



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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STARTUP WEEKEND AT BIS

BIS hosted a Business Startup Weekend last Friday and Saturday for 11 teams of 4/5 members from 9 different schools in Bishkek including our very own BIS team which consisted of: Jijun N, Bermet Dz, Asiaa M, Aiana S, and Jannat A.

Even though the BIS team didn't win overall, they showed a great level of creativity coming up with the business idea, building a marketing approach and estimating their earnings in this project. They showcased great collaboration skills with each other and excellent confidence by presenting first at the event and making an awesome business pitch to the panel of judges which consisted of leading business entrepreneurs who have established or managed numerous startups during their business careers.



We would like to thank sponsors of Startup weekend: @perimetr.kyrgyzstan, @applehostelbishkek and @thestorykg for their great contributions to the event!

We would appreciate your help either as mentors or sponsors of an event next year! Let us know if you would be interested.

Ms. Aigul, Community Engagement and Development Leader



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Safiia (Grade 1Y), **Josiah** (Grade 2Y), **Seytek** (Grade 5Y)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Eren (Grade 1Y), **Tim** (Grade 1Y), **Aerin** (Grade 1Y),
Albina (Grade 8), **Arina** (Grade 9), **Dastan** (Grade 9)

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

Mika (Grade 2Y), **Ken** (Grade 3B), **Platon** (Grade 3Y), **Bakai** (Grade 12)



LITTLE DROPS MAKE THE MIGHTY OCEAN



Following up the cancer Awareness Campaign, led by Ms Aigul K, our Community Engagement and Development Leader, grade 6 students Iman, Yorali, Lev and Igor raised 2 000 som to support Nurkan who is diagnosed with breast and underarm cancer and is in need of two courses of chemotherapy in 21-day time span each costing 120,000 som.

BIS staff and students could order a performance instead of a Valentine card. Boys came to the person who performance was ordered for and sang songs.

Love and kindness can save the world! Thank you, boys!

Ms. Asel, Grade 6 Homeroom Teacher



WATCHING LIVE THEATRE IN BISHKEK

Watching live professional theatre is one of the most impactful experiences you can ever treat yourself to, whether it be a play, musical, opera, or ballet. Nothing is more thrilling and engaging than watching a story being told while you're in the room! There have been many proven life skill benefits from watching live theatre, such as:

- Develops empathy and tolerance skills
- Improves language comprehension skills
- Encourages expression

Read more information [HERE](#) [Eng]

In Bishkek, there are some great performance-watching opportunities for children and families to watch.

There are frequent performances by the Russian Children's Theatre (RUS), Kyrgyz Drama Theatre (KYR), and the Puppet Theatre (RUS/KYR). The tickets can usually be found on Ticket.kg and for a very affordable price.

[Ticket.kg \(ENG\)](#)

[Ticket.kg \(RUS\)](#)

Ticket.kg also has a great selection of tickets for music concerts, theatre plays, operas, ballets, art exhibitions and more! Even for myself (Mr. David Lien) who doesn't understand Russian or Kyrgyz, I have found the theatre performances here to be engaging, exciting, and provoking.

I encourage and challenge all of you to watch any live theatre that Bishkek has to offer!

Mr. David Lien, Head of Performing Arts Department



COMMUNITY SERVICE



Our Grade 9 students Lilly and Nicole and Grade 12 students Aisha and Sanjar are teaching English for students from public school #55.



PANGEA MATH OLYMPIAD



This year was the first when BIS participated in a Math Olympiad such as Pangea. Pangea is a math competition for schools all around the world. In the Pangea there are 3 rounds, 2 are held online and the final one is held in Germany, Berlin. The first round was on January 28th. There were 17 students, and 14 of them passed the first round. The second round will happen on the 18th of February.

Right now the Pangea students are doing fundraising such as bake sales to get enough money to go to Germany. It would be really nice if people participated in the events, it would help a lot.

Dasha, Grade 7 Student

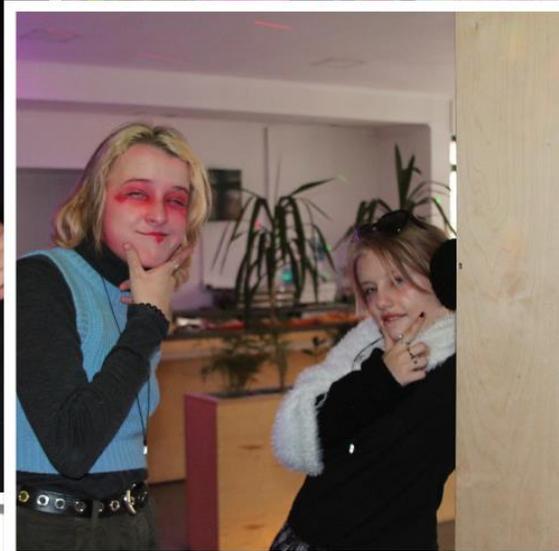


Valentine's Day in PLYW





MYP Valentine's Party



MAKING RECYCLED PAPER



Grade 2 Blue has been learning about materials and their properties in our science lessons. Last week, our learners used their knowledge in an activity to make their own homemade, recycled paper. Our learners worked in teams to cut old, discarded paper into small pieces, mash it into a pulp, and sift and shape the paper. After a few days, it dried into unique sheets of paper that our students can now use for whatever they like.

Ms. Morgan, Grade 2B Homeroom Teacher





MY FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER DRAWING COMPETITION RESULTS

Last week we received so many wonderful drawings from all over the school for our Drawing Competition presented by the library, so it was a really hard time to decide who was the winner. Many thanks to all of the talented students who took part in this competition!

The earned points for the houses are as following:



SNOW LEOPARD - 270

PHOENIX - 320

PIRANHA - 660



CONGRATULATIONS!





LANGUAGES IN OUR LIVES

WEDNESDAY

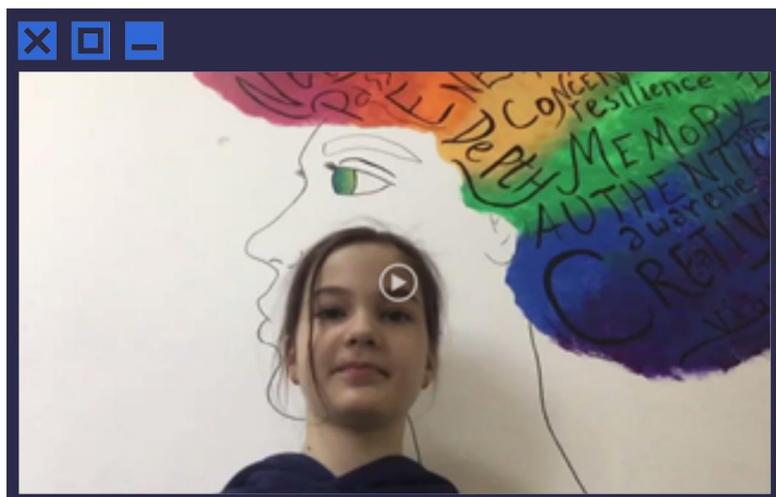
22 FEBRUARY 2023

- Language-themed scavenger hunt
- Multilingual morning snack
- Language taster sessions
- Languages at *BIS* board

Wear a costume related to the language you speak!



WE NEED MENTORS. WE NEED YOU!



IT'S THAT TIME OF
YEAR - PYPX IS
COMING.

FROM THE MOUTHS OF
GRADE 5 THEMSELVES

Watch the video by [this link](#).

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for February 20th – 24th 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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**
- 3rd March, Friday: STEM Fair
- 4th March, Saturday: BISMUN – Model United Nations
- 8th March, Wednesday: International Women's Day
- 17th March, Friday: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- 21st March, Tuesday: Nooruz Public Holiday
- 20-24 March: Spring Break

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WHATSAPP & TELEGRAM

Most school communication is sent by email or in Voices. We also have Telegram and WhatsApp broadcast channels to repeat general email messages. The same info is on WhatsApp and Telegram, and on both English and Russian channels. If you do not check emails, join the channel that is easiest for you to follow.



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PRESCHOOL 1

Another week with the wonderful Preschool 1 group has passed, and we have enjoyed discussing the unit, "How We Express Ourselves Through Dance." Dance has a magical combination of elements that helps us become more in tune with our emotions and how we express them. This makes us more likely to form healthy bonds with others through empathy, communication, and self-awareness. Dance can be used to express any mood: sadness, joy, anger, fear, and more. It can be used as a means of self-expression where words are not necessary—the body does all the talking! During dance lessons with Mr. Sergei, students learned to express themselves, their thoughts, and their feelings through movements. In the middle of the week, to learn about how our friends manage their emotions according to the situation, we

discussed their behavior. Also, we sorted pictures of behavior into what makes us happy and sad. We read stories about "I can share"; "No biting"; "Little dinos don't push"; "Hands are not for hitting"; "Giraffe can't dance"; and "Babies around the world dancing" to better understand. In math, we reviewed shapes and numbers. Our friends built a castle out of magnet shapes. We sang the song "How many days in a week?". We counted people in dance group pictures to see how many people were in each group.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week Preschool 2 friends had a lot fun playing board games in Math and English classes. We learned to play in a team and our friends enjoy it a lot. We did a lot of listening and rhyming activities to improve listening skills and to better memorize letter sounds.

We played a lot of games to identify numbers by their amount and we started to use lapboards to let our students to draw the numbers and they are enjoying it. Our friends also enjoyed their fun activities in Kyrgyz class, as well as in Art and Dance classes.

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Our friends had an amazing and very insightful week. Being a week that also focused on expressing love to friends, preschool 3 friends made bracelets and pictures for their friends and family and also made beautiful valentine's cards.

This week, our friends also played different games like dress-up, spot the difference and ball games. They also visited the primary gym where they enjoyed doing some physical exercises.

In our unit lesson, we looked at puppetry as a way of expressing ourselves. We discovered that puppets can be used to make a stories that showed happiness or sadness. We counted how many puppets were in the

show we watched, and also used our additional concepts and took statistics.

In Literacy, we looked at the phonic sound 'l' and read words like 'leg, lip, lap, lemon'. Our friends in preschool 3 are blending sounds to make and read words, and also write down two letter sentences. They are also reading ditty books that have most of the words they have learnt.

In Math, we counted up to the number 16 and wrote the number 16 in our books. We also looked at some terms used in addition and we also added numbers up to 10.

Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

