



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



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## BIS GOT TALENT



We are excited to have a growing number of students eager to share their skills and talents. So many that, this year, we had to split the performances into two days. On Friday May 12th, we had 14 middle/high school students, and on Saturday morning, May 13th, we had 40 PYP students, all sharing their talents! The weather was great and we are grateful to the student council for organizing the bake sale and providing the Talent Show MCs!



## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

**CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):**

**Philipp (Grade 2B), Kasen (Grade 4B), all of Grade 5**

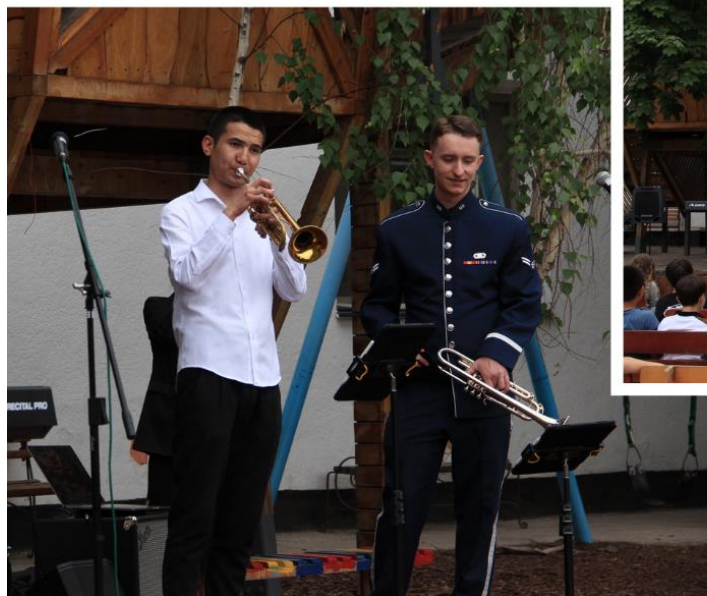
**KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):**

**Elijah (Grade 3Y), Nurkyz (Grade 11)**

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

**Dana (Grade 4B), Azil (Grade 9)**

## AIR FORCE MUSICIAN ASSEMBLY



BIS was visited by three members of the US Air Force Europe Band: Captain Brian O'Donnell, Staff Sergeant Michael Dee, and Airman First-Class Jonah Kelly.

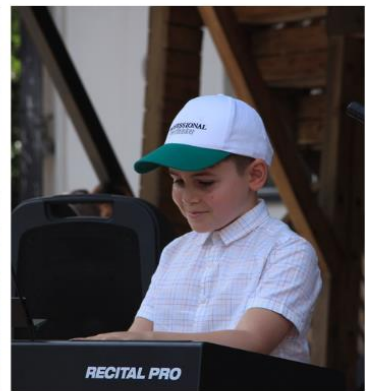
They came to give an assembly to the students from Grade 0-9. They played some music, answered questions about their different instruments and about jazz, and they shared stories about their roles and their travels.

They were joined by a local guest, Private Atay Beisheev, who is part of the Kyrgyz Army Band, and teaches trumpet in BIS Music Academy.

The students were engaged and excited to see such a great performance. Many of them insisted on autographs and selfies too. It is invaluable having special guests coming to school to share their knowledge and expertise!

**Mr David Lien, Head of Performing Arts Department**

# BIS Snapshot: Talent Show





# RECYCLED PLASTIC BOTTLE ART



Students concluded our “Sharing the Planet” unit by completing a craft activity in which they re-used plastic bottles to make a pen holder that also looked like an animal of choice, such as a cat, rabbit or bat. The children began by drawing on, and then cutting a used plastic bottle into the shape of their creature. Taking our line of inquiry, “There are different ways to reduce, reuse and recycle,” students re-purposed this potential waste into cute creations.

While many plastic bottles find themselves in the recycling bin, many more are sent to landfills or contribute to ocean pollution. The children did their little bit to help lessen the burden on the planet and save marine and land animals by recycling and reusing plastic.



They were excited and engaged as old bottles became colourful containers to gather and organise belongings in one place. And it was the children themselves who made them in this hands-on craft activity.

**Mr Paul, Grade 3Y Homeroom Teacher**



# GRADE 1 YELLOW AND BLUE MAKING STRUCTURES WITH RECYCLED MATERIALS



## MAKING RECYCLED PAPER

Grade 3B has taken on a big project this week with Dr. Anna's paper making expertise. Within our unit of on conserving natural resources, students learned how much paper comes from trees and how much is recycled. They were very inquisitive and asked questions about the process of recycling paper and what it actually goes through after we recycle it. Following their inquiry, we looked at how this is different for manufacturing plants vs a homemade process and then we thought we'd try it for ourselves!



Students cut paper up into bits, soaked it in water, blended it, and then we were ready. Dr. Anna taught us how to use a deckle to create the paper and we are finally drying out our final copies. Watch out for our recycled paper around school!



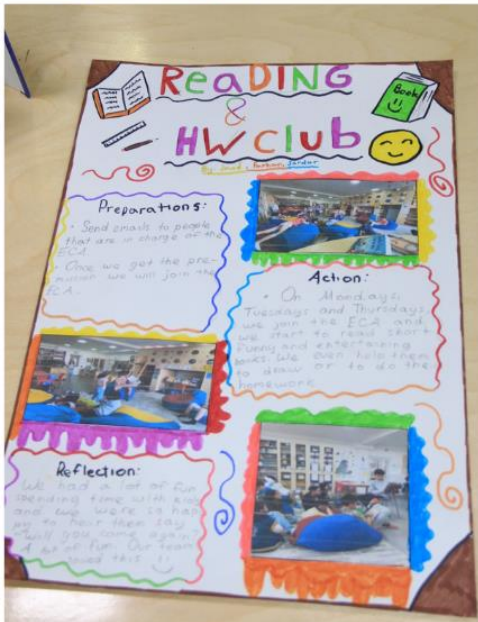
# MYP COMMUNITY PROJECT EXHIBITION

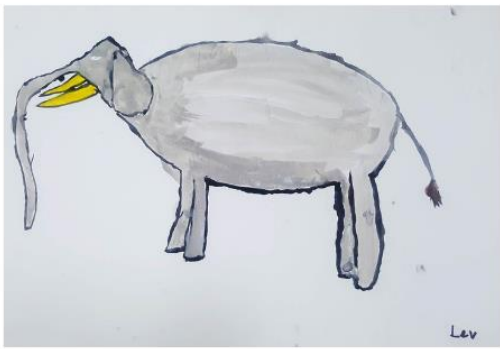


Last Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, Grade 8 students presented their incredible Community Service projects. From overcoming environmental challenges to making a difference in the lives of others, they demonstrated dedication and creativity throughout their journey.

We are very proud of our students' achievements and enthusiastic participation in the MYP Community Project.

Thank you to all mentors, teachers, and parents who supported the students throughout their journey.

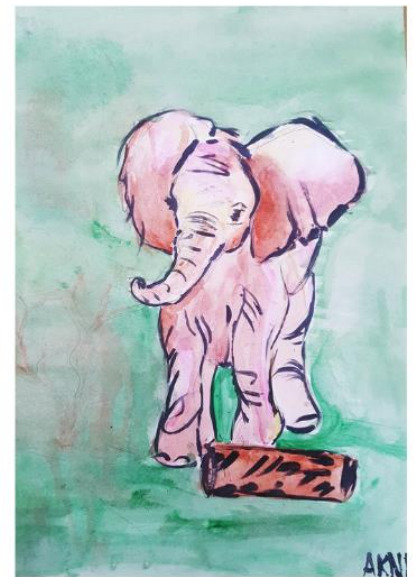




These are awesome art works of elephant paintings done by Grade 6! Everybody in that class improved so much in Art! They were so focused, diligent and creative! Yorali, Lev, Iman and Igor surprised me with their impressive work!

Very happy to see everyone's improvement from that class! Keep going! You can achieve much more!

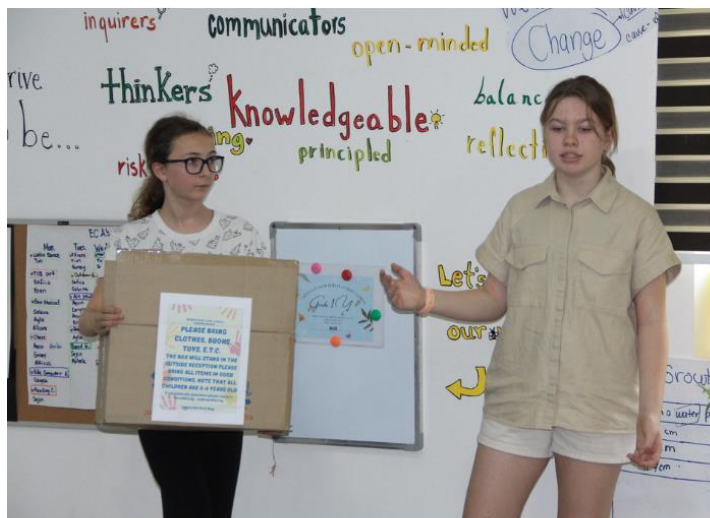
**Ms Didi, Art Teacher**





## DONATION DRIVE BY THE MYP STUDENT COUNCIL

Grade 6 students are visiting an orphanage and collecting donations for their service project. Lia and Aubrey are in charge of collecting the donations. The MYP student council has kindly donated all the money they raised from the BIS GOT TALENT bake sale. Kindness matters.



## 2022/23 YEARBOOK AND INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PHOTO ALBUMS

The 2022/23 Yearbook will be available from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone in the BIS Community will be able to download a PDF version free of charge after 15<sup>th</sup> June. **If you would like a printed yearbook, which costs 3,000 som, you must complete this order form before Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May.** No extra copies will be printed, so if you do not order in advance, you will not be able to have a printed yearbook.

We are also offering individual student photo albums, together with separate A4 and A5 size photos for 2,000 som. The album itself will include student's individual yearbook photos and class photos. The A4 and A5 photos are only of the individual student. An example photo album can be seen here. Individual photo albums can be ordered in the same form as the Yearbook.

Payment for the Yearbook and the Individual Photo Albums should be given to Burmakan in the external reception by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

If you are serving on the Governing Board, Advisory Council, PAMC, or as a parent class representative, you will receive a free copy of the Yearbook.

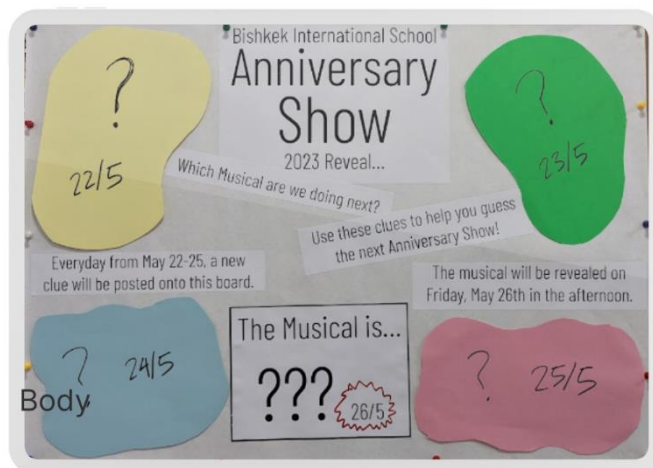
**Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration, Deputy Head of School**

## THE 2023 ANNIVERSARY SHOW CLUES

What will our next musical be?!

Every day next week, a new clue will be revealed on the board (outside of the Small Hall). These clues will gradually reveal the title of the next Anniversary Show. The title will be revealed (on the board) by Friday May 26th and also in Voices.

The Anniversary Show is the biggest BIS event of the year. Every year, we produce a different musical; students from Grade 3-12 are encouraged to join. Auditions will be in September 2023, and the performance will take place in December at the National Philharmonic Hall.



## CROSS CULTURE KIDS WORKSHOP

Sign up [here](#).



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*Topic Expert*



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31 MAY, ONLINE AND AT BIS



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Africa Day Festival celebrations where you can encounter

-African food

-performances

-music and much more!

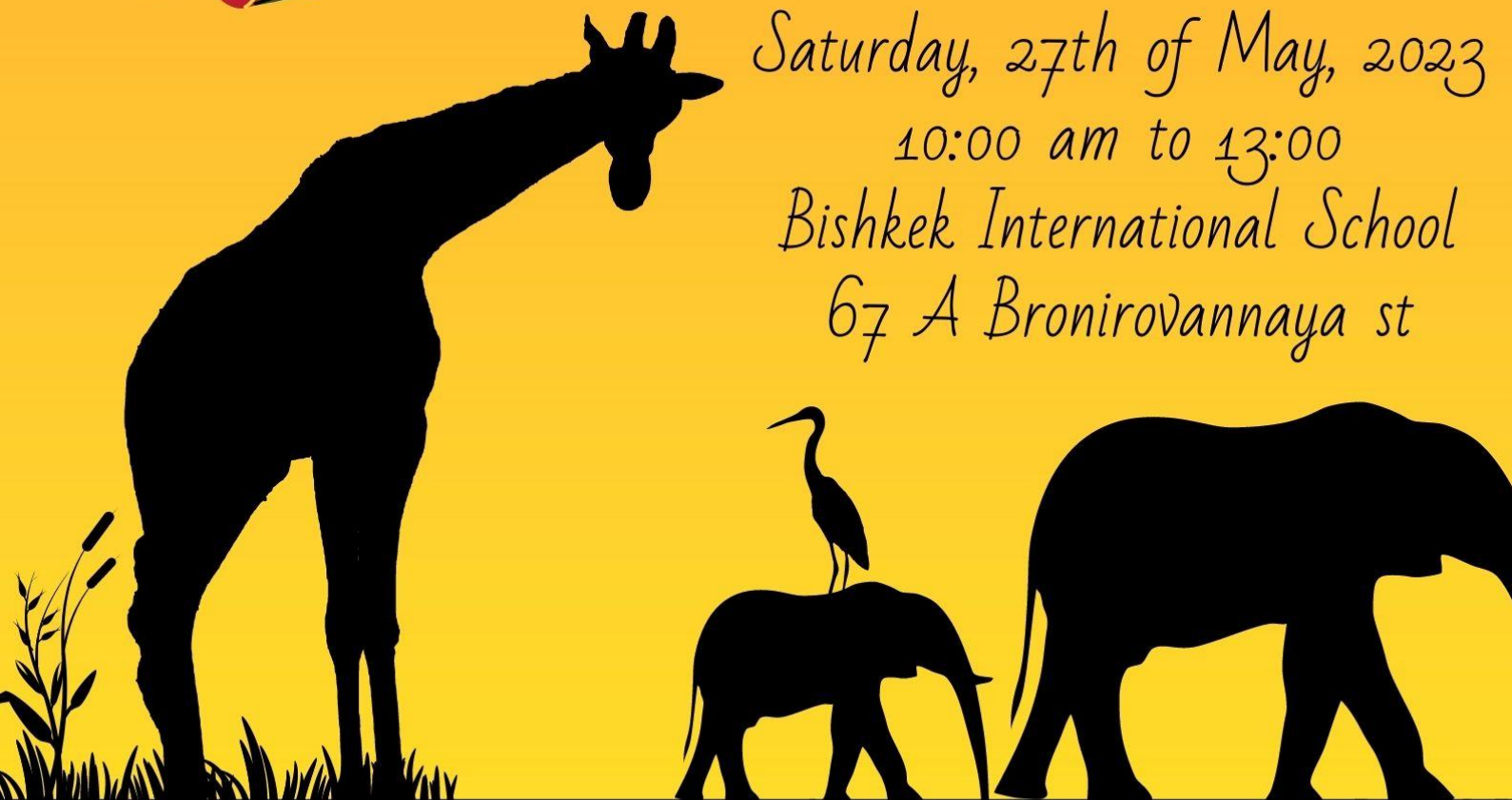


Saturday, 27th of May, 2023

10:00 am to 13:00

Bishkek International School

67 A Bronirovannaya st





# PAMC ANNOUNCES

# BIS annual GARAGE SALE

May 20, 2023 ——— 11 AM - 3 PM  
TOYS, CLOTHES, BOOKS, FURNITURE, AND MORE

Parents:  
500 som / table  
Businesses  
800 som/table



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## NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

A huge thank you to the incredible BIS community for your support in ordering books through our Scholastic Book Club in March! With your help, we were able to add 19 new titles to our library collection using the Scholastic reward points earned from your orders.

We're thrilled to announce the arrival of some of the hottest graphic novels, including the much-loved 'Dog Man' and 'Babysitters Club' as well as some amazing picture books featuring 'Sharing our planet' subject and many others.

Thank you for your support, these new books will become valuable additions to our library collection.

Happy reading!



## NUTRITION COMMITTEE NEWS

The school Nutrition Committee, which consists of students, staff and parent representatives met this Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for the second meeting of this academic year.

During this meeting, Nutrition Committee members discussed the school nutrition and decided on plans for the 2023-24 Academic year. They also reviewed a summary of parent food trials in which parents had the opportunity to visit the school from 21st November to 16th December 2022 to try school food and completed the food survey.

Results of the survey can be found here: [Parents' food trial results.](#)

**Nuriza Begalieva, Governance Support Officer & Secretary to the Nutrition Committee**

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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

- 20<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday: Parents Association Garage Sale
- 27<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday: Africa Day Festival
- 25-28 May, Thursday-Sunday: Track & field – AIS Almaty
- 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May, Tuesday and Wednesday: PYP "Bee Musical" performance
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Saturday: BISA Cross country tournament – new date

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Saturday: High School Prom
- 8<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: Parents information evening for G5 parents moving up into G6 (new date)
- 8<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday, Music Academy Show
- 8<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: Class of 2022 Reflection Dinner
- 9<sup>th</sup> June, Friday: High School Graduation Ceremony
- 12<sup>th</sup> June, Monday: Graduations for Preschool 3, Grade 5, Grade 8
- 13<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday: Primary School Educational Visits Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 15<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: Last Day of School /All Americas Barbecue

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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 the topic of Ocean Animals. We read the Little Turtle book and counted the turtle's friends. We also learned the name of sea animals in Kyrgyz.

To further their learning, we wrapped up sea animals with pipe cleaners and our little heroes and heroines rescued the creatures! Everyone had a lot of fun.

As part of the fun, we made shark fin hats, turned on the shark song, and let the little ones dance as bubbles floated around them. We also watched the story "It's

a Seashell Day" and then used seashells to make shapes. We talked about what each shape is called and what it looks like as we built each one with them. During our Art lesson, our little friends painted colorful fish.

Finally, we concluded the week with a Spring Concert, where our little ones danced to the Jungle song (that we had learned when we had our Jungle Animal topic). It was a delightful and fun-filled week for everyone!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



## PRESCHOOL 2

Preschool 2 friends had a lot of fun this week. We enjoyed our dance and PE classes. Our friends learned about jungle animals in their Kyrgyz classes. Children had fun activities on numbers and shapes. We also had

our Preschool Spring concert today. Our friends did a great job and had a lot of fun. Thanks to all who could come to support us. Hope you all enjoyed it!

**Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher**



### PRESCHOOL 3

Our preschool 3 friends had an activity packed week which kept them on their toes. They were very excited and looking forward to their field trip to Supara Ethno-Complex and the concert.

In our unit lesson, we looked at the causes of air pollution and we. We discussed the impacts of air pollution and ways of reducing pollution and recycling. In Math this week, preschool 3 friends orally counted from number 1-25. They also wrote the number 23 and worked on subtraction.

Our friends enjoyed playing around with sounds 'sh' and 'v', matching them with pictures and listened to a story "The elephant family and a small van". From the story, preschool 3 friends identified words that began with the phonic sound 'v'.

This week our friends enjoyed a field trip to Supara Ethno-Complex, where they learnt a lot of Kyrgyz history and how different objects were made using recycled materials. They also played on a SeeSaw made out of recycled tires.

Our preschool 3 friends presented a puppet show and a song at the Preschool Concert that was held this week. We had lots of fun, dancing and singing with other preschool friends.

Our friends have really developed confidence in their speaking skills and can collaborate effectively with other friends.

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

