



COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Bishkek International School recently implemented a new composting initiative, spearheaded by Grade 6 student Thomas Bangerter. As part of the Global Citizenship unit, Thomas put forward an idea for a composting program for the school to reduce its waste and promote sustainability. The rest of the class got involved, mapping out the school and helping to design a workable composting solution.



The initiative is now in full swing, with a number of Grade 6 students taking it upon themselves to collect the composting materials at the end of each day, as part of their Student As Action. The compost is then taken to composting bins and will later be used in the school's garden, where it is used to nourish the soil.



The initiative has been a great success, with the Grade 6 students learning a lot about sustainability and environmental awareness. It has been a great example of how collective action can make a real difference in our world. Thomas Bangerter and the rest of the Grade 6 class should be commended for their great work in making their school a more sustainable place.

Mr. Taylor, Individuals & Societies Teacher



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Sabina (Grade 1Y), **Albena** (Grade 5B), **Annabel** (Grade 3B), **Nil Mira** (Grade 3Y),
Elima (Grade 2B), **Thomas** (Grade 3Y)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Kseniia (Grade 2Y), **Kamila** (Grade 2Y)

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

Nurilya (Grade 3B)

BIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT

In the second semester, BIS students – Aihan (grade 10), Rahaav (grade 8) and Muras (grade 8) – started an ECA, which is conducted in the framework of their community service project. Every Thursday they teach students of the school #55 the basics of the JavaScript programming language.

When students get involved in community service, they not only help others, they develop leadership and communication skills, and realize how their actions can have a positive impact not just for the community, but also for themselves.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



DP MOCK EXAMINATIONS

With three months to go before the actual IB Diploma paper examinations, we have organized DP mock examinations for Grade 12 students. Mock examinations follow the official exam procedures by using formal instructions, documents and regulations.

Not only do mock examinations help teachers to see students' overall performance and help to predict their final results, they also give students the opportunity to experience what the actual examinations will be like in terms of duration,

tiredness or nervousness that they might feel. It is very important that they practice their exam taking skills, such as time allocations and concentration at consecutive examinations.

Grade 12 students have been working hard on required components of each course such as Internal Assessments (IAs), whilst also keeping themselves busy with university applications. In a month or so, they will be done with almost all of these tasks and will focus on preparing for the final examinations in May.

Though these coming months will fly, we still have enough time to be fully prepared. Please, parents, colleagues and younger students, let us support and encourage Grade 12 students together. We would like to see them be proud of themselves at graduation!

Ms. Makiko, DP Coordinator



INSIDE OUR MUSIC LESSONS

In music class, 3rd grade students play xylophone in an ensemble. They learn to accompany their singing and at the same time keep a clear rhythm, listening to each participant to create a single composition.



Practicing these musical skills, helps them become better listeners and collaborators, and develops their physical coordination.

EXPLORING IMPROVISATION

Drama classes are a wonderful opportunity for students to learn and grow in a variety of ways. One of the most important skills that students can learn in drama classes is improvisation. Improvisation is the ability to create a scene or story on the spot, without a script. This skill is incredibly valuable for actors, as it allows them to be more versatile and spontaneous on stage.



But improvisation isn't just important for actors - it's also important for all students in drama classes. Improvisation teaches students to think on their feet, to be creative, and to work well with others. When students are given a task to create a scene with no script, they must rely on their own creativity and the creativity of their classmates. This forces them to work together and build off of each other's ideas, which is a valuable skill that can be applied in many areas of life.



Cooperation is another important skill that students learn in drama classes. When students are working together to create a scene, they must be able to communicate effectively and work towards a common goal. This teaches them to be good team players and to understand the importance of compromise.

So, the next time you see a drama class in action, remember that the students aren't just learning how to act - they're learning valuable life skills that will serve them well for years to come.

Mr. Nikita, Performing Arts & Drama Teacher

MYP SNACK SALE

On Wednesday, MYP Student Council organized a snack sale during the parent-teacher meeting. They were excited to organize the very first sale and all snacks were made by the MYP student council members.

All proceeds from the sale will go towards the budget of the MYP student council, mainly investing in school events.



Ms. Gulbara, MYP Student Council Facilitator

Overall, it was an awesome idea and experience and I hope we can do more cool things like this in the future.

Izma (Grade 7)

The snack sale was a huge success and we would definitely do it again. We didn't know that everything would sell out very quickly and were not expecting that.

Raiana (Grade 8)



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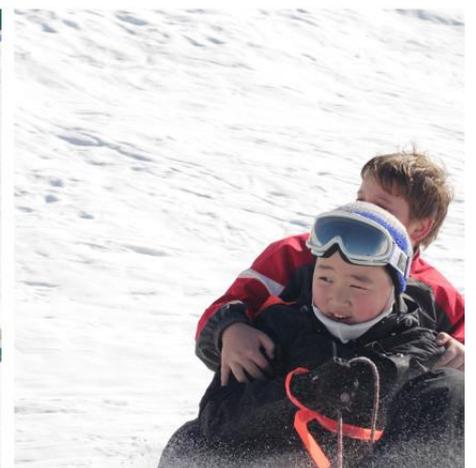
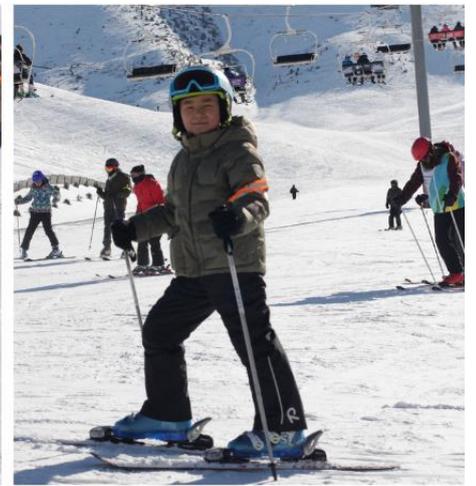
The first semester was challenging for grade 6 students. They passed through a transition from PYP to MYP. They had new lessons, teachers, and rules to adjust.

To celebrate the end of the first semester, grade 6 students went to the 'Show Today' studio in December before the winter break, and had a practical Life Skills lesson. Class was split into 2 groups and played fun team games. It helped students understand that some students can be good at one thing and some are good at different things, so everyone's input is important in a team.



WINTER SPORTS DAY 2023

Check out Voices next week for more photos!



TWO DAYS LEFT UNTIL SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE



The deadline for orders is **Sunday, January 29, 2023**.

You can browse the books and place your order online by the following link:

<http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool>

The books will be delivered to BIS directly from the UK (at the end of February).

EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for January 30th – February 3rd 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3-4 February: BISA Basketball Tournament
- 13-20 February: CAFA Basketball Tournament in Tashkent
- 14th February, Tuesday: Valentine's Day organized by students
- 22nd February, Wednesday: Languages in Our Lives Day
- 23rd February, Thursday: Homeland Defender's Day. **NO SCHOOL**
- 24th February, Friday: (holiday moved from 8th November). **No SCHOOL**

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PRESCHOOL 1

Preschool 1 students have been busy learning about how we express ourselves through art this week. Art can provide a very natural and safe way for students to express themselves. They can have fun, experiment, make a mess, create stories, use metaphors to represent feelings, explore alternative narratives, externalize their feelings by creating characters, reflect, and share their art with others. We discovered how we can express emotions through art. We express our feelings when we are creative. During

circle time, we used a rainbow ball with emotions and explained that if they use the red color, that means scary; green is for angry; yellow is for happy; orange is for surprise; blue is for sad; etc. Our students chose their feelings and painted them on the large paper. We read books about "The Colorful Monster," "The Feelings Book," and "Roby Finds a Worry." In math, we repeated the numbers from 1 to 5 and did different counting activities.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week Preschool 2 had a lot of fun. I also would like to thank You for coming to the parent teacher meetings. Children are enjoying their classes and stay very active and involved while learning. We keep doing activities on identifying numbers and letters.

Practicing letter sounds and singing songs to improve our listening skills. We learned letter 'o' and letter 'o' words and did activities to learn shapes. Our friends are also learning how to express their feelings. We read books and talked about it a lot.

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Our friends in preschool 3 had an eventful week that was full of adventures at Asia Mall for their winter activities and a visit to an imaginary hair salon.

In our unit lesson, we looked at parts of a story, and we discussed the setting and characters found in a story. We listened to a Greek mythology story 'Deadulus and Icarus', and discussed the setting, characters, their feelings and the lessons learnt from the story.

Preschool 3 friends are sharpening their artistic skills, and are producing colorful paintings. In art, they painted a white snow bear on a blue background.

In English, our friends are really progressing steadily. Their handwriting skills have improved this week they formed the letter 'g' without difficulties.

Our preschool friends are working on mathematical operations, and are progressing well in addition. This week, we looked at the different terms used in addition, and we also looked at the addition of objects.

Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

