



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 12 / 2022-23

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CASC TOURNAMENT IN ALMATY

BIS U19 Girls and Boys teams and U15 Boys team competed at the Central Asia Soccer Classic tournament in Almaty where 9 different international schools from Mongolia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan participated with over 300 players and coaches.

All teams played well and enjoyed the tournament. No cups this time, but with lessons learned and resilience strengthened, we look forward to winning next time!



CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

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

Yaroslava (Grade 10), Allan (Grade 11)

Congratulations on receiving Cambridge IGCSE certificates!



NEW FACES AT BIS: MS MORGAN

My name is Morgan Chadderton and I'm so excited to have joined the BIS community this year as a Grade 2 Homeroom teacher.

While I am new to BIS, it has been a few years since I first called Bishkek my home. I first came to Kyrgyzstan in 2016 and have been in love with this amazing country ever since. I originally came to Bishkek for a 2-month Russian language program during my undergraduate degree. Then, after graduating with a B.A. in Modern Languages, Linguistics, and Intercultural Communication, I received a U.S Fulbright grant which sent me back to Bishkek to teach English language classes at Kyrgyz State Technical University. Since then, I have been living and teaching in Bishkek.

For as long as I can remember, I have loved learning. Growing up, I devoured as many books as I could, trying to absorb as much information as possible. In time, I began to focus primarily on language learning. I studied grammar books, took courses, and immersed myself in as much learning as I could. It wasn't until after I taught my first lesson that I realized how much you can learn on the other side of the desk as well. Every day I learn something new from my students, my colleagues, or otherwise. It is now my great pleasure to be a part of a school that encourages students to be involved in their own learning, and I hope to be able to encourage all of my students to be life-long learners as well.

In my free time, I'm usually reading a good book, studying languages (now Kyrgyz), or petting stray dogs. I adopted a dog from Kyrgyzstan a few years ago, and he has since immigrated to the US to live with my parents. I've recently started taking dance lessons, and I'm always looking for opportunities to learn and try new things. I'm very much looking forward to the rest of the school year and to getting to know more of the BIS community.



Ms Morgan, Grade 2B Homeroom Teacher

BIS Snapshot: CASC Tournament



CURRENCIES OF THE WORLD

For our unit of inquiry: "How We Organize Ourselves" grade 2 has been learning about money and currencies of the world. Students brought in different currencies and we made a poster board to display it for everyone to see.



Knitting ECA



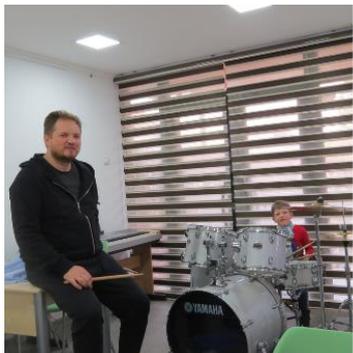
BIS MUSIC ACADEMY

The BIS Music Academy has been continuing successfully this school year.

We offer private 1-to-1 instrumental music lessons after school (15:30-17:30). We offer lessons on piano, voice, guitar, ukulele, bass, drums, violin, cello, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, flute, and komuz.

Lessons are 30 minutes long and cost 500 som. And certain instrument rentals are available for 200som per week.

Our teachers are local professional musicians and teachers, mostly community members from the Music Conservatory.



We have also been offering different free ECA music ensembles to supplement these lessons, such as vocal choir, string ensemble, flute ensemble, guitar/ukulele ensemble, and rock bands.

Some of these music students will be performing for our end-of-semester music recital on Wednesday, December 14th at 17:30 in the Small Hall. You are invited!



The Benefits of Learning an Instrument

“Whilst being fun and social, extracurricular activities are also important in helping develop a child's talents, interests, and passions. One particularly enriching activity is learning to play a musical instrument. There has long been a correlation between musical training and academic success, but there are other benefits too.”

[Source: Kumon.co.uk](http://Kumon.co.uk)

- Develops concentration
- Strengthens memory and reading skills
- Teaches the skills of application and practice
- Develop the ability to process multiple things at once
- Instils discipline and dedication
- Builds confidence
- Increases our connection to others

If you are interested in more information about Music Academy, learning an instrument, or signing up for lessons, you can contact us at MusicAcademy@bis.kg

GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE

Elections to the BIS Governing Board (GB) were completed in October, with new members, Ann Herrigan, Mark Ricardson, and Ulziisuren Jamsran, elected by the Advisory Council, Kai Ilm, elected by the Parents Association, and Nazgul Asangozhoeva-Baekova re-elected by BIS staff.

The GB met on November 10th, for the second meeting of this academic year. This was also a handover meeting as we thanked Daniar Amanaliev for completing nine years of invaluable service on the GB, and also Sanjar Tursaliev, Hugh Salmon, and Nellie Casey who completed slightly shorter terms of service. During this meeting, the GB approved continuation of Fred Huston as GB Chair to October 2023, discussed the Management Board Report for October, current financial position and forecasts, progress with the planned Pistachio campus, including land transformation and approvals, and several other issues. The GB also approved amendment to the Staff Handbook to include commitments to diversity, equity and inclusion in line with International Baccalaureate policy, and to reflect current practice and commitments in BIS, as well amendment to the BIS Assessment Policy to provide flexibility in academic deadlines and commitments for students who represent the school in creative, sporting or other events. The GB also decided that when BIS has events that welcome cultural representation, for example on Asia Day, Europe Day, or UN Day, in future any representation will be welcomed from any regional cultural group, rather than limiting representation to countries recognised by the UN. This means that representation will not be on a country basis but on a self-identified regional cultural basis, in line with the theme of the event.

Nuriza Begalieva, Governance Support Officer & Secretary to the Governing Board

WHATSAPP AND TELEGRAM CHANNELS FOR THE BIS COMMUNITY

We are inviting you to our Telegram Channel and Whatsapp groups for BIS news. The same info will be on WhatsApp and Telegram, and on both English and Russian channels, so just join the one channel that is easiest for you to follow.

On Telegram: [BIS news \(English\)](#) OR [BIS новости \(Русский\)](#)



On WhatsApp: [BIS news \(English\)](#) OR [BIS новости \(Русский\)](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 19th November, Saturday: BIS Annual Debate Tournament
- 26th November, Saturday: Friendsgiving Dinner – Parents Association
- 10th December, Saturday: BIS Anniversary Show – Official School Dayt
- 16th December, Friday: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz
- 19th December - 6th January – Winter break

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for November 14th – 18th is **Menu A**.

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, Preschool 1 friends had another great week learning about farm animals. We discussed how animals live on farms and what benefits they bring to people. We talked about the cow, that the cow is able to give milk, and that the cow's udder retains milk.

To better understand, we conducted the process of obtaining milk with the students, and we made a

cardboard cow and milked the cow in our class with plastic gloves filled with milk. We discussed chickens that lay eggs. It was a fascinating process for our students. We also covered the same material again with regards to colors, numbers, and forms.

Next week, we'll talk about the food process.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

Preschool 2 had a great time this week. We missed our library time on Monday, but on Friday we had grade 2 students in our class reading stories for our preschool 2 friends and we are grateful for their effort and hard work.

We also had fun in the main building, our friends spent

free time in a big hall and it was super fun, our friends were very happy. We keep learning numbers and alphabet and to recognize them.

Next week we will start to learn new songs for morning circle and some other to support our Unit topic on Transportation.

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week, our preschool 3 friends had a great week and did a lot of hands-on activities to develop their gross and fine motor skills.

In English, our friends looked at the phonic sound 'm' and identified pictures of objects that begin with that letter sound. Our friends also wrote the letter m in their workbooks and also blended to make the words "mat, man and map". In addition to this, we keep on reviewing previously learnt sounds so that our friends become competent.

In Math, our friends identified the number 4 and wrote it in their workbooks. They also counted objects and matched them with numbers.

Our friends had a discussion on what living things are and they were able to mention the characteristics of living things. In Art, they made colorful butterflies in line with our lesson on what living things are.

Next week, our friends will look at what food is. They will also look at letter sound 'd' and the number 5.

Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

