



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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BISA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Over the last weekend, BISA Volleyball tournament was held at UWIS New Campus. Seven international schools participated in the tournament, and we organized 40 games on 2 courts at UWIS new campus over 2 days.

This was the first time the girls' and boys' teams played separately, and it proved to be a great decision. We had a chance to watch some amazing volleyball games, especially in girl's division.

Congratulations to the U15 girls team for being crowned champions. We wish all the teams a safe and successful CAFA Volleyball tournament in Astana from 13-16 April.

Here are the BIS team results:

U15 girls: 1st place

U19 girls: 4th place

U15 boys: 4th place

U19 boys: 5th place

Thank you to everyone who participated, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Mr. Zeljko, Athletics Director



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Rayan (Grade 4B), **Ramil** (Grade 4B), **Anna** (Grade 4B), **Amira** (Grade 6), **Faith** (Grade 6)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Diana (Grade 2B), **Masha** (Grade 2B), **Ailina** (Grade 3B)

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

Tabiiat (Grade 1B), **James** (Grade 2B), **Alan** (Grade 4B), **Natalie** (Grade 5B),

all Grade 3B, all Grade 3Y

INCREASING AUTISM AWARENESS: MYP PRESENTATION

April being the Autism Awareness month we prepared a presentation for MYP to educate the students about ASC (Autistic Spectrum Condition). Thomas and I have explained the nature of autism, how to initiate friendships with children on the spectrum and support them at school. We also mentioned how autism fits into the wider context of an inclusive school.

Ms. Kyzjibek, The LDIC Deputy Coordinator



PYPX IN ACTION

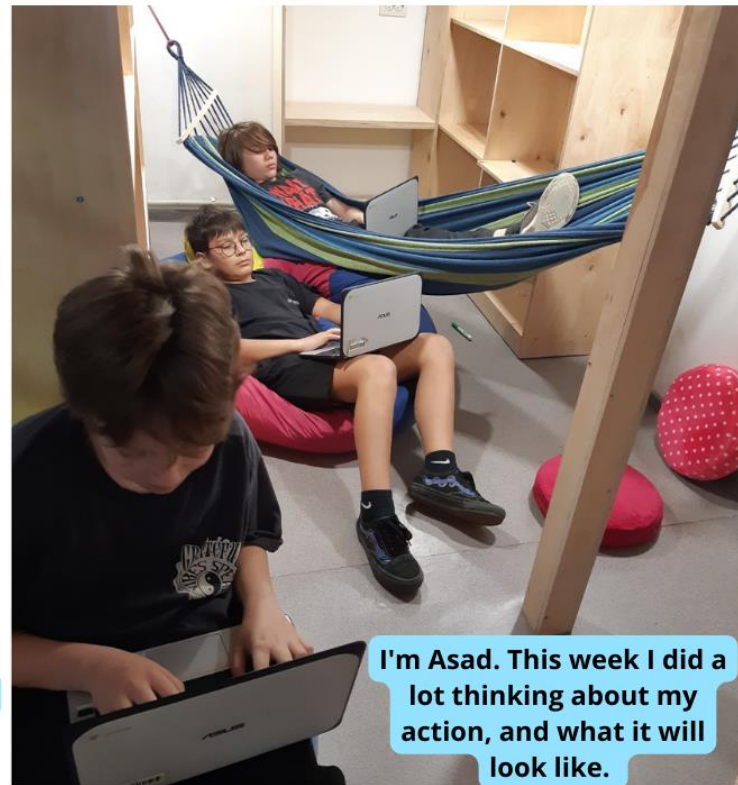
My name is Nursamad. This week I researched my topic further and thought about what my action will be.



Hi again! It's me, Lucie. I'm going to tell you about what my class and I have finished this week in the PYPX. So far this week, my class and I have finished (or almost finished) our research document, our week 6 reflection and our action plan. I'm really excited to present my PYPX, along with (most of) my class! See you on April 27th!



Hello! I'm Elhan. I found some good articles that helped me with my research. My mentor and I talked about what I could do for my action.



My name is Neslihan. This week I figured out my action. I am starting to like PYPX. I think it is fun, but I am nervous to present on the 27th of April. I wonder how it will be on the day of the exhibition. I hope it goes well. This is week 6 so April 27th is very close.

I'm Asad. This week I did a lot thinking about my action, and what it will look like.



GRADE 7 STUDENTS EXPLORE SUPERPOWER WITH LEGO FLL PROGRAM

The Computer Science and Design department has exciting news for all the Lego enthusiasts out there. Grade 7 students at BIS have started working on Lego FLL tasks during their design lessons.

This year's First Lego League concept is SUPERPOWER ⚡. The students are learning about how power is distributed, stored, and used through the Lego FLL program. In the Explore FLL, teams are focusing on the fundamentals of engineering as they explore real-world problems, learn to design and code, and create unique solutions made with LEGO bricks and powered by LEGO® Education SPIKE Essential.

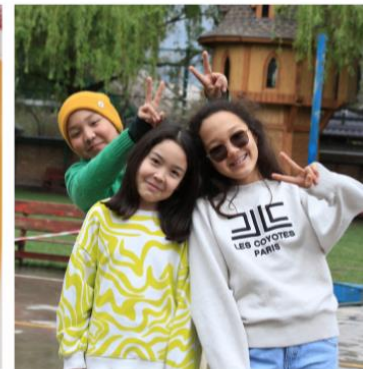


This is an excellent opportunity for the students to develop their problem-solving skills, creativity, and teamwork abilities. The Lego FLL program is designed to challenge the students and push them to think outside the box to come up with innovative solutions.

We are thrilled to see our students engaged in such an exciting project and can't wait to see what they come up with. Stay tuned for more updates!

Ms. Tulay, Design and Computer Science Teacher

BIS Snapshot: Having fun on the playground



PYP EXHIBITION – THURSDAY, 27TH APRIL, 2023

The Grade 5 PYP Exhibition will take place on **Thursday 27th** April 2023.

The purpose of the Exhibition is to allow our students to demonstrate their understanding, skills and knowledge gained from their time in the PYP. It is:

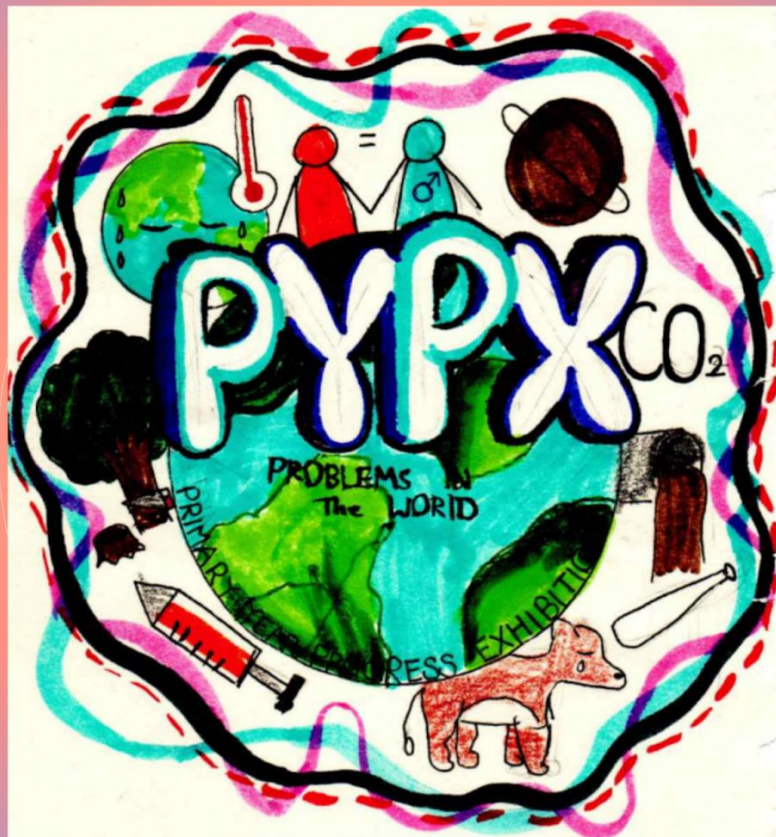
- A celebration of the children’s knowledge and skills throughout their PYP experience.
- A culmination of a substantial inquiry involving self-reflection, collaboration, inquiry, action and presentation to an audience.
- An opportunity for the students to share their message with their community and even the world!

We are delighted to invite all parents to school on Thursday 27th April to see how the Grade 5 students are going to change the world! Doors will open at 16:45. There will be a short introduction at 17:00 in the cafe, and you will then be free to visit the exhibitions which will be in various venues in school. Please visit as many exhibitions as time allows before returning to the cafe by 18:00 for light refreshments. At 18:00 the students will pack up their work before joining you in the cafe.

With my best wishes, hoping to see people at the event.

Ms. Gill, Primary School Principal

PYPX 2023 THURSDAY, APRIL 27



Event starts at 17:00 and ends at 18:00
Join us in celebrating the culmination of our G5 students'
learning journey in the PYP!

Image created by Amber Kim in G5Y



Europe Day Festival at BIS

Saturday 15th April

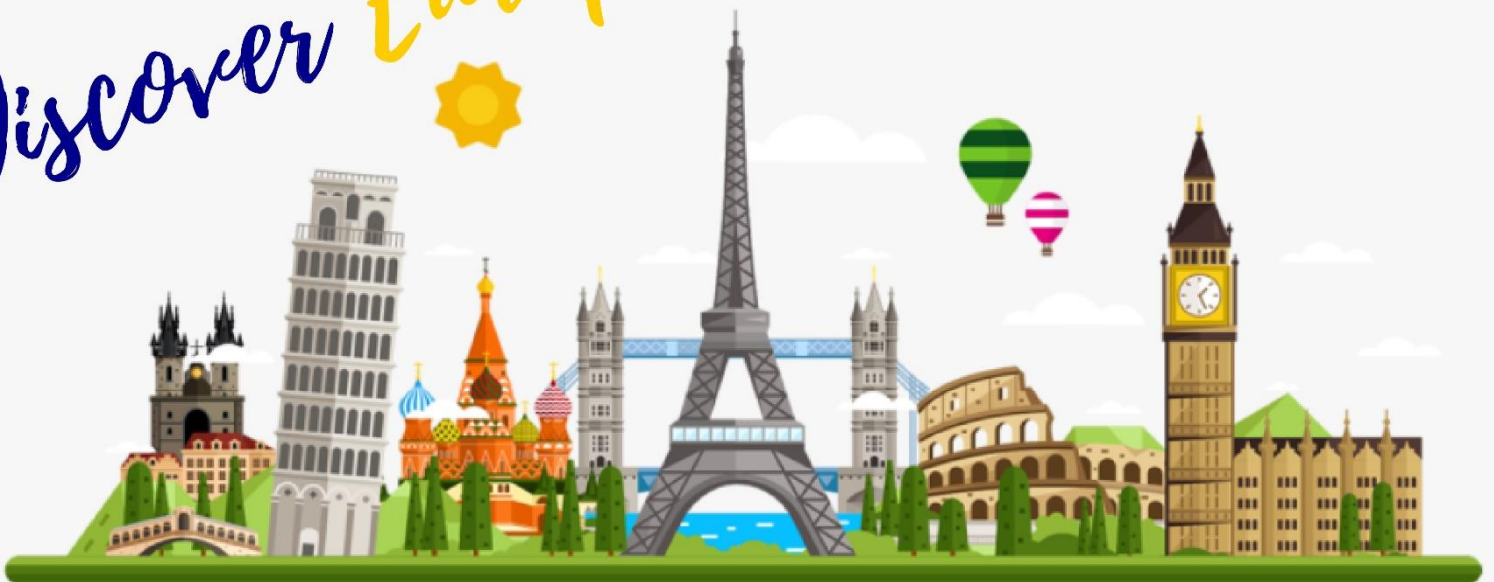
From 10:00 to 13:00

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Travel around Europe with BIS Europe Day Festival celebrations where you can encounter European food, performances, music and much more!

Discover Europe!



LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for April 17th – 21st 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13-16 April: CAFA Volleyball Tournament in Astana
- 14th April, Friday: Art Exhibition & Poetry Evening
- 15th April, Saturday: Europe Day Festival
- 20th April, Thursday: PYP Student led Conferences
- 21st April, Friday: Orozo Ait – public holiday
- 27th April, Thursday: PYP Exhibition
- 28th April, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- End of April: IBDP and IGCSE Exam Sessions start
- 1st May, Monday: Labour Day – public holiday
- 5th May, Friday: Constitution Day – public holiday
- 8th May, Monday: Primary School Sports Day
- 9th May, Tuesday: Victory Day – public holiday
- 13th May, Saturday: BIS Got Talent
- 16th May, Tuesday: MYP3 Community Project (new date)
- 20th May, Saturday: Parents Association Garage Sale
- 27th May, Saturday: Africa Day Festival
- 30th and 31st May, Tuesday and Wednesday: PYP "Bee Musical" performance

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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

This week Preschool 1 friends continued to learn about insects and their lives. At the beginning of the week, we talked about how to take care of small creatures. We discussed that we shouldn't stomp or squash insects outside because being bigger means protecting smaller things or leaving them alone.

Next, we read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* book and learned how caterpillars become butterflies. While reading this book we also learned what food the caterpillar eats, and counted the holes the ever-munching caterpillar has left behind. For gross motor practice, we attached a printed caterpillar head to a small crate and filled another crate with fruits from

the book. Then our little friends tried their best to throw them into the basket, which turned out to be quite challenging. For art, we made beautiful play dough butterflies and cute egg carton ladybugs.

The most exciting moment of the week was when our friend Arseniy visited our class and showed us his ants, snails, and beetles. Our friends were happy to see and observe all these creatures. In the middle of the week, we learned the "The bees go buzzing" song and made thumbprint bees with a hive. Toward the end of the week, we visited the Art Exhibition and enjoyed amazing artworks by students. Next week, we will start talking about plants.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week our Preschool 2 friends had an amazing time exploring farm animals. We learned about farm habitat and how it looks. We are reading a book on farmyard tales and singing farm animals songs. Our friends also had an interesting activity on milking a cow. Which they seemed to enjoy and were very

curious to try. We also talked about insects in Kyrgyz class and did caterpillar craft activities.

Also our friends were very excited to visit the art exhibition in school. They were very happy to see their own art works on the walls among the other masterworks. We had another great week!

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week, our preschool 3 friends had a busy investigative week. In their UOI lesson they investigated the causes of water pollution and their effects. They used different materials to find out how they polluted the water.

In our literacy lesson, our friends looked at the phonic sound 'j' and discovered some months of the year like January, June and July that began with that sound. Our friends played word-building games and built words like jam, jet, job and jab. They also matched words

with pictures and made sentences using our special word of the week 'love'.

In numeracy, preschool 3 friends counted up to the number 21 and wrote the number in their workbooks. They also looked at some terms used in subtraction, and subtracted some water animals and pollutants.

Our friends are progressing very well in their socio-development skills. They share, collaborate and play together very well.

Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher, Head of Preschool

