













Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 37 / 2022-23

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GRADE 1 EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO SUPARA

Last Friday, Grade 1 students visited the Supara Ethno Complex to learn about different types of houses. They learned of the homes built of rocks, sticks, metals, wood, and clay.





Also, they visited the museum, where they learned about the Nomad Kyrgyz house "yurt" and the different sides of the yurt, divided into a kitchen, closet, and sleeping part. They also inquired about the Kyrgyz people's lives, from the dishes that they used to the handmade carpets. After, the student ate a boorsok and had fun in a beautiful place.











Travel around Africa with BIS

Africa Day Festival celebrations where you can encounter







CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Tiana (Grade 1B), Nathan (Grade 2B), Shirina (Grade 2B), Zhantai (Grade 2B), Wilhelmina (Grade 5Y), Zhanel (Grade 5Y), Daeun (Grade 5Y), Maiko (Grade 5Y), Iman (Grade 6), Nurgeldi (Grade 8)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Stanislava (Grade 1B), Mika (Grade 2Y), Xu Shiqi (Grade 2Y), Jasmine (Grade 4Y), Asher (Grade 4Y), Mia (Grade 4Y), Ayn (Grade 5B)

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

Ayana (Grade 2B), Ilya (Grade 2B), Alisha (Grade 2Y), Ailin (Grade 3B), Kameliia (Grade 3Y), Nil Mira (Grade 3Y), Alexsander (Grade 4B), Ayla (Grade 4Y), Lucille (Grade 5B), Adelaide (Grade 5Y), Nikita (Grade 5Y)

ANNOUNCING THE ANNIVERSARY SHOW 2023

The next Anniversary Show will be Mary Poppins Jr!



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 Philharmonia Hall.

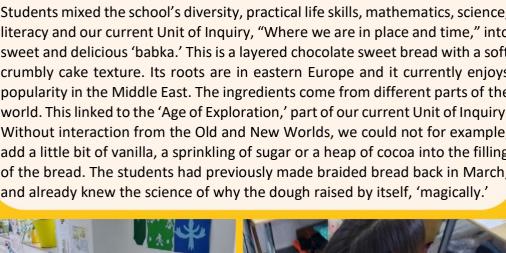
About Mary Poppins (https://www.mtishows.co.uk/mary-poppins-jr)

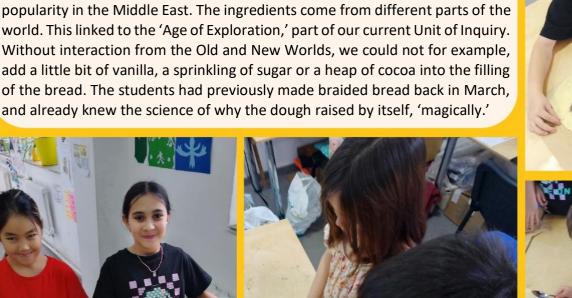
Based on one of the most popular Disney movies of all time, Mary Poppins is capturing hearts in a whole new way. The show is an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs and breathtaking dance numbers!

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "Anything can happen if you let it."

BAKING A SWEET BREAD CALLED BABKA

Students mixed the school's diversity, practical life skills, mathematics, science, literacy and our current Unit of Inquiry, "Where we are in place and time," into sweet and delicious 'babka.' This is a layered chocolate sweet bread with a soft crumbly cake texture. Its roots are in eastern Europe and it currently enjoys and already knew the science of why the dough raised by itself, 'magically.'







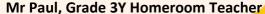






The children flattened the dough before a cocoa infused filling was spread on top. They then rolled it, before it was cut and braided. This created layers. Soon enough, the students' dough was sent to the oven to be baked and the chocolatey smell flowed out in all directions. In literacy, we wrote about the babka's ingredients using commas in a list.

Linking to maths, we then calculated the cost of making it, involving adding money amounts to two decimal places. The children once again were able to take part in a life skill that helps with fine motor skills and co-ordination.









GRADE 6 STUDENTS VISIT ORPHANAGE















On May 22nd Grade 6 students visited an orphanage.

The kids were divided into five groups and interacted with the children at the orphanage. The MYP Student Council contributed 5000 som from the funds they raised at the BIS GOT TALENTS event. This allowed us to purchase fruits. We prepared five boxes containing peaches, bananas, apples, tangerines, and cherries. Our kids served these treats along with cakes, donated by Kulikov pastry house, and had a wonderful time playing afterwards.

Furthermore, Lia and Aubrey organised a donation campaign and collected a significant number of toys, books, and other items.

Ms Asel, Grade 6 Form Teacher



GRADE 5 TASTER DAY IN GRADE 6







Today, Grade 5 students experienced the excitement and possibilities awaiting them in Grade 6. The day was filled with wonder and every moment was an opportunity for discovery.

The future looks bright for these young learners, and we can't wait to witness the amazing things they will accomplish in the days to come.







EXPLORING CENTRAL ASIA WITH 6TH GRADERS

During this term, 6th-grade students delved into the study of Central Asia. Throughout the unit, they investigated the cities through which passed the Great Silk Road, discovered the origins of its name, and explored the historical landmarks that have endured since then.

As part of their final assessment, each team, named after a Central Asian country, was tasked with tourist pack-

ages featuring visits to significant historical sites.

If you're considering a visit to any of the Central Asian countries this year, don't hesitate to consult the insights of the 6th-grade students regarding the must-visit destinations.













2022/23 YEARBOOK AND INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PHOTO ALBUMS

The 2022/23 Yearbook will be available from Tuesday 13th June. Everyone in the BIS Community will be able to download a PDF version free of charge after 15th June. If you would like a printed yearbook, which costs 3,000 som, you must complete this order form before Wednesday 31st 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 1st 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

CROSS CULTURE KIDS WORKSHOP

Sign up here.



ALL SCHOOL PHOTO

The all-school photo for the 2022/23 Yearbook will be taken on **Tuesday 30 May at 10 am** on the grass field at school.

Please make sure that all students are at school to wave for the camera!

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for May 29th – June 2nd is **Menu A**. You can view both <u>Preschool Menu</u> and <u>Primary & Secondary school menu</u> 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

- 27th May, Saturday: Africa Day Festival
- 25-28 May, Thursday-Sunday: Track & field AIS Almaty
- 30th and 31st May, Tuesday and Wednesday: PYP "Bee Musical" performance
- 2nd June, Friday: All Parents Meeting Parents Association
- 3rd June, Saturday: BISA Cross country tournament new date
- 3rd June, Saturday: High School Prom
- 8th June, Thursday: Parents information evening for G5 parents moving up into G6 (new date)
- 8th June, Thursday, Music Academy Show
- 8th June, Thursday: Class of 2022 Reflection Dinner
- 9th June, Friday: High School Graduation Ceremony
- 12th June, Monday: Graduations for Preschool 3, Grade 5, Grade 8
- 13th June, Tuesday: Primary School Educational Visits Day
- 14th June, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 15th 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 Discoveries

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PRESCHOOL 1

This week, our little friends have had a great time exploring the animals that live in the Arctic. We learned about a variety of different animals, such as polar bears, walruses, and penguins, and how they adapt to the environment. We also had a really fun activity that involved making a glacier and letting the kids explore with animals!

In addition, the kids made polar bear and walrus crafts to go along with our Arctic animal theme. In math, we counted arctic animals, revised shapes, and had a sorting activity. It was a wonderful week of learning and exploring!

Next week, we will continue our exploration of arctic animals and learn more about these wonderful creatures.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



















PRESCHOOL 2

Our Preschool 2 friends had another amazing week! In our UOI lessons we looked at ocean animals and learned new vocabulary. We had a very fun activity to learn about the ocean animals and their names. We made an ocean sensory bin with sand and water, it was a perfect way for our kids to play and learn about the ocean. They also made some crafts on ocean animals in their kyrgyz class. In English class we

reviewed letters and letter sounds. This week we had letter f to revise and made some crafts. Our students are big book lovers. We read a lot of books and they are always happy to visit our library. And this week our friends listened to a story prepared by our librarian. We are very thankful for Ms Aidana, our friends enjoyed it very much!

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher













PRESCHOOL 3

This week our preschool 3 friends had a great time in the Library where they listened to a very unique fairy tale that was read to them by Ms. Aidana.

In English, our preschool 3 friends learnt about the phonic sound "v". They read and wrote words like van, vet and vest. Our Preschool 3 friends are sharpening their drawing skills and as part of the lesson they drew a vet in a vest.

In our UOI lesson, we had a discussion on recycling and our preschool friends came up with different ideas on what we can use old plastic bottles for to reduce plastic pollution. They are also working on their save the planet model.

Next week, we will look at the phonic sound "w" and the number 25

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











