



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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LEARNING KYRGYZ HISTORY IN GRADES 6 AND 7

Last week, grades 6 and 7 visited the Kyrgyz State Historical Museum. In the museum students were able to use their knowledge gained in the Host Country studies lessons.

On the first floor, students acted as guides and talked about the ancient tribes and states that existed on the territory of modern Kyrgyzstan. Why is Kyrgyz included in the Turkic language group? Is it true that the ancient people living on the territory of Kyrgyzstan were Caucasoid? How did Islam spread in Central Asia? Students answered these and other questions as guides.

Then students were able to see items of traditional Kyrgyz culture, such as national clothes, musical instruments, and a yurt. In the end, we played a quiz where they were able to demonstrate their knowledge of Kyrgyz history.



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Elija (Grade 4Y), Keonhee (Grade 5B), Izel (Grade 12)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Shirina (Grade 2B), Arsen (Grade 3B), Aman (Grade 5B)

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

Asiya (Grade 5Y), Kai (Grade 4Y), Adelaide (Grade 5Y), Laura (Grade 9), Daria (Grade 9), Saliya (Grade 9), Mariia (Grade 9), Aidana (Grade 9), Rania (Grade 10)

GINGER-WHO



Last week we had an exciting activity in the Primary Library called "Ginger-who?". The Gingerbread man was dressed up as book characters and the task was to guess them. This was a good opportunity for our primary readers to earn some house points and the ones who got all the answers correct got small presents from the library. Our little readers are very smart and well-read, and many of them were able to guess all the characters! Well done everyone!

See the scored points for each House below:



NEW FACES AT BIS: MR PAUL

BIS community this is for you...Some info about me, to know a thing or two. I am from the UK, that's where I learned to teach, but have travelled far and wide, international has been my reach.

I am Mr. Paul from Liverpool in the United Kingdom and am currently teaching Grade 3 in BIS. I arrived in Bishkek with my wife and cat, both of whom are from Malaysia. While I was there, I worked as an educator and mentor for primary school teachers on behalf of the Ministry of Education for four years. Prior to that, I had worked in Japan teaching English as a Second Language to students in the public school system. In both of these countries, I soon got involved in writing and editing workbooks that were subsequently published by either a Ministry of Education department or a company working on their behalf.



Writing is what I like to do when I can in any spare time that I have. In 2003, a large company with offices in the UK and the USA, published a book that I wrote. It isn't easy getting your manuscript printed. According to one article in a British newspaper, only 1 in 2000 get published. I had sent it to twenty-one companies before the twenty-second decided that it liked it, and could make money from putting an edition in book shops. In 2011, a United Kingdom independent publisher that focused on books with characters from minority backgrounds, entered a children's story that I wrote into the People's Book Prize. This is a nationwide competition based upon the public voting in libraries and on the internet. I was a seasonal winner in the children's fiction section for 2011-2012. I have two different pen names because I don't seek attention. However, you have to promote and support your hard work in some way, and engage in book readings to advertise your publication. The photo of me is at the Indigo Bookstore in the Manulife Centre in Toronto.

I encourage myself to be a lifelong learner, which is how I want my students to be. This has led me to study for an MA in Education, with an emphasis on Special Educational Needs, as well as an educational leadership qualification. I want students to believe in and think highly of themselves. I've also been a homeroom teacher in Canada and Mongolia, so the current cold weather is familiar and cosy for me. Kyrgyzstan offers spectacular natural beauty, which I am looking forward to explore during the holiday. I've already explored the local cuisine which is bursting with flavours. Yummy. Delish. Have a good New Year holiday.

LEARNING ABOUT POLLINATION AND POLLINATORS

Grade 3 has been learning about animal and plant life cycles. There were a few surprises for the classes too. The students studied both the diversity and commonalities of animal and plant life cycles. They learned about how certain insects and animals help pollinate plants. It's not just bees, but others, including bats, hummingbirds and lemurs. Based upon what the information they had acquired, the students created a new imaginary animal that can pollinate plants, mixing and matching all the pollinators they had studied. The students drew pictures and finally made physical clay models of their creations. And they invented some very interesting names for their new pollinators!



Mr Paul, Grade 3Y Homeroom Teacher



DESIGN PROJECT IN GRADE 1 BLUE

This week, Grade 1 Blue students completed the "How we organize ourselves" unit. The students inquired about different learning environments worldwide, their features, how people contribute to them, and the importance of adapting the learning spaces for all learners. Grade 1 Blue learners also looked at our school and tried to be thinkers and communicators by sharing ideas, figuring out and trying to solve problems, including how to make our school more inclusive. As their action, they worked in small groups and designed some classrooms where all learners could study. Well done, Grade 1 Blue class!



Emilia created an outside playground



Adel has worked on making a Music room

Artur and Mark designed the Football area



Tiana, Stanislava, and Tabiat created our classroom



Aikyn and Anis designed the school dining room



Adam and Abbas created an ICT room



Max and Aida designed the PE room



Zahra designed the library



Creative Art Studio



Planting Trees at Pistachio Grove

Through the month of November, 47 BIS staff and students dedicated hours of their weekends to planting ~800 trees at the site of our new (prospective) campus, Pistachio Grove! Alongside a few hundred apricot trees, students also planted scores of red maple on the outer perimeter of the school's territory.

In addition to acting as a filter and carbon sink, the trees will hopefully grow into a rich and beautiful grove for the enjoyment of our students, staff, and the greater Bishkek community in the years to come.



Those who participated in the event had an excellent time, even on the occasion that it rained, building community while breaking ground, creating a resource that should last for generations. It was truly a pleasure working with students and colleagues in this new way outside the classroom!

Mr Andrew, Geography Teacher



*Grade 0 drawing
Moana Stories*



BIS Snapshot: Cozy Pajama Day



Bishkek International School

Production of



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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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.



[BIS news \(Eng\)](#) OR [BIS новости \(Рус\)](#)



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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 week:

- 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 12th – 16th 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 continued to talk about people helping the community stay safe. On Monday, we discussed how professions like firefighters and policemen care about our safety. Together with the children, we changed into firefighters and extinguished our house, which we built and painted last week. In the middle of the week, we discovered different professions and what tools they use, after which our students sorted the tools into different

containers used by the workers. All the community helper costumes helped us have some fun. For art classes, we made many winter crafts, such as a beautiful winter tree, and the students helped us decorate them with colorful paper figures. Our friends were happy to sculpt stars, snowmen, and winter trees from salted dough. Next week, we will review all the topics covered.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week our little friends learned letter M and letter m vocabulary, in Math we keep counting and identifying numbers by their amount using different objects around the class and as we are learning about transportation for UOI we mostly count different toy vehicles. Our students are now really great at tracing and coloring and they love to do it the same as they love drawing cutting and sticking in art classes as well.

Our friends love and enjoy crafting. In UOI we learn about transportation and it helps us to do a lot of math manipulatives or to ask our friends some critical thinking questions about the transportation they usually use and Why? Or What did they notice? When? They also learn a lot during play time as they build ramps, bridges or when they create their own playdough vehicles or using blocks.

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week our Preschool 3 friends made a lot of discoveries. They got aboard their imaginary planes and travelled to different places around the globe to find out the foods that are eaten there. In our unit lesson, Preschool 3 friends discussed foods that are eaten around the world and we really had fun discovering different foods.

This week, Math involved counting and writing the

number 8. Our friends discovered that an octopus has 8 legs as they were counting and numbering its legs.

Art was full of fun, as our friends made beautiful pictures with festive themes. In English, our friends sounded out special friends 'ck' and blended it with other learnt sounds to make words.

Next week our friends will review all the sounds and prepare a healthy sandwich.

Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher





December



Spirit Days

