



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



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## GRADE 2 FUNDRAISER SALE

Last Friday, Grade 2 Blue and 2 Yellow held a charity sale to wrap up our unit of inquiry: how we organize ourselves. Students sold handcrafted items like bookmarks, ornaments, origami, bracelets, and much more to help raise funds for their selected charity.

Our learners were able to use what they learned in their UOI lessons about spending and saving money, budgeting, and transactions to plan this event. They were also able to practice their addition and subtraction skills during the sale.



Overall, the 2 classes raised 11,639 som for the charity "Dobriye Ruki" to help homeless animals in Bishkek.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Grade 2 students in their charity initiative!

**Grade 2 Team**



## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

### **CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):**

**Nikolaus** (Grade 4Y), **Ernest** (Grade 5Y), **Ayn** (Grade 5B),  
**Albena** (Grade 5B), **Karina** (Grade 12)

### **KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):**

**David** (Grade 1Y), **Ilya** (Grade 2B), **Lana** (Grade 9), **Lillian** (Grade 9)

## DEBATE TOURNAMENT

On November 19, 2022, we hosted the BIS 6th Annual Debate Tournament. This was organized by DP2 students: Nuraiym, Bektur and Aidan, together with DP1 students: Jannat and Uzar.

Students aged 13-18 from different schools' debate clubs came to participate and enjoy the debating atmosphere of our tournament.

After a hectic start, we soon established a rhythm of allocating judges, guiding participants to their debate room, processing debate points before the next round, and of course making sure everyone was well fed.



The debate topics ranged from whether the BTS Band should have to do military service in South Korea, to whether the future of the human race depends upon the colonization of other planets.

Almost everyone seemed to really enjoy the event. The photo shows one of the BIS teams in action--they succeeded in winning second place.

**Aidan, Grade 12 Student**

# BIS Snapshot: Charity Sale

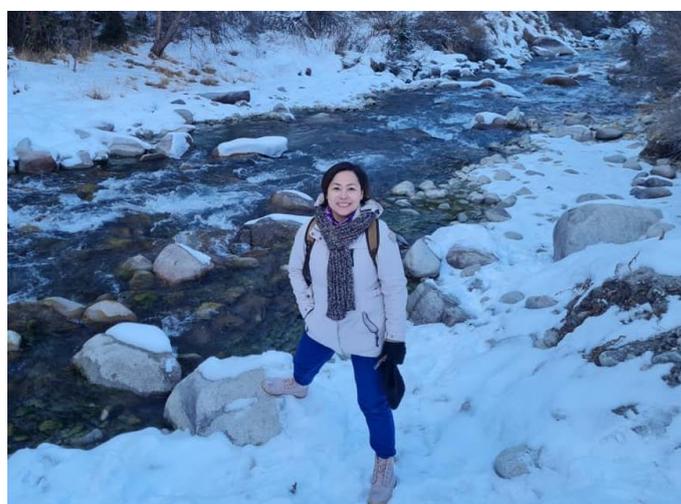


## NEW FACES AT BIS: MS ANA MARIE

I am delighted to have joined BIS this year as a Grade 4 Homeroom teacher. It is indeed a wonderful privilege to be a part of a community that provides an engaging, inspirational and caring education to students.

For the past 12 years, I have worked as a Primary Homeroom and ESL/EFL teacher back home in the Philippines and eventually set out on an international teaching journey to Tajikistan, China, Latvia and Tanzania. I have a degree in Biology, a teaching certificate in Special Education and ESL. I first came to Kyrgyzstan in August 2021 as a Grade 2 Homeroom teacher at UWIS, but soon after completing the academic year I decided to leave the country to reunite with my family. Following a good turn of events, BIS and this vibrant country gave me another reason to stay; this time around I am here together with my family.

I have always been amazed on how teachers can have a significant, lifelong impact on their students. I am inspired to do the same. In my classroom, it is my goal to create a safe learning environment that fosters positivity,



collaboration, kindness and respect. I believe that as an educator, I have the opportunity to encourage and motivate students to achieve academic success. Furthermore, my hope is that I can support and challenge learners to help them reach their full potential, for them look beyond the four walls of our classroom and view the world around them as a place of learning and discovery.

Outside of work, I love spending time with family and friends, traveling, reading, and spending time outdoors bicycling, hiking, and camping. My family and I are truly grateful to have the opportunity to explore and experience the many possibilities that this beautiful country has to offer!



**Ms Ana Marie, Grade 4 Homeroom Teacher**

## BIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT



BIS students (Bogdan and Bakai) teach IT «Basics of Python language of programming» to students from public school 55.

This ECA takes place at BIS every Friday within the students' CAS projects.



# BIS CHESS TOURNAMENT



**THE FINALISTS:**  
1st place - Aman Jumashukurov, Grade 5  
2nd place - Sulim Sakbaev, Grade 8  
3rd place - Nurislam Nurbaev, Grade 9



Last Friday BIS hosted a Chess tournament where students from G5 to G10 participated. It was an exciting game where participants got to practice their skills in strategic thinking/planning, visualization and evaluation of the tactics they implemented during the tournament.

All participants showed their strong character, hard work and passion for the game.



# LEARNING ABOUT JOBS AND PROFESSIONS

## GRADE 2 FIELD TRIP TO THE LAND OF PROFESSIONS



Grade 2 class went on the field trip to the Land of Professions to complete the inquiry into how people earn money resource which people need to be able to exchange it to other resources like food, clothes, ect. The students tried different jobs like barbers, archeologists, gold miners, sellers, policemen, ice-cream makers, astronauts and dentists.



# COMMUNITY SERVICES

Over the last 8 weeks, a small but enthusiastic number of BIS teachers and high school CAS students travelled to Tokmok orphanage each Saturday providing Art and English lessons to the children.

The sessions provided a very rewarding experience for everyone involved. Children created their own hand-made story books, which they illustrated using different art making techniques such as collage, drawing, painting and plasticene. The children also engaged in phonic lessons, reading and writing based on the very animated educational Elmer the Elephant stories.

It is hoped that more of these sessions will recommence early next year and more teachers and students will become volunteers involved with such a worthy project.



"It was a great pleasure to be involved in this project with Dr. Anna and Ms. Gill and other teachers and CAS students working in an orphanage in Tokmok. We helped kids to develop their skills and brought entertainment to them.

We did various activities such as making books, bowls, coloring and collages. This journey taught me a lot even some Russian and Kyrgyz. I am genuinely grateful for being able to help them learn, have fun, and smile."

**Sude, Grade 12 Student**



## MOANA BEHIND THE SCENES!

# watch video

(sharing this video publicly is prohibited)

While the performers have been working hard at singing and dancing at the rehearsals, there are many staff and students working hard behind the scenes to bring all of the other elements. Without these backstage helpers, the show would be incomplete!

- Dr. Anna is working every night with brave volunteer helpers on making some of the big sculpted props, such as Maui's infamous hook and the face of Te Fiti.
- Ms. Anna and Ms. Aizhan have been lending their painting skills to create such things as Monster Masks and painting Moana's infamous sail.
- There is a huge team making costumes, led by Ms. Nazgul K, who are working many hours
- every week measuring, cutting, sewing, and stitching.
- There is a team of students accidentally burning themselves on hot-glue guns for the sake of creating tropical headbands and accessories.
- Another group has been researching, practicing, and preparing to draw Polynesian patterned "tattoos" for the performers.
- Mr. Ermek and his team have been lending their constructive expertise to create the various sails and other structural pieces.
- Ms. Aziza K (our procurement officer) has been driving around the city almost-daily to buy and pick up the things we need to bring the show to life. She also has to order over 200+ tank tops for all of the performers involved in the show!



Thank you to all of their committed work thus far, and give them continued support as they still have much more to finish before the performance.

The Anniversary Show performance is Saturday, December 10th at 16:00 at the Kyrgyz Drama Theatre. Please see for more information about how to purchase tickets.

**Mr. David Lien, Anniversary Show Director**

## ANNIVERSARY SHOW TICKETS FOR MOANA – SATURDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> is an official school day for all students and staff, and an opportunity for our parents and wider community to join together to celebrate at the Anniversary Show.

This year we are excited to present 'Moana', the Disney musical adventure, with a wonderful cast of characters and backstage crew from Grade 3 to Grade 12, led by Show Director, David Lien. Before we launch into Moana, we have an ocean themed Concert featuring all students from Preschool up to Grade 8, with musical or dance performances. Delicious food and drink from the Parents Association and Student Council, an art exhibition, and meeting up with friends, complete the show experience.

All students and staff have reserved seats, however we always support a Kyrgyz charity by selling tickets for the event to parents and friends. This year, all ticket income goes to the [Educational Initiatives Fund](#) for their project Мектепке бапам to support students whose schools were burnt down during the border conflict in Batken.

As the show will be in the Kyrgyz National Drama Theatre and **seats are limited, tickets will only be sold at the BIS external Reception office, and are available from Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. Tickets are 800 som for the show. However, if you will only stay for the Concert, and definitely leave at the intermission, you can buy a ticket for 400 som, so that your seat can be given to someone else to watch Moana after the



Bishkek International School  
Production of

Disney  
**MOANA Jr.**

Music and Lyrics by  
Lin-Manuel Miranda,  
Opetaia Foa'i & Mark Mancina

Book Adapted by  
Susan Soon He Stanton

Music and Orchestrations Adapted and  
Arranged by Ian Weinberger

Based on the 2016 Disney film *Moana*

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with  
Music Theatre International (Europe)  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by  
MTI Europe

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
16:00-18:00  
Kyrgyz National  
Drama Theatre



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intermission. You can reserve seats by emailing Burmakan [bbirnazarova@bis.kg](mailto:bbirnazarova@bis.kg) but payment must be made within 3 days of reservation. [The seating layout is here](#).

Moana is an adventurous teenager who sails out on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey, Moana meets the once-mighty demigod Maui, who guides her in her quest to become a master way-finder. Together they sail across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous monsters and impossible odds. Along the way, Moana fulfills the ancient quest of her ancestors and discovers the one thing she always sought: her own identity.



## FRIENDSGIVING

The Parents Association is organising a Friendsgiving Dinner at BIS on Nov 26th at 18:00. All parents and staff are invited to join this community event!

If you wish to join, please sign up [here](#).



Date: 26th November

Time: 6 pm

Participants: All parents  
and school staff

Place: BIS school



Дата: 26 Ноября

Время: 18ч

Участники: Все родители и  
сотрудники школы

Место: BIS школа



\* PAMC will provide wines and Turkey

You can bring whatever you want to share ;)

\* ПАМС позаботится об индейках и вине для всех, а вы можете принести все, чем готовы поделиться со всеми ;)

# Please join us!

# Ждём вас!

## NEW BOOKS ARRIVALS



We'd like to thank the BIS community for your fall book orders via our Scholastic Book Club. We acquired 35 new books for the library using Scholastic reward points thanks to your orders! We ordered a lot of graphic novels upon children's requests, such as the 'I survived' series, 'City of Dragons', 'Nat enough' and others. Among the new arrivals are books for middle and high school such as 'Things the Eye Can't See', 'The Midnight Club' и 'Ground Zero'. These are amazing collections that would be extremely useful in our Library.

## WHATSAPP AND TELEGRAM CHANNELS

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.



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## TASTY SCHOOL LUNCHES!

If you would like to see if the school lunches are tasty or not, you can do it by filling out [this form](#). After you complete the form, you will be contacted by email to confirm the date. Arrive at 13:00 and go to the inside reception to pay 100 som for lunch, then go to the cafe for lunch.

Menu for the next weeks ahead:

- 28 November – 2 December: Menu 'C'.
- 5-9 December: Menu 'D'.
- 12-16 December: Menu 'A'.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 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

This week, our preschool 1 continued talking about foods that are healthy and unhealthy for our bodies. We discussed how healthy food helps us stay strong and healthy. If we eat unhealthy food every day, such as chips, pizza, chocolate, and ice cream, then our body will not receive enough vitamins for good growth, and our teeth and stomach will hurt. We simulated two different boxes with a large mouth, after which our children had to sort the pictures of healthy or unhealthy food and put them in the appropriate box. On Wednesday, we talked about

fruits and vegetables and where they grow. Vegetables grow on the ground, while most fruits grow on trees. To see how vegetables grow, we planted onions in a plastic tray so that we could watch and water them every day and see the changes. For creativity, we painted an apple tree and a watermelon. The next day we set the table and tried different types of fruit, and together we prepared a fruit salad. The children really enjoyed making it together and watching all the processes.

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

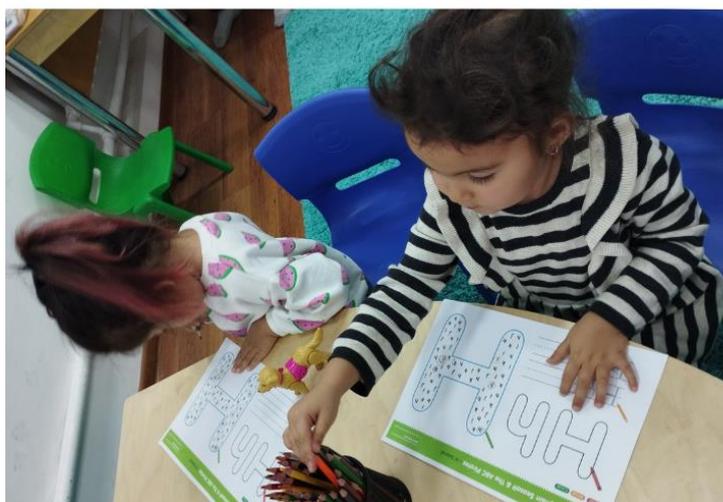


## PRESCHOOL 2

This week our little friends counted, did a lot of craft activities and listened a lot to audio stories about vehicles for our UOI topic “Transportation”. Learning about transportation in general is helping our friends to expand their world views and also the transportation activities helping us to cover a variety of curriculum. As for Math for example, our students

are counting cars, graphing colors and weighing toy vehicles. Measuring long/short distances, checking out high/low flight activities. Our friends also tried to guess and think critically while answering to our focus questions on UOI like “How are the various types of transportation are different/similar?”.

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



### PRESCHOOL 3

Our preschool 3 friends had an activity packed week which kept them on their toes. They were very excited doing the many activities that were lined up for them. In our unit lesson this week, our friends looked at which birds gave us food. They were able to mention other birds that give us eggs and meat. They also made a cycle on how the eggs moved from the chicken to our bread. In Math this week, preschool 3 friends orally counted from number 1-14 forwards and backwards. They also wrote the number 6.

Our friends enjoyed playing around with sounds, matching them with pictures and sounding out the

phonic sound 'd'. They also verbally blended some three letter words with the phonic sound of the week. Preschool 3 friends practiced writing the letter 'd' in their workbooks.

This week our friends enjoyed listening to a story in the library and also had a chance to get to listen to their favourite story being read for them.

Next week, our preschool 3 friends will look at writing the number 7 and counting up to 15. They will also look at types of foods that come from plants.

**Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher**

