



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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BISA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday and Saturday last week, three teams from BIS made the short journey to UWIS to partake in the local football tournament for some of the international schools here in Bishkek. After an opening ceremony which included a dancing and singing performance from our hosts, the competition got underway. The U15 boys had a very strong Friday, winning both of their matches to top their group and go straight into the semi-finals, only to unfortunately have a poor second day which resulted in a fourth place finish. The U19 boys had a mixed tournament, playing well in patches, as they ended up coming fifth.

The strongest performance for BIS came from the U19 girls, storming into the final after winning a penalty shootout in the semifinal. Unfortunately, the final would end in heartbreak, losing another penalty shootout to the hosts UWIS. It was fantastic to see the enjoyment all the players had from the competition and it served as a great warm-up for the international tournament in Almaty.



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Atticus (Grade 1Y)

Arina (Grade 8)

Aisha (Grade 8)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Isaac (Grade 2B)

NEW FACES AT BIS: MR MARC

My name is Marc Garreta and I am the new Learning Diversity and Inclusion (LDI) specialist, Spanish teacher, and Co-Form teacher in Grade 6 in BIS. I did my degree in psychology, specializing in education, in the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Knowing that I wanted to dedicate myself to the educational field I decided to do my MA about learning difficulties and disorders in the UOC university. After teaching a bit in Spain and Indonesia I ended up in Kyrgyzstan. This will be my fifth year here in Bishkek working in the education field. I am delighted to have joined BIS and my experience so far has been great. This is school that is striving to be as inclusive as possible, full of teachers that are eager to teach and very curious and kind students, ready to learn as much as possible. I have been fully enjoying getting to know all of my students and finding out how I can help them succeed in their academic life.

Although I have already been in Kyrgyzstan for 5 years, I am still loving it and fascinated by the mix of nomadic, Asian, and soviet cultures and the nature that the country and city have to offer.



On the way to work I still get amazed by the high mountains standing right behind the city. In my free time you can find me either reading or riding my bicycle around the streets of Bishkek. In summer and when the weather is warm you may find me skateboarding around the city, and when the snow comes I change my skateboards for the skies and go to the mountains.

As an LDI specialist I love to help my young students and provide them with all the resources needed to help them in school and in life. Finding the way through their minds to help them grow and flourish is one of the most satisfying parts of the Job. As a Spanish teacher, I love to be able to both my language and culture with my group of young learners. It is very inspiring to see how others can excel in speaking a language that is not theirs at such a young age.

Mr Marc, LDI Specialist & Spanish Language Teacher

GRADE 1 EDUCATIONAL VISIT

This week, Grade 1 classes went on their first field trip to the Republic Library for Children and Young People. The students were excited to visit a big library. Some students shared their previous experiences visiting libraries and others enjoyed their first time in a Public Library.

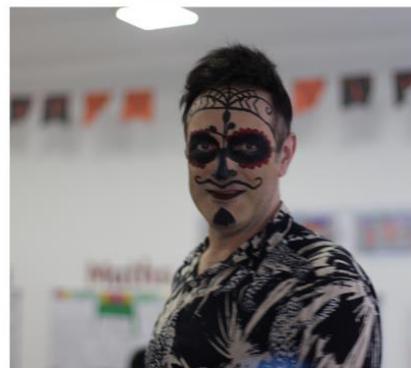
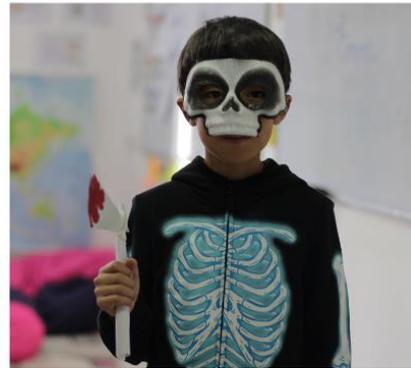
We joined a tour and visited the Makerspace area, the American corner, the Children's corner, the corner for people with special needs and IT technology space. The students saw pictures, read books, and played some board games while visiting these corners. Finally, students engaged in a scavenger hunt, becoming more aware of this unique learning environment.

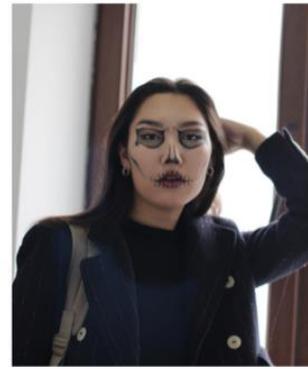
Our students discovered different learning environments and enhanced their learning during our inquiry lessons by making connections outside the school community.

Grade 1 Team



BIS Snapshot: Fall Festival Costumes





FALL FESTIVAL COSTUME WINNERS

Pre-school:

- Best friends/couple costume - Amal + Leila (Preschool 1)
- Funniest costume - Diana (Preschool 3)
- Most creative costume - Iman (Preschool 3)
- Most unique costume - Ioan and Nikoloz (Preschool 2)
- Best homemade costume - Yuuna (Preschool 3)

Primary school:

- The best friend/couple costume - Filya (Grade 2) and Koliya (Grade 4)
- The funniest costume - Lucille (Grade 5)
- The most creative costume - Adelaide (Grade 5)
- The most unique costume - Kamila (Grade 2)
- The best homemade costume - Rustam (Grade 0)

Secondary school:

- The best friend/couple costume - Bilim and Lucia (Grade 6)
- The funniest costume - Yaroslava (Grade 10)
- The most creative costume - Lana (Grade 9)
- The most unique costume - Rania (Grade 10)
- The best homemade costume - Erik (Grade 7)

OUR STUDENTS SUCCESS



ELA CLASS IN GRADE 5

"Today we were learning how to make a salad. We learned the steps of making things and the names of the veggies. I really liked the class, it was fun and it is my favorite lesson in 2 years."

Ernest, Grade 5Y Student



SKATEBOARD ECA



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7th - 8th November, Monday-Tuesday: Days of History & Memory of Ancestors BUT **ONLY Monday 7th is a holiday from school!** We already used the other day for a long weekend in February.
- 19th November, Saturday: BIS Annual Debate Tournament
- 25th November, Friday: Friendsgiving Dinner – Parents Association
- 10th December, Saturday: BIS Anniversary Show – Official School Day
- 16th December, Friday: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz
- 19th December - 6th January – Winter break

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for November 8th – 11th is **Menu D**.

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.



This week, Preschool 1 students began to discover the second unit of inquiry, "How the World Works." The main goal of this unit is to explore and learn about the world around us. For instance, animals, food, community helpers, etc. Our friends started this unit by talking about farm animals that live on the farm. We used the toys of our animals, learned about the animals that live on and off the farm, and sang the song "Old McDonald Had a Farm." For creativity, we made a sheep from a paper plate and cotton wool. We

read books, and one of them was their favorite story "Wake-Up Time on Bumble Farm." In mathematics, we learned that there are large and small values. In order to compare big and small, we used pictures of different sizes. Our children chose them and sorted them into large and small sizes, then glued them into the appropriate size circle. We also studied the diamond shape. Next week, we will continue to talk about farm animals and the benefits they bring to humans.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week Preschool 2 welcomed new friends to our class. Jennifer, Neyla and Umar are enjoying their first days at school and are adapting to our routine.

This week our friends learned letter N and keep learning counting and recognizing numbers, along with these all we are doing a lot of tracing in their

“Hungry caterpillar” printed booklets. We also started to discuss our Unit topics on transportations and talk about the way they come to the school. We will be learning about transportations a lot, how different they are and get the idea of what is fast and what is slow.

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week has been quite a busy week for our preschool 3 friends. They had lots of hands-on activities in the different study areas.

In English, this week they reviewed phonic sounds n, a and p, blending to make words and matching words with pictures. As our friends are learning on how to write, they practised on dry-erase boards and wrote letter 'n' in their books.

In Art, our friends painted beautiful trees. They also looked at what food is, and made a poster depicting how eggs move from the farm to our plates.

In science, friends also looked at living and non-living things, and they were able to mention some of the characteristics of living things.

Numbers are an important aspect in our preschool 3 classroom, therefore, this week we practiced writing number 3.

Next week, our friends will look at the number 4, phonic sounds 's and t'. They will also look at why living things need food.

Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

