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BISA CROSS COUNTRY

On Saturday, BIS hosted the annual BISA Cross Country event in Karagachevaya Roscha. More than a hundred students from BIS, QSI and Oxford schools enthusiastically competed in the Cross-country race. It was a fun event with the enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Each and every runner who participated showcased their incredible spirit. To all the runners who participated, you are all champions!

Furthermore, a special round of applause goes to the winners of the Cross-Country race. Your exceptional performances and outstanding achievements have brought you well-deserved success.



U11 Boys 1000

1st - Alan Jumabayev
2nd - Nursultan Chodurov
3rd - Yorali Bowles

U11 Girls 1000

1st - Natalie Wemhoener-Cuite
3rd - Diana Sergeeva

U15 Girls 3000

1st - Lillian Robinson

U15 Boys 3000

1st - Javid Aliyev
2nd - Asek Wheeler

U19 Boys 4000

1st - Iskhak Zhumaly uulu
3rd - Mirzokhid Ganiev

Fun Run 3000

1st - Nursultan Chodurov
2nd - Alan Jumabaev



CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Alessandro (Grade 0), **Evers** (Grade 1Y), **Alisha** (Grade 2Y), **Jiyeon** (Grade 3Y), **Alisha** (Grade 3Y),
Humay (Grade 3Y), **Nil Mira** (Grade 3Y), **Ruslan** (Grade 8)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Atticus (Grade 1Y), **Abbas** (Grade 1B), **Ramil** (Grade 4B), **David** (Grade 4B), **Sanghoon** (Grade 6)

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

Alima (Grade 2Y), **Alan** (Grade 4B), **Lilliana**, **Ali Meesam** (Grade 6)

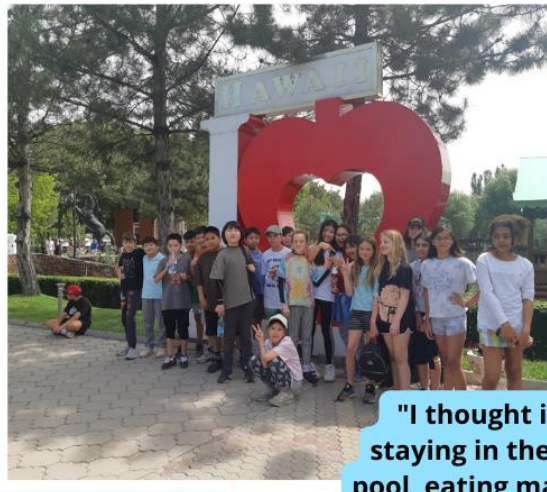
BIS Snapshot: Cross Country



GRADE 5 OVERNIGHT TRIP TO CHON KEMIN



"The overnight trip was a great experience for all of us. I liked rafting the most." Lucie



"I thought it was fun. It most fun parts were staying in the rooms together, swimming in the pool, eating marshmallows, and rafting." Neslihan



"It was very fun overall, but my favourite part was roasting marshmallows." Aman



"The white water rafting was my favourite part. I loved getting wet and bobbing up and down in the river." Natalie



"The pool was awesome!" Artur

MUSIC ACADEMY RECITAL

The music academy held its final concert of the academic year, which brought true joy and excitement to all its participants and audience. Young talents had been preparing for this moment for a long time, diligently practising and overcoming their doubts. The concert was filled with emotions and sincerity.

We extend our gratitude to the parents for their decision and support, which allowed their children to embark on a fascinating musical journey. Your words of encouragement and applause during concerts and performances

provide them with additional motivation and belief in their abilities.

We also express our gratitude to the teachers of the academy. Your patience and persistence in supporting the children on their musical path are invaluable. Your guidance and expertise have nurtured their talent and helped them grow as musicians.

Ms. Munara, Music Teacher



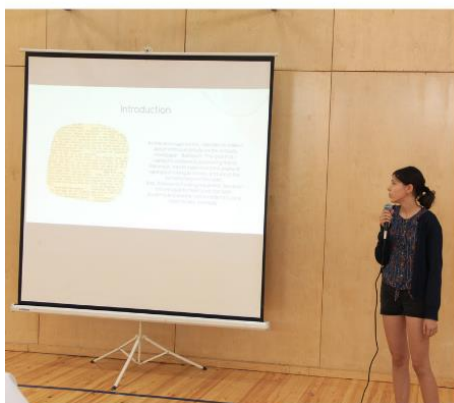
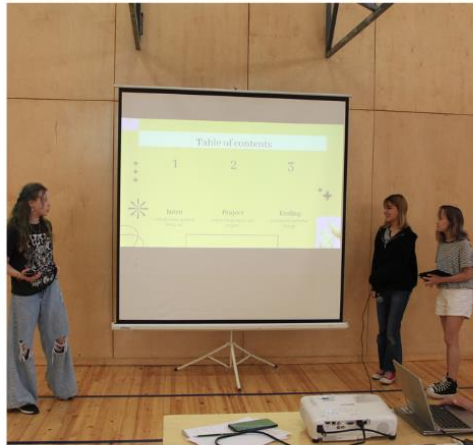
BIS Snapshot: High School Prom



GRADE 6 AND 7 SERVICE AS ACTION EXHIBITION

Last Friday, Grade 6 and 7 students had an exhibition to showcase the outcomes of their Service As Action projects. The exhibition was a platform for them to share their remarkable initiatives and projects that aimed to make a positive impact on the community. The topics ranged from collections supporting local orphanages to an in-depth analysis of the student handbook by students.

The Grade 6 and 7 students' exhibitions truly showcased the power of young minds and their ability to contribute positively to society.



GRADE 8 TRIP TO ISSYK KUL

Grade 8 students went on a fantastic field trip this week. Over the course of two days, the children had a truly enchanting time at Issyk-Kul. They enjoyed their moments at the picturesque shoreline, engaging in beach games and relaxation. Volleyball matches were organized, providing an opportunity for teamwork and friendly competition. The boat ride was also arranged, allowing the students to explore the lake's tranquil waters. Furthermore, the students had an incredible evening by the campfire, sharing stories, and laughter, and creating lasting memories together.



MYP STUDCO

MYP Student Council recently got together for their latest meeting for reflecting on a range of initiatives that they had this academic year.

The meeting was filled with excitement and pride as the young leaders shared the results of their efforts, including a Valentine's Day party, a snack and bake sale, and a donation to an orphanage.

Every student on the MYP Student Council contributed and their successes were a testament to their collective strength.



Ms. Gulbara, MYP Student Council Facilitator

G12 PRE-GRADUATION REFLECTION DINNER

On Thursday evening, we had a Pre-Graduation Reflection Dinner with the class of 2023, along with their families and friends as well as the BIS staff team to reflect on the two-year journey of the students and to send our best wishes.

The evening started with photos of childhood memories alongside pictures of our G12 students all grown up while enjoying the welcome drinks. Our proud MCs were Aidan Niyazova and Bektur Zilaliev, who brought a cheerful mood to the evening (as they always do).

Opening remarks were given by Dr Grant and Ms. Makiko, followed by the Beloved G12 Form Teachers, Ms. Valeria (aka Valera) and Mr. Andrew (aka Andrey Jezde). DP staff also had a chance to individually give comments and farewell wishes to each student.

Aidan and Bektur prepared a Kahoot! game in which we all discovered or guessed the real G12 world at BIS such as the actual definition of the IB or some hidden facts about our students.



It was so moving to see many students make a queue to share their personal reflections and gratitude for their friends, families, and teachers. We could see the depth of their thoughtfulness and bond to one another.

Aizhan Taalaibek created a touching class video bringing to life all the incredible moments to be remembered. Then the floor was open to parents and relatives, and many of them also lined up to express their heartfelt congratulations and inspiring words to their children as well as their classmates and warm messages to BIS staff (in many languages!)

A fantastic alumni video was shared by Ms. Nazira, BIS Alumni Officer, in which our alumni from 2018 and 2022 shared messages (we were taken aback by how grown-up they now look!)

Finally, a special thanks to Ms. Valeria and Ms. Nazira who have been working extremely hard until the very end of the school year to make these graduation events happen. Without you, we could not have reached this point.

Our celebrations for our G12 students continued on Friday, 9 June, with our official Graduation Ceremony. Tune into next week's Voices, the last edition for this academic year 2022/23, to see more about this very special event.



For our proud graduates:

*Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.*

Excerpt from "Still I rise" by Maya Angelou



Ms. Makiko, DP Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS GRADE 10!

After seven weeks of cramping hands, frantic writing, active thinking, intense revising, late-night studying, textbook poring and flashcard memorising, Grade 10 have successfully completed their IGCSE summer examinations. For the majority of students, this will be the first - and the longest - examination period of their lives, and the consistent determination for success should be a testament to their resilience throughout these long, and often hot, mornings and afternoon sessions.

The whole school community should be proud of their efforts, and we as their teachers are confident that all their results will reflect their work through Grade 9 and Grade 10. Congratulations to all of you. Now is a time to reflect and prepare for the future, whether here at BIS or pastures new, but more importantly: to relax and reward yourselves.

Tom Clifton, IGCSE Coordinator



LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Yesterday BIS bid farewell to 42 students and 14 staff members at our annual leavers assembly.

Both staff and students had the opportunity to place a pin on the world map to represent their next destination, while also receiving a certificate and some easy to pack magnets.



We wish all of our leavers safe travels and we hope to meet you again.

Once a Taigan, always a Taigan.

HOUSE WINNERS 2022/23

After counting points from all the challenges and competitions this year, we are happy to announce our Winning House for the 2022/23 academic year.

The winning team is Piranhas! Congratulations!



ALL AMERICAS BBQ

The BIS All Americas BBQ is on 15th June 2023, 17:00 to 21:00. This is a celebration event for the wider community with lots of fun activities, live music, delicious food, ice cream and fireworks! If you are interested in creating a display table or activities to celebrate the special features of any country or culture from the Americas, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can add your country or culture to the postcards for stamp collections as children move around the event. We encourage all families with any North, South or Central American connection to volunteer for the event to share your culture with all the other families connected to the school. **If you are interested in representing your country or culture at the All Americas BBQ, please email me and we can arrange something together!**

Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration, Deputy Head of School



The invitation card features a blue background with a gold border. In the top left corner, there is a large, stylized white and gold firework. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo with a mountain peak and the letters 'BIS' inside, surrounded by yellow stars. The text 'Bishkek International School' is written in a gold, cursive font. Below it, the text 'Cordially invites you to the' is in a smaller gold font, followed by 'All Americas' in a large, elegant gold script, and 'BBQ' in a very large, bold gold script. To the right of the text is a blue and white globe. At the bottom, there are illustrations of four people dancing: a woman in a purple dress and a man in a blue shirt and purple pants on the left, and a man in a black shirt and a woman in a white dress on the right. The date and time are listed in gold text: 'On Thursday 15 OF JUNE 2023' and 'from 17:00 to 21:00'. Below this, it says 'Including performances, live music, carnival games, food and fireworks'. At the bottom, it states 'Dress code: very informal' and '67 A Bronirovannaya st.'.

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SUMMER CAMP

Good day BIS Parents. I am writing to invite your child to the Summer Camp from 19-29 June 2022. The camp is in English and open to children aged 6 to 10 at a **total cost of \$480 per child**. More information can be found here: [Jash Kochmon Summer Camp 2023](#). The camp is not organized by BIS but by a member of staff, Ms. Aigul (Community Engagement Leader). Please email Aigul for more information: akubatbekova@bis.kg by 7 June.

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for June 12th – 16th 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

- 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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Lateness or absence		

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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Parents Association - [facebook.com/bis.parents.127](https://www.facebook.com/bis.parents.127)



PRESCHOOL 1

This week, Preschool 1 friends finished their final unit “We Share the Planet” by learning about the topic of “Recycling”. Our friends became aware that we can make some new things out of used items, and we called it recycling.

We discussed the importance of taking care of our planet, and our friends learned that plastic isn't good for our planet. If we throw plastic or other trash, our planet and its living things will be sad. To take action, we collected used plastic bottles, and our little friends used them to water the plants in our garden. The children also went on a scavenger hunt to find

different types of recyclable items and sorted all used things into plastic, paper, and compost by putting them into 3 different recycling bins.

Our friends have also been playing with our ocean sensory bin and rescuing toy ocean animals by cleaning the ocean of trash and plastic - they've had a lot of fun!

It was a very interesting unit, and we all learned a lot about living things and the importance of taking care of our planet. We look forward to next week when we will wrap up the year and have a big celebration!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

Preschool 2 friends had another great week. We revised all the topics we learned before. In our UOI we talked about jungle animals and learned jungle animals' songs. Our friends had some fun activities in Kyrgyz class while learning the names of the jungle

animals in Kyrgyz language. Our friends revised colors, shapes, numbers and letters.

Preschool had a lot of fun this week and our friends are very excited about the upcoming field trip next week.

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Preschool 3 had a fantastic week. Our Preschool 3 friends had a great time in the big hall where they played ball games and ran around. In our UOI lesson, we talked about reusing and friends explained what the word 'reuse' means. In Art, they made paper cup watches by reusing plastic coffee cups as a way of reducing pollution.

In English, our Preschool 3 friends learnt about the phonic sound "Y" and identified objects in the classroom that began with the sound 'y', such as a yoyo and a yellow tray. They also counted to see how

many friends had yellow clothes on. They then read words like 'yak and yoyo' and drew pictures. In Math, our friends counted from number 1 to 25.

Our Preschool 3 friends have learnt to be caring and patient with each other. They play well together and share their toys at the same time helping each other complete given tasks. They also read in pairs and assist each other when they encounter new words.

Next week we will review all the phonic sounds and numbers we have covered.

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

