



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 2 / 2023-24

25th August 2023

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

On Monday we celebrated our first day of the new school year 2023-2024 together with students, staff, and parents. It was full of smiles, celebrations and encouraging words that brought happy emotions and feelings. The campus buzzed with energy, friends reuniting with laughter and stories from the summer adventures.

Welcome back everyone! We're looking forward to a successful school year ahead. Together, we will make this journey filled with great learning and inspiration and continue to provide the best education for your children.



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Ajibek, Stanislava (Grade 2Y), Saikal (Grade 9),

Bermet, Saadat, Saikal, Dalila, Churek, Cholponai, Aria, Laura, Anel (Grade 11)

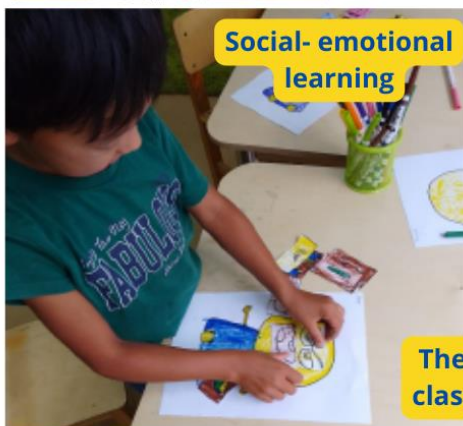
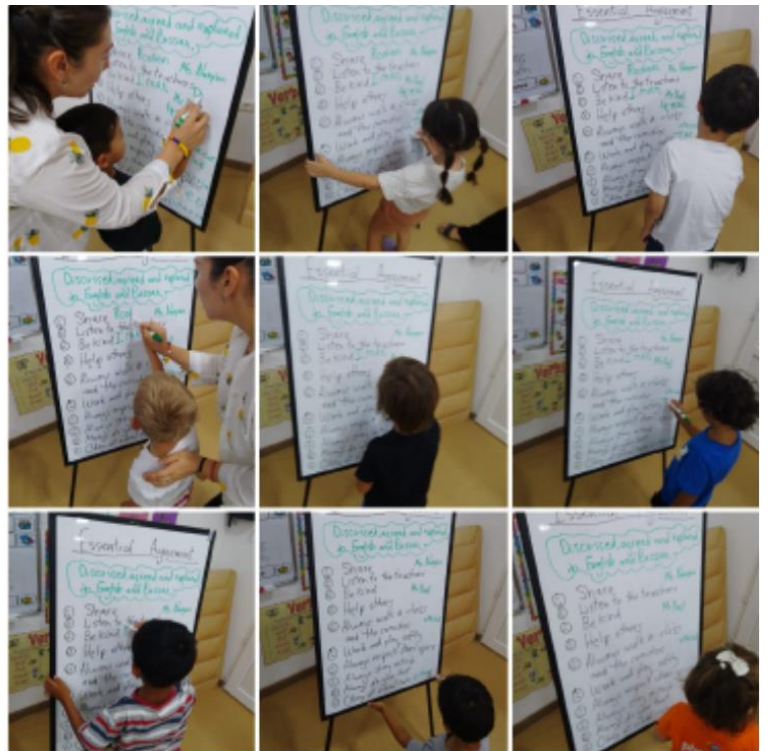
BROC (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator):

Tiana (Grade 2B), all Grade 5Y

FIRST WEEK OF GRADE ZERO

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. We were excited to introduce students to Grade 0.

This week was a success as the students learnt classroom and school procedures, made an essential agreement, and created a classroom family. Students also expressed their feelings about the first week of school through art activities, as well as practised fine motor skills.



BASELINE MATHS TESTS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Primary school will have baseline maths tests in the second week of the school year. Grade 4 & 5 on 28th August, Grade 2 & 3 on 29th, and Grade 0 & 1 on 30th. August 31st is a public holiday, so we will do any catch up tests, for those who missed on earlier, on Friday 1st September. Students do not need specific preparation for these baseline tests which are designed to help teachers understand their students' maths abilities so that education is adapted to help each student achieve their potential. Our maths tests are created and checked by the BIS Maths team.



Baseline tests will happen three times during the school year: in August, December, and May. The results will be used throughout the year to see how well students are doing and to adjust teaching strategies when needed. The baseline test results and the progress made by the child will be reflected in their reports, as a way to understand and celebrate student's progress. Teachers will share in conjunction strategies to target learning goals with families. In communication with parents, we aim to best support our students. We appreciate the learning community support and efforts to develop mathematical skills in our students as a key to lifelong learning goals and personal success. If you have any questions about maths testing in Primary, please email our Primary School Math Leader, Dannelle Dela Cruz dcruz@bis.kg.

Elina Ignatova, Primary School Assistant Principal

NEW FACES AT BIS: MS NADINE

My name is Nadine Lemoine and I am joining the wonderful BIS community as the new MYP Coordinator and Individuals & Societies teacher. I grew up with a diverse cross-cultural background, which exposed me to the world at an early age and deepened my connection to my own humanity. I went to university wanting to study global and environmental issues to make "big changes" in the world, and years and a few degrees later, I was able to work my way up in environmental and human rights NGOs in Afghanistan, Cameroon and the Caribbean.

Discovering my passion for education was a watershed moment, leading me directly towards inquiry based education, outdoor education and the International Baccalaureate. My teaching career has since brought



me to China, South Korea, Albania and Romania. I'm looking forward to sharing my experiences and my love for experiential education with the BIS community!

In recent years, my personal exploration of mindfulness and somatic awareness naturally led me to certifications in yoga instruction, breathwork coaching, and reiki practice. I'm really eager to continue my training during my time in Bishkek and am constantly looking for people to practise with.

Outside of teaching and yoga, I'm passionate about the great outdoors. Whether it's rock climbing, mountain biking, or trail running, the mountains call to me - and I generally try to spend every weekend outside! I'm excited to discover the unique landscapes and ecology of Kyrgyzstan.



Ms. Nadine, MYP Coordinator, Individuals & Societies Teacher

BIS Snapshot: First Day of School!





First Day



of School



LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for August 28th to September 1st is **Menu B**. You can view the [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 – [2023/24 CALENDAR HERE](#)

- **31st August, Thursday: Independence Day - Public Holiday (no school)**
- Friday, 8th September: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- Saturday, 16th September: Asia Day Festival
- Tuesday, 26th September: Sports Day in Spartak Stadium: Grade 4 to 12 **(new date)**
- Friday, 6th October – Saturday, 7th October: CAFA Cross Country (Bishkek, Karagach Park)
- Wednesday, 11th October: Individual Parents-Teacher Meetings
- 16-20 October: Autumn/Fall Break **(no school)**
- Tuesday, 24th October: UN Day at BIS
- Tuesday, 31st October: Fall Festival/Halloween

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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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What a wonderful start to what looks to be an amazing year! It was so wonderful to see all our preschool friends. We have a lot of new friends joining us this year and, soon, old returning friends.

This week we took some time to get to know each other, and also to learn our class rules and routines.

We had a lot of fun playing in the preschool playground and taking part in special classes like PE, Dance, Art and Music.

We expect to have an even better week next week with a few more friends.

Ms. Carmen, Head of Preschool





