



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 2 / 2022-23

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## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2022-2023

On Monday, BIS students were welcomed back to school for the 2022-2023 school year. It was wonderful to see everyone full of positive energy and ready to start learning.

Out on the basketball court, old friends reunited after the long summer break, and new friendships began. Students were met by their homeroom, co-teachers and form teachers started the day getting to know their classmates and finding their way around their new classrooms.

We look forward to a very exciting and educational year ahead!



### TEAMWORK ACTIVITY IN GRADE 3



Grade 3 Blue and Yellow got together this week to work on our active listening skills but also our teamwork. This hula hoop activity is focused on working with the person beside you and overcoming the difficulty of getting the hoop over your head. They had to work as a team and help their peers beside them with the task. As we plan to be working together, both academically and socially, it's important that the students familiarize themselves with everyone in our Grade 3 class.



### THE HOUSE SYSTEM

The House System exists to promote healthy competition based on inclusion and teamwork. BIS has three Houses for all students from Preschool to High school: 'Phoenix', 'Piranhas', and 'Snow Leopards'. Various events, challenges and competitions contribute to house points which are accumulated throughout the year to produce an overall winning House.

All students are assigned to one of the Houses to ensure that all year groups have a good balance of students in each House and an overall student and staff balance between Houses.

If you want to find out in which House you are in go to this [link](#).

This year we added new events for Houses competition. Details will follow prior to the events happening.

This year our House Leaders are:

Ms Munara - Head of Piranhas



Ms Biljana - Head of Snow Leopards



Ms Valeria - Head of Phonexies



Ms Aigul, Houses Coordinator & Community Engagement & Development Leader

## BIS ANNIVERSARY SHOW: MOANA (THE MUSICAL)



The BIS Anniversary Show is the biggest event of the school year.

This year, we will be performing Disney's **Moana** on **December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

We have typically had over 100 students involved onstage and backstage!

Students Grade 3-12 are invited to participate.

- Unlike in previous years, there will be no ECA rehearsals during the first Term.
- Rehearsals for interested **PYP students** will begin Friday, September 9th. Students will rehearse during school hours (Period 9) almost every Friday until the performance (December 10th).
  - **PYP students** will commence ECA rehearsals during Term 2 (in addition to the Friday period 9 rehearsals).
- ALL who want to be considered for a bigger role are required to audition.
  - Auditions will be sometime in mid-September.
- Rehearsals for **Secondary students** will begin Term 2 during ECA time.
  - IGCSE students can receive Service Learning hours for their participation
  - DP students can receive CAS hours for their participation.

All Secondary students are invited to participate as:

- Onstage performers
- tech crew (running lights, sounds, etc.)
- On-stage drummers (playing along with the music). This is an ECA starting Term 1. Sign up now or email me at [dlien@bis.kg](mailto:dlien@bis.kg)

More information can be found on our website:  
<https://sites.google.com/esca.kg/moana/>

If you have any questions, please email Mr. David at [dlien@bis.kg](mailto:dlien@bis.kg) or talk to me in person.

# BIS Snapshot: First Day of School!



## WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Ms Aigul, our Community Engagement and Development Leader, kindly shared a list of workshops available in Bishkek with a wide range of activities, which may be interesting for parents and students.

- **Making a flower bouquet** (Green office, 0222 791945)
  - **Making flowers and decorations by hand** (Handmade flowers, Kievskaya 120, 0554 704604)
  - **Rock climbing** (On the wake, Ankara 1/11, 0555 119922)
  - **Cooking master classes** (Parmesun studio, Razzakova 63, 0772 171171)
  - **Art master classes/workshops** (Seitaliev art, 3<sup>rd</sup> microregion, 29, 0555 002232)
  - **Art master classes/workshops** (Artlab, Bokonbaevo 183, 0554 131345)
  - **Rafting** (rafting.kg, 0773 772 994)
  - **Paragliding** (fly dream, 0558 022 011)
  - **Jewelry making** (iyushka\_handmade, 0550 551514)
  - **Ceramic master classes** (Bokonbaev 103, 0558 545433)
  - **Felt making master classes** (Amanat felt, 0552 430307)
  - **Vocal master classes** (Medet Osmonov, 0779 510585)
  - **Dance master classes** (Seitek, Abdymomunova 197, 0312 623577)
  - **Sports** (Uniqum sports, Aitmatova 1a/1, 0505 332210)
  - **Drum master classes** (Drum studio, Gorkogo 48/1, 0770 721211)
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **31<sup>st</sup> August, Wednesday: Independence Day (No School)**
- 9<sup>th</sup> September, Friday: All Parents Meeting (PAMC) – all parents invited
- 17<sup>th</sup> September, Saturday: Asia Day – Open Day – everyone invited
- 30<sup>th</sup> September, Friday: Middle & High School Sports Day (Spartak Stadium) – **updated date**
- 6<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday – 9<sup>th</sup> October, Sunday: Cross Country, CAFA Tournament, Bishkek
- 12<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday: Parent Teacher Meetings
- 14<sup>th</sup> October, Friday: UN Day at BIS
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October, Monday-Friday: Autumn/Fall break (No School)

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> is **Menu C**.

You can view both [Preschool Menu](#) and [Primary & Secondary school menu](#) on our school website. 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 were delighted to start our adventure of having fun and learning so much with our new Preschool 1 friends! The first week in Preschool 1 was all about getting to know each other and getting used to coming to school. All of our friends have done an excellent job of staying in the classroom without parents and

adjusting to the classroom routine. Likewise, Preschool 1 friends were very happy to explore the classroom, learn new friends' names through singing the "Hello, hello, what's your name?" song, attending dance and PE classes for the first time. Next week, we will continue to discover about friends.

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



## PRESCHOOL 2

In Week 1, as part of the settling in process, we covered a series of activities to help familiarize the children with the classroom and the daily activities and routines. The children did a lot of interesting activities which included exploring colour through painting. The children have been getting to know each other and the

staff a bit more and are beginning to feel a bit more settled in each other's company. In physical development, dance and music classes the children have been exploring the equipment in the gym and have been enjoying playing and interacting with each other.

**Ms. Dinara, Interim Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher**



### PRESCHOOL 3

What an amazing first week for our Preschool 3 friends. We had a fun time meeting our friends and new teachers Ms. Carmen, Ms. Gulia, and Ms. Aike.

We also explored our new class. The friends enjoyed having their first music and PE lessons for this year. We can't wait to see what adventures we will have next week.

Coming up next in Preschool 3 we will start to look at our first Unit of Inquiry. We will also be recapping basic shapes and colors and the numbers 1-5, as well as working on our cutting skills.

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

