



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Grade 3 went on a field trip to three locations around Bishkek to visit public spaces in the city we live in. As we explored these spaces we looked around to see how accessible, inclusive, safe and green they were but also to think about how we could improve them. Next week we will be reflecting on some aspects we could change to make them better by redesigning some of these spaces.

We were fortunate enough to witness the changing of the guard at Ala Too Square which brought lots of discussions about how they are trying to keep the square a safe space. We also met a street artist that we spoke to, as our next unit starting soon is about art!



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

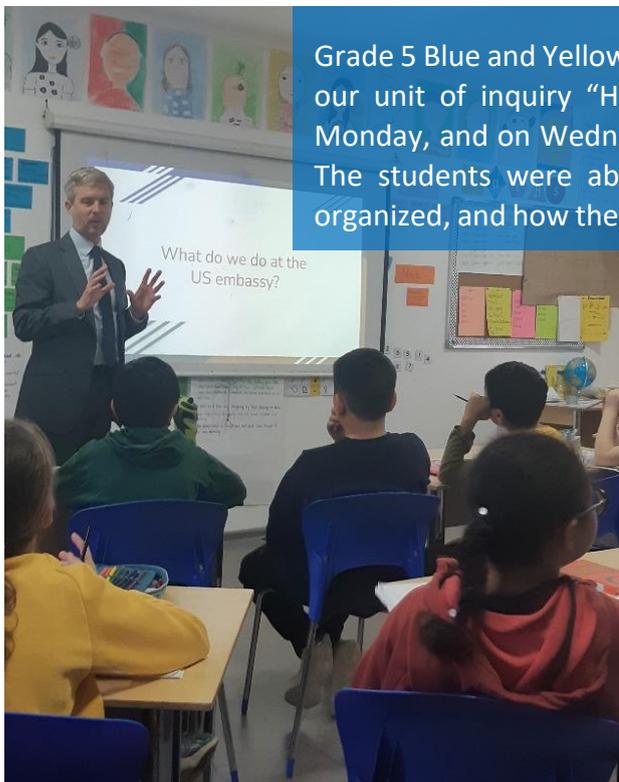
David (Grade 4B)

Anna (Grade 4B)

Alexander (Grade 4Y)

Faith (Grade 6)

LEARNING GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES



Grade 5 Blue and Yellow have been developing their understanding of government for our unit of inquiry “How We Organise Ourselves”. We visited the UN House on Monday, and on Wednesday we met with Mr. Kristian Moore from the US Embassy. The students were able to discover what these organizations do, how they are organized, and how they build relationships with governments and local communities.



OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS



Our Grade 4B student, Alan, took part in the Republican Championship on aquathlon which has been conducted on 25th October. Alan swam 100 meters and ran 800 m with a total time of 4 min 37 seconds. He won the gold medal.

Well done and congratulations to Alan!

BIS Snapshot: Future Jobs Day



NEW FACES AT BIS: MS KATHY

Hello BIS Community. My name is Ms. Kathy, and I have joined this wonderful community as a Homeroom teacher in Preschool. Coming to Bishkek was one of the best decisions I have ever made, as I have met wonderful people and seen beautiful scenery all around me.

Born in a family of teachers, my father was an economist and part-time Math teacher, and my mother was a nursing tutor and part-time Science teacher, I developed a passion for teaching at a very early age. By the time I completed high school, I had made my decision to become a teacher. I love teaching young students, and being in the classroom. Helping young people to bring out the best in them, is what I feel I can contribute for the betterment of this beautiful world in which we all share.

I am a person who loves learning new methods of teaching, learning new cultures and languages, tasting different foods, traveling and making friends. And for that reason I decided to grow my career and explore away from my home. In 2019, I left my comfort zone, Zambia, where I had taught for close to 12 years, and moved to Muscat, Oman, where I taught primary and kindergarten students. Having explored a part of Asia (Middle East) from 2019 to early 2022, I then decided that if another opportunity presented itself in Asia, I would definitely go for it. In summer of 2022, life threw a chance for me to come back to Asia, but this time, in Central Asia, in Bishkek and that is when I joined BIS.

It is so exciting being in Bishkek, and gazing at its beautiful mountains from outside my window every evening brings calm and peace to my heart. Working at BIS is so fulfilling and I hope being a teacher to my preschool students will help bring out the best of their abilities and help them realize their strengths to reach for greater heights knowing that they too can leave footprints on the moon.



Ms Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher



Making Props



for the Moana Musical



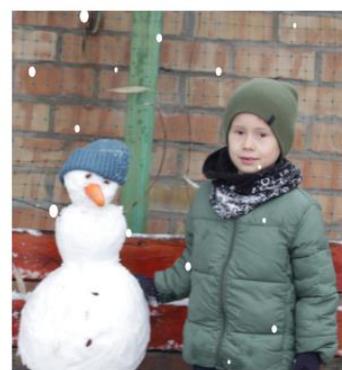
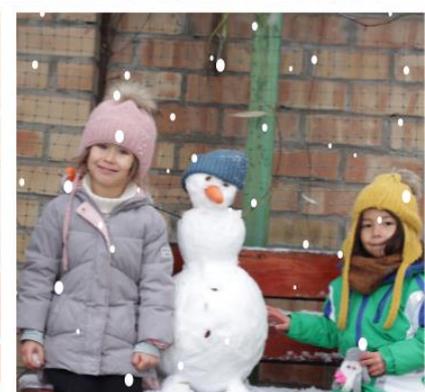
SCIENCE PROJECT IN GRADE 2 BLUE

In our science lessons, Grade 2 Blue has been learning about materials and their properties. Using their knowledge, students were tasked with making a hat to protect themselves from the sun, imagining that they are trapped on a deserted island with very limited materials. Students were very creative and made some interesting hats!

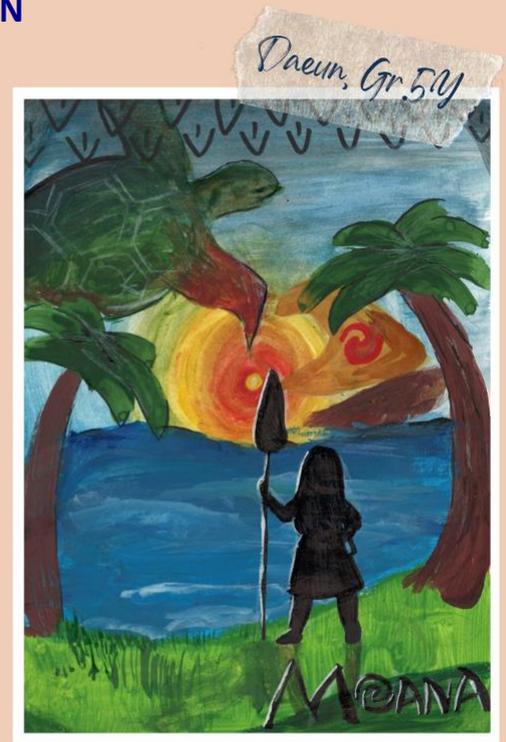
HATS



BIS Snapshot: First Day of Snow



ANNIVERSARY SHOW ART EXHIBITION AND MUG COMPETITION



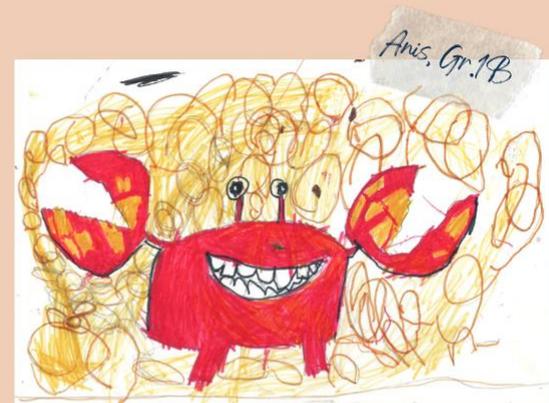
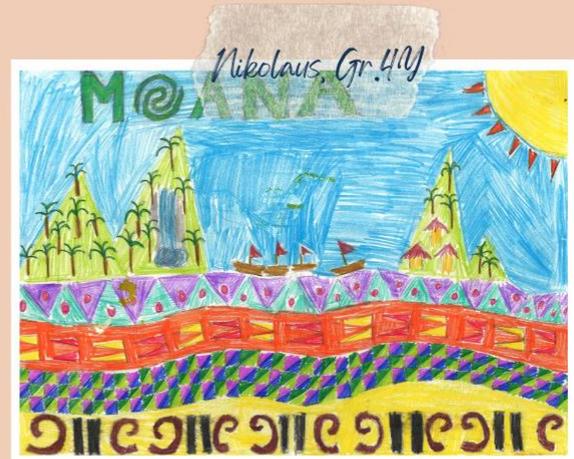
Over the last three weeks students in PYP, MYP and some art ECA classes have created artwork for a competition organized by the Parents Association Management Committee, and supervised and judged by the Art Department teachers.

Initially, the Parent Association Management Committee contacted BIS Art Department asking if they would be interested in conducting a fundraising design competition based on the Anniversary Show theme, Moana.

This is similar to last years event. where the top 5 entries were chosen to be printed on ceramic mugs, which the Parent Association generously supported and funded. The printed mugs are to be sold to patrons of the Anniversary Show event in the intermission, filled with either fruit juice, water or mulled wine.

The Art Department received many very unique and creative designs from students, so it was decided that every participant will receive a certificate for entering the competition, and next week all of the works will be displayed in the stairwell of level 2 and outside the library in the main building of the school.

Thank you Parents Association Management Committee for facilitating this very worthwhile event, and to all the BIS students who entered.



ANNIVERSARY SHOW TICKETS FOR MOANA – SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

Saturday December 10th 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 21st**. 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 10th, 2022
16:00-18:00
Kyrgyz National
Drama Theatre



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intermission. You can reserve seats by emailing Burmakan 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.



PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Everyone in the school community applauds the exceptional work of Hanna Sabass and Gulzat Bekturunova as Interim President and Vice President of the Parents Association (PA) respectively. Both are now standing down, following PA elections, though both remain as vital members of the Parents Association Management Committee (PAMC), to provide continuity in leadership of Parents Association activities.



The newly elected President of the Parents Association is Robert Hamling, father of two children, who have been with BIS for two years. Robert served in the UK armed services for many years before training as a teacher. He brings international organizational skills, a good teaching background, and invaluable experience and observations as a parent. Robert aims to further unite the BIS community in working together for the benefit of all children in the school. This includes academic excellence and outward looking education towards both the Kyrgyz community and international schools abroad, enabling our children to understand and develop their role within the wider global community.

PA elections also approved six new members of the PAMC, giving a 13 strong membership to guide the work of the Parents Association. The Parents Association includes all BIS parents as members, working together for the wider BIS community.

To contact the Parents Association, you may email directly to Robert Hamling at papres@bis.kg or to pamc@bis.kg for the PAMC Secretary to receive your email. The full membership of the PAMC is shown below.

Nuriza Begalieva, Governance Support Officer



Robert Hamling



Hanna Sabass



Gulzat
Bektursunova



Laura Robinson



Tinatin
Sultankulova



Manuela Tolmino



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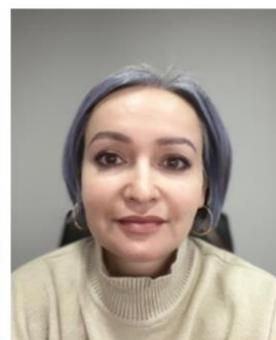
Melissa Kreek



Aliya Solovieva



Aigerim
Zholomanova



Adilya
Sakaeva



Rahima
Salirova



Aisalkyn
Bootaeva



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:

- 5-9 December: Menu 'D'.
- 12-16 December: Menu 'A'.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- 9th January, Monday: First Day of Second Semester
- 25th January, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 27th January, Friday: Winter Sports Day

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for December 5th – 9th 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.



PRESCHOOL 1

This week, Preschool 1 started a new topic about community helpers. On Monday, we talked about the importance of health helpers. We talked about the medical staff, which includes a doctor, a dentist, a nurse, and a veterinarian. We went to the doctor's office at our school, and she demonstrated us what happens during a checkup. She described the benefits of receiving emergency aid. The following day, we discussed how handicraftsmen and construction workers conduct their work. We built a Lego house

while singing the song "When I Build My House," wearing community helper costumes. We painted a cardboard house after finishing the Lego home. We were aware of the chefs and bakers in the middle of the week. We talked about where to find cooking or baking recipes. We played bakers by pretending to make cookies. We discovered patterns with various shapes in math. Next week, we will continue to talk about community helpers.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week our Preschool 2 students had fun fishing for letters and numbers. We also learned letter R for this week and letter R words. Our students are enjoying our Phonics and alphabet songs.

In Math we are practicing patterns, learning and working hard on identifying numbers up to ten. For that we are doing a lot of tracing, counting, and sorting out objects by their amount. Kids now enjoy cutting a lot so we tried to cut and color pictures with pieces in

patterns. We also keep discovering vehicles and this week we talked about parking space and did some activities on it. Like for example in our Math class we created a parking lot for vehicles. Numbered the parking spots as well as an assortment of small vehicles, and invited our friends to park the vehicles in the correct parking space.

Our little friends are doing great and showing good progress.

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week, our friends in preschool 3 joined in the festive mood and made several items to welcome the snowy festive period. In Art, our friends made beautiful tree decorations and painted snowmen pictures.

In English literacy, our friends are progressing steadily as they can identify beginning sounds when shown pictures. This week they looked at phonic sound 'd' and were able to blend and read a few words. In Math, our friends read numbers 1 -15 and wrote the

number 7 in their workbooks. In the library, they also listened to a story "Snow White and the seven dwarfs", in relation with the number 7.

This week in our unit lesson, preschool 3 friends looked at the different foods from plants and animals. They were able to sort out different foods from plants and animals.

Next week our friends will look at healthy and unhealthy eating, and, in English, the phonic sound 'ck'. In Math, we will look at the number 8.

Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

