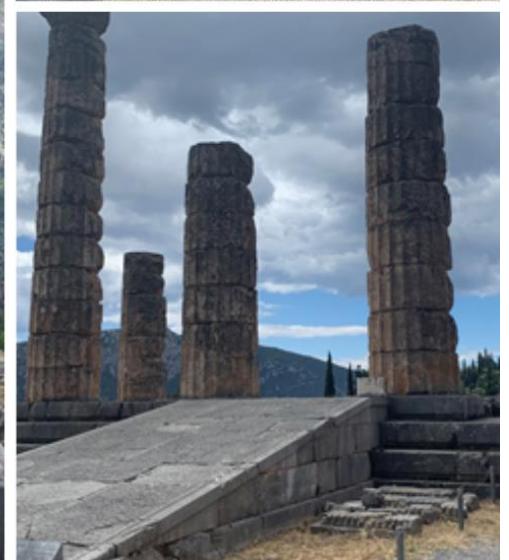
For those who ordered in advance, a **hardback printed copy is available from the school office and can be collected on any working day from 9:00 to 17:00**. We also have a limited number to buy for 3,000 som, for those who forgot to order earlier.

ADVENTURES IN GREECE



This year's educational trip to Greece was an unforgettable experience. Over five days we visited numerous historical sites: the monasteries at Meteora, ancient acropolises, Delphi - Apollo's sanctuary, and the great Epidaurus theatre. Aside from the educational aspects, I am incredibly grateful for the nights we spent playing Uno, singing on the bus, eating gyros by the fountain, going out to crowded cafes and enjoying the delicious food (as well as Ogulturk discussing crypto with the waiter), walking about the bustling flea market, meeting the many cats and dogs of Greece, and getting to see a full red moon as a farewell from Athens. Thank you to everyone who went on the trip for making it a positive, fun experience, and a special thanks to Mr. Andrew, Ms. Rabia, and Ms. Gulbara for tolerating us and making the trip possible in the first place! I cannot wait to see what next year's excursion has in store for everyone.

Eva Aijan Grant, Grade 9



CELEBRATING LONG-SERVICE WITH BIS

On Friday 17th June, we celebrated and recognized the dedication of our staff with the awarding of long-service awards for those who have been with BIS for 5 and 10 years. Congratulations and thank you to all our committed staff who work so hard to keep school running smoothly.

**10
YEARS**

Ms Aida



Ms Kulkaiyr



Mr Ermek



**5
YEARS**

Mr Jacques



Ms Carmen



Ms Saikal



Ms Jyldyz



Ms Elvira



Ms Kyzjibek



Ms Aichurok



Ms Baktygul



Ms Tinatin



Dr Asel



Ms Chynara



Ms Nazgul



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

After a busy and exciting final week, which culminated in our memorable All Americas Barbecue we wish BIS students, families and staff a wonderful summer break!

Although students are away, the administration and facilities teams continue to work from Monday to Friday all summer, preparing for next year, and we are open for enrolment visits and fee payment from 9:00 am to 17:00.

If you need to contact the school for anything, please email info@bis.kg or call 0312 214 406.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - MONDAY 22ND AUGUST

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 22nd August. As always, we have a few changes over the summer as we are adding new classrooms and increasing our teaching staff. The [2022/23 Homeroom Teachers for Primary School can be found here](#), [Specialist Teachers are here](#), and the school [Management Board is here](#). All teachers will be at school for the orientation week from 15th August. We look forward to welcoming all students on Monday 22nd August.

David Grant, Head of School

ANNIVERSARY SHOW 2022 - MOANA!

The Anniversary Show Musical on December 10th will be Moana!

This is the biggest annual event at BIS with over 100 students from Grade 3-12 performing in the Philharmonia for the whole community.

Auditions will be in September, followed by rehearsals for the performance on 10th December.

To prepare for the audition, check out our [WEBSITE](#). There you can also read the [FULL](#) script, listen to the songs, and learn about the characters/show.



If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Lien, email: dlien@bis.kg

UPCOMING EVENTS – [2022/23 Calendar is here](#)

- **22nd August, Monday: First Day of School**
- **26th August, Friday: Meet the Teachers**
- **31st August, Wednesday: Independence Day - Public Holiday**