



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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ALL-AMERICAS BBQ

At the All-Americas BBQ on Thursday 15th June, the whole community came together to celebrate an incredible year of learning.

We enjoyed delicious burgers, tacos, hot dogs, ice cream and drinks, with children enjoying various fun games provided by the Sun House Team, and everyone enjoying music from Salt Peanuts and Greenlight band, with many dancing all night long. The final event of the school year ended with an amazing firework show.

We thank everyone who worked hard to make the event special and all those who came to enjoy it together.

We wish the whole community a very enjoyable and safe summer holiday!



SEMESTER AWARDS AT THE ALL-AMERICAS BBQ

Fred Houston, Chair of the Governing Board gave the opening speech at the BBQ and presented awards to students. Award nominations are made by all staff members and the awards panel always has the difficult task of selecting final award winners.

Recognition is given for:

- **Academic Award** for significant, sustained effort and achievement in academic work.

Preschool: **Leila Rescaldani**

Primary School: **Albena Sergeenkova**

Middle School: **Sanghoon (Leo) Yi**

High School: **Laura Piana**

- **Leadership Award** for taking leadership roles throughout the school, helping members of the school community achieve their academic, sporting, and creative potential.

Preschool: **Aida Salahova**

Primary School: **Tabiiat Myrzabek**

Middle School: **Nurgeldi Mirbekov**

High School: **Allan Khaldarov**

- **Service Award** for commitment to service contributed to the positive development of their fellow classmates, Bishkek International School and the Kyrgyz Republic.

Preschool: **Akmal Saidov**

Primary School: **Mikhail (Misha) Bronnikov**

Middle School: **Kimberley Hnanguie**

High School: **Cholponai Malabaeva**

- **Global Citizen Award** for students prepared to tackle both global and local issues through a commitment to social justice; tolerance and diversity; good communications skills; and knowledge of global contexts.

Primary School: **Alessandro Corrado**

Middle School: **Buyannemekh Bayarsaikhan**

High School: **Miko Lamberti Fossati**



- **Community Award** for exceptional contribution to the development and representation of the school community, OR for exceptional personal development through outstanding commitment and learning.

Preschool: **Alexander Filatov**

Primary School: **Ulukbek Kasenov, Nikita Leo Koshkin**

Middle School: **Thomas Bangerter, Albina Prazdnikova**

High School: **Aidan Niyazova** – for exceptional contribution to the school community over 10 years!

- **The Kanat Chokoev Annual Award** was presented to **Karina Kolesnichenko** as she models genuine care for others and brightens the lives of all those around them, in the way that Kanat always did when he was alive.

David Grant, Head of School



BIS Snapshot: All-Americas BBQ 2023



HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL VISIT – MADRID, SPAIN

This year 40 intrepid Taigan travelers journeyed to Madrid, Spain together with four of their teachers.

There, they explored the urban landscape and sustainable tourism practices of the cultural capital of Europe, trekking the largest urban park, la Casa de Campo, visiting world-class art museums with works of Picasso, Goya, and the grand treasury of Dauphin, exploring breathtaking cathedrals, a real Egyptian temple, and the Bernabéu stadium.

It was highly gratifying to see the students dive deep into the culture, practice and learn Spanish words and phrases, and explore a new life experience.

BIS students impressed me with their willingness to adapt and grow throughout the trip and they truly set an example to other school groups we encountered, displaying good manners and kindness.

Though I look forward to seeing the returnees in August, I can't wait for our next venture out of Kyrgyzstan!

Mr. Andrew, Geography Teacher



CELEBRATING SUCCESS AND MOVING ON

The end of the school year is always a sad time as we say goodbye to students, parents and teachers who are moving on to new schools and opportunities around the world. This year over 80 students are moving away, including 28 graduates, and we have over 90 students joining us this summer.

We also have 18 teaching staff who are moving to new pastures, with 20 incoming teachers in August. We miss our departing students and staff as they are all part of a strong community, yet we look forward to welcoming those who join us.

When students leave to go abroad, they take their parents with them, including some very active members of the Parents Association, who will be greatly missed as they have made an enormous contribution to the school. These very active and supportive parents were recognized during the All-Americas BBQ:

Parents Association Management Committee

Oxana Maciuca

Laura Robinson

Melissa Kreek

Aliya Soloveva

Gulzat Bektursunova

Manuela Tolmino

Governing Board

Ming Liu

Drew Harton



CELEBRATING LONG-SERVICE WITH BIS

On Friday 16th June, we celebrated and recognized the dedication of our staff with the awarding of long-service awards for those who have been with BIS for 5 years and more. Awards were presented for:

Five Years Service

- Gulnara Derkimbaeva
- Rona Butler
- Andrew Wheeler
- Jan Scott
- Burmakan Birnazarova
- Kanimet Isabekov

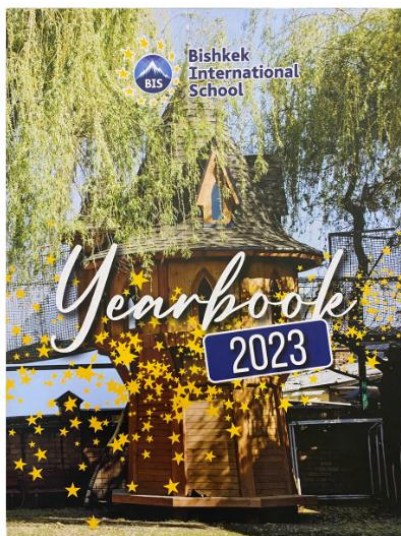
Ten Years Service

- Azamat Kasymov



Congratulations and thank you to all our committed staff who work so hard to ensure that we provide inspirational education in a happy environment.

2022/23 BIS YEARBOOK DOWNLOAD



Please find the 2022/23 Yearbook PDF in [HIGH QUALITY](#) here.

For those who ordered in advance, a **hardback printed copy is available from the school office and can be collected on any working day from 9:00 to 17:00**. We also have a limited number to buy for 3,000 som, for those who forgot to order earlier.

UPDATE ON BIS COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS SURVEY RESULTS 2023

Dear BIS community,

Please kindly find [here](#) the updated version of the Annual community survey for 2022/23. The survey report includes brief ChatGPT summaries of the comments to make your reading smoother.

Nuriza Begalieva, Governance Support Officer

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

After a busy and exciting final week, which culminated in our memorable All Americas Barbecue, we wish BIS students, families and staff a wonderful summer break!

Although students are away, the administration and facilities teams continue to work from Monday to Friday all summer, preparing for next year. We are also open for enrolment visits and fee payment from 9:00 am to 17:00.

If you need to contact the school for anything, please email info@bis.kg or call 0312 214 406.

UPCOMING EVENTS – 2023/24 Calendar is [here](#)

- **21st August, Monday: First Day of School**
- 25th August, Friday: Meet the Teachers
- **31st August, Wednesday: Independence Day - Public Holiday**

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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