



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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ASIA DAY 2022

Last Saturday we were happy to enjoy a wonderful Asia Day festival with our whole community including parents, students, their guests and our neighbours.

We enjoyed great performances from students, staff and guests; delicious food and drinks from the PAMC, school kitchen, and Fresco ice-cream; country tables with games and cultural experience for children; amazing decorations from the Art Department, made by students; and just a great time to mix with everyone and enjoy the day.

Many thanks to everyone involved in making this event a great success.



IN MEMORY OF ROBIN ORD-SMITH

BIS expresses our deepest condolences to Robin Ord-Smith's family and friends, following his untimely death on 20th September 2022.

While serving as the British Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic from 2015-2018, his infectious enthusiasm and positive energy inspired so many good developments. He was a strong supporter of change and investment in the education sector, and this included Chairing the BIS Advisory Council from 2015 – 2018, establishing the Council as an effective institution with broad engagement and unending support for the school.

In his role as Chair of the Advisory Council, Ambassador Ord-Smith, together with ex-President Roza Otunbayeva, cut the ribbon to open the redeveloped BIS school building with a third floor in spring 2017.

After leaving Kyrgyzstan as Ambassador, his love for the country brought him back as the first ever Business Ombudsman, working to protect the rights and interests of entrepreneurs. In this role, Robin gave a very enlightening and entertaining Graduation Speech for the Class of 2021, to send them on their way to university and beyond.

Everyone who knew Ambassador Robin Ord-Smith at BIS is deeply saddened by his passing. We wish him both peace and adventure in his future journey as a BIS Taigan.

David Grant, Head of School



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Akmal (Preschool 3), **Aida** (Grade 1B), **Mukhammadiso** (Grade 4B)

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

Aman (Preschool 2), **Guney** (Grade 1Y), **Zhantai** (Grade 2B), **Mabrukah** (Grade 9),
Arif (Grade 11), **Bakai** (Grade 12)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Adel (Grade 1B), **Sino** (Grade 3B), **Matteo** (Grade 5Y), **Aleksandr** (Grade 5Y)

NEW FACES AT BIS: MR RAY

Hi BIS Community!

My first three teaching jobs were in Britain. Then I went to Canada as an exchange teacher and during that year met my wife; after three years living in Britain, we settled in Canada. I have taught in three other international schools: Istanbul, Turkey -- Accra, Ghana -- and Astana, Kazakhstan.

I arrived in Bishkek at the beginning of August. My first trip into the mountains was to Son-Kul Lake. I contacted the trip organizer and explained I was worried about staying awake due to jet-lag; she said this star-gazing trip was perfect for me since it encouraged a nap on arrival at the yurt camp, followed by being up around midnight in order to see the stars and listen to the astronomer's explanations. She was right, this worked out very well! My next trip to Chong Kemin National Park was also very enjoyable. Here's me at Son Kul:

A quirky element: several staff members have brought their pets with



them, but I left my cat with a friend in Canada. This is Ellie who liked doing these yoga-like stretches:

As something else that is quirky, I should also include my son, Eddie. He wasn't able to get married during Covid and ended up with a wedding date on the west coast of Canada in September. This meant a marathon of travelling for me just for a weekend, but it was such a fun wedding that it was all worthwhile.

I've really enjoyed my time so far in Kyrgyzstan. Thanks to everyone for the welcoming atmosphere that BIS provides.



Mr Ray, History Teacher

BIS Snapshot: Asia Day 2022



WHAT ARE HUMAN RIGHTS?



Grade 3 students learn about human rights. During the discussion they expressed their opinion that all people have equal rights regardless of their skin color, place of living, etc. In the art class they drew pictures on the rights that they think are important for them.



WORLD CLEAN UP DAY

World Cleanup Day was on September 17. It is an event marked primarily by cleaning up litter and trash in the streets and public places, not unlike a 'subotnik', but celebrated by millions of people in over 200 countries, including [Kyrgyzstan](#).

On Friday, the Grade 8 Yellow did their part by going around the neighbourhood (during their Life Skills lesson) and safely picking up trash; the trash was disposed of properly and plastic bottles were recycled.



Thank you to Ms. Gulbara and Ms. Aziza for helping out; and thanks to Mr. Andrew in his role as ECO Bishkek Coordinator, supplying materials to our students to help make this event a success.

Mr. David Lien, Grade 8 Yellow Form Teacher

GRADE 7 STUDENTS ENJOYED THEIR TRIP TO ISSYK KUL



WE ARE ANNOUNCING

DONATION DRIVE

WE ARE COLLECTING HUMANITARIAN AID TO PEOPLE WHO WERE DISPLACED ALONG WITH KYRGYZ-TAJIK CONFLICT

Aid will be donated to a Medical Institution in a village "*Tash Dobo*", *Shkolnaya 20/2* which now accommodates ~**250 displaced people**

LIST OF NECESSETIES:

Clothes
Toys
Baby Food(dry)
Hygiene products(female supplies as well)

PLACE OF DONATION:

External reception
(open area before the main door)



Please follow this **QR code** for more information

If you have any questions please email:

volunteeringclub@bis.kg



CHARITY LUNCH FOR ELDERLY

BIS is organizing a charity lunch for elderly in our neighborhood. We are inviting 25 elderly. In addition to a charity lunch they will be presented with goodie bags. To make the mood more festive we need students to make performances and brighten up the day. Performances can be songs, dances or playing an instrument, telling a rhyme. You can talk to Ms Munara to sign up or Mr David Lien.

LIBRARY UPDATE: SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

There are only two days left to order from our September Scholastic Book Club. The Scholastic International School Book Club is a fantastic way to get great value children's books from around the world.

Order & Pay online (with your credit card):

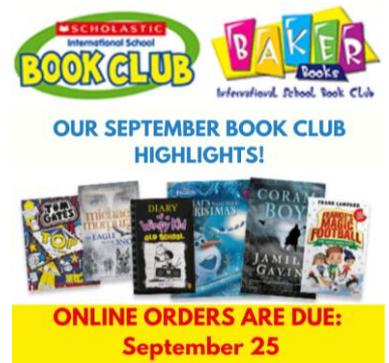
1. Go to <https://eu-shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/bishkekinternationalschool> to browse the latest books by the age category;
2. Or choose a particular book from the catalogue, you can easily find it by typing the book number in the search field, e.g. 210 will find 'Guinness World Records 2023';
3. Select the books you and your child would like to buy and click 'Checkout'.

The books will be delivered to BIS directly from the UK (in November).

EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY! So by purchasing your books from the Scholastic Book Club you help our school library to grow.

We hope that you enjoy browsing through the catalogue and will find something interesting for your child.

Should you have any questions about book ordering please feel free to ask - library@bis.kg



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 30th September, Friday: Middle & High School Sports Day (Spartak Stadium)
- 7th - 8th October, Friday – Saturday: CAFA Cross Country Tournament, Bishkek
- 12th October, Wednesday: Parent Teacher Meetings
- 14th October, Friday: UN Day at BIS
- 17th – 21st October, Monday-Friday: Autumn/Fall break (No School)

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 26th – 30th 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

This week in Preschool 1 talked about friendship and to learn more about it we discussed the topic: Friends. What is a friend? How do you become someone's friend? What does friendship mean? How do we show love and affection when we are friends? What makes us good friends? After these activities, we created our wonderful work "We are a circle of friends at school". Children drew handprints along the drawn circle. During the morning circle we sang the songs "Friends, Friends 1,2,3", "Mister Golden Sun" and read the books "How Dinosaurs Play with Their Friends", "How to Become a Friend", "That's what friends are for",

"My friends". We discovered that good friends help each other. Good friends take care of each other. Good friends are kind. Good friends will always share with you. Good friends stick together. During these sessions we spent some time teaching the children "How to behave with friends". At the end of the week about friendship, we sorted out our behavioral pictures, discussed what is good and what is bad, and our children chose pictures and glued them to the friendship corner.

Next week we will continue the topic of friendship.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week we have learned letter “a” and continued talking about friendship. Students are learning days of the week and started to discuss our next week’s topic - Autumn.

Next week we will learn letter ‘t’ for English class and

in Math we will learn shapes.

Children are now more interested in each other and are really enjoying time together during free play outside, PE and dance classes.

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Our Preschool 3 friends had an amazing week. We made beautiful sunflowers, using sunflower seeds, with Ms Aike and we enjoyed learning a lot of new words in Kyrgyz with Ms Gulia.

We also learned about the letter 't' this week, and we learned two of our friends' names start with the letter

't', Teru and Tommaso. We also looked at different words that start with the letter 't' and made some delicious tea to drink in the classroom. Preschool friends also had a look at simple patterns.

Next week we will learn about the letter 'i' and we will also play number machine games.

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

