



**Bishkek
International
School**

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20th April 2023

EUROPE DAY FESTIVAL

Our first Europe Day Festival since 2017 brought the BIS community together to celebrate the cultural heritage of Europe. Parents, students and other guests delighted with the performances, which included dances, music and songs. Interactive games, displays and stands provided an opportunity for everyone to participate and learn about the cultural aspects of different European countries.

Despite the rain showers, the festival was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the school staff, parents, and volunteers. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who helped make this event such a great success!



ART & POETRY EVENING



The BIS Art & Poetry evening held on Friday, April 15th, was a wonderful event that showcased the creative talents of our students. Students from all grades presented their incredible artwork, while high school students recited poetry. The evening was also marked by the launch of the issue of [BIS LitMag](#), feature a selection of outstanding literary works created by our talented students. A silent auction for charity was also organized by the high school students through their 'Act for Community'.

The Parent Association and the British Embassy organized a historical Coronation Bunting Design competition, and students from all grades participated enthusiastically. There were [62 unique and colorful bunting designs](#) showcased in the big hall.



All the design participants received prizes and certificates for their remarkable efforts from the British Embassy.

The evening was made even more special with the beautiful classical music performed by a professional string quartet.

Huge thanks to the Visual Arts team, Writing Centre, and everyone involved in making this event a success!



CAFA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The CAFA Volleyball Tournament took place in Astana from 13th to 15th April, bringing together seven international schools from across the Central Asian region. Over 200 talented student-athletes formed 20 teams, competing in a total of 76 exhilarating matches throughout the event. The tournament showcased exceptional talent, with all teams displaying impressive levels of skill, passion, and teamwork.



Congratulations to the U19 boys team for the third place and U19 girls for the fourth place. Thank you to everyone who participated, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

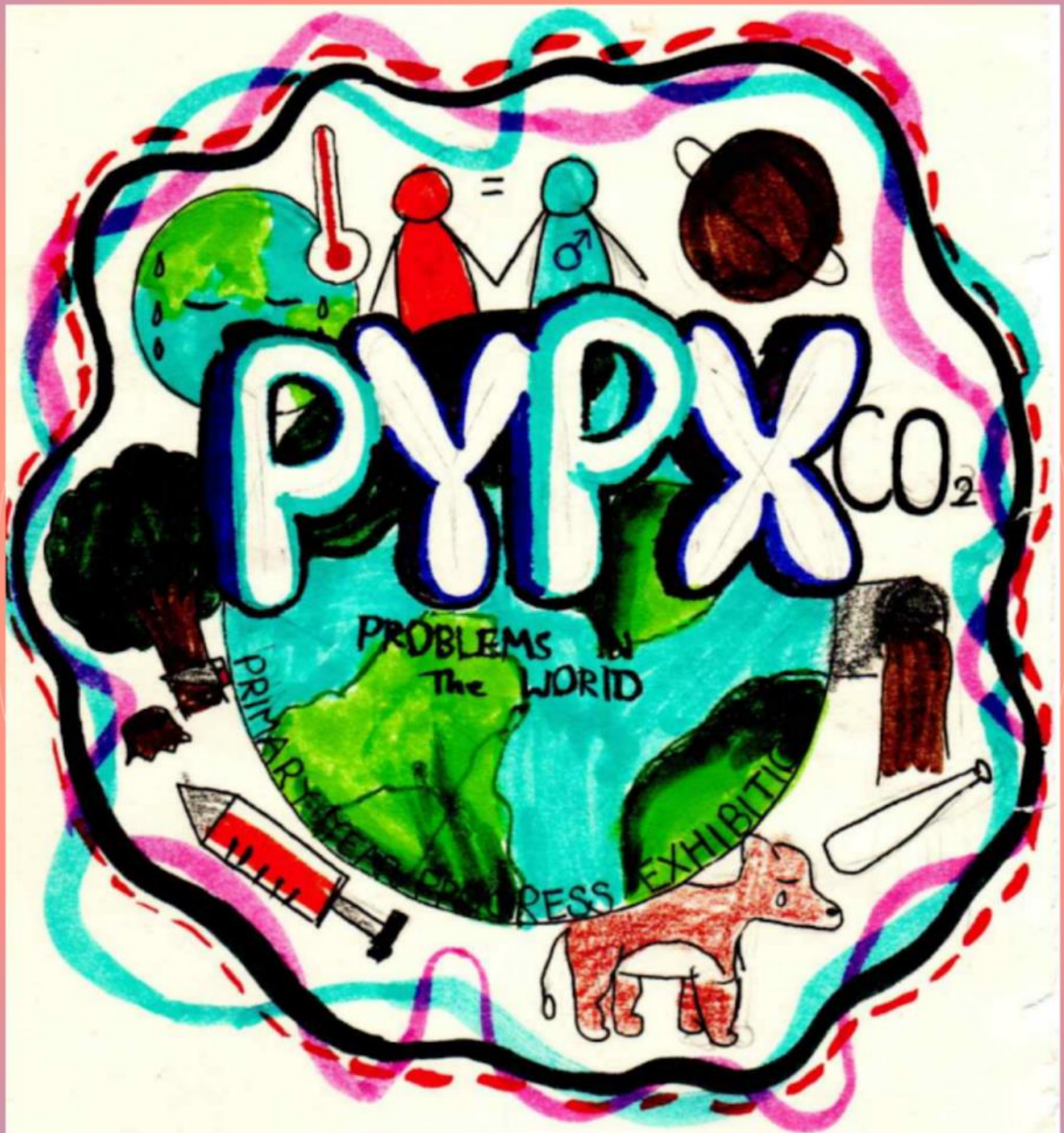


BIS Snapshot: Europe Day Festival



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

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for April 24th – 28th 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

- 21st April, Friday: Orozo Ait – public holiday
- 22nd April, Saturday: BISMUN
- 23rd April, Sunday: Run for Life - Cancer Charity Run
- 27th April, Thursday: PYP Exhibition
- 28th April, Friday: PYP Student led Conferences (new date)
- 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
- 12th May, Friday: BIS Got Talent for Middle/High School
- 13th May, Saturday: BIS Got Talent for Primary School
- 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 spent time exploring the wonderful world of plants. We discussed different types of plants that surround us: green plants, flowers, grass, and fruits and vegetables that grow in our gardens. We learned that plants need soil, water, and sunlight to grow. They won't grow or grow enough if they don't get these. To better understand the process of plant growth we decided to grow grass. We filled small yogurt cartons with dirt. Next, we sprinkled grass seeds on top of the dirt and sprayed them with lots of

water. Then we added a bit more dirt and a little water on top of the seeds and placed them in a sunny window. It was an exciting experience for our young friends to plant their own plants. Every day they observed and watered their plants. We will continue to watch and observe over the next few weeks as the grass continues to grow. For Art, we made beautiful fingerprint flower petals. Next week, we will start talking about jungle animals.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

Preschool 2 friends keep learning about our Planet; about different animals and plants. We talk and learn a lot about sharing our planet and keeping it clean. Our friends learned that we can even reuse some materials. Our friends helped us to create a tree out of carton boxes. We also set up a fun recycling activity

outside for our friends to learn about the three main types of recyclable materials. Our friends sorted different items into different materials and slot them into the correct recycling bins. Our friends enjoyed all of these activities. We are very proud of them!

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week was quite short for our preschool 3 friends and they were so eager to have their Student Led Conference. During morning circle time this week, we talked about what made us happy and how we could help others be happy

In Math, we counted up to the number 22, and we wrote the number 22 in our books. We had an exciting

lesson on subtraction and we played subtraction games using frog boards. In English, we reviewed all the previously learnt sounds. This week, our sound of the week was the phonic sound 'j'.

Next week, we will look at the phonic sound 'ar' and the number 22.

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

