



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 4 / 2023-24

8th September 2023

SON KUL ADVENTURES OF GRADE 7

Exploring the stunning landscapes of Son Kul with Grade 7 was unforgettable. They took a dip into the heart of nature, surrounded by stunning mountains and crystal-clear waters. What an incredible adventure it was, made even more special by the lifelong friendships that blossomed during this journey.



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Yeseo (Preschool 1), **Samira** (Grade 2B), **Maya** (Grade 3Y), **Alan** (Grade 5B), **Ramil** (Grade 5B)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Anzu (Preschool 3B), **Asher** (Grade 5B)

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

Ashley (Preschool 1), **Aibek** (Grade 0Y), **Alessandro** (Grade 1B), **Marua** (Grade 3Y)

NEW FACES AT BIS: MS MOEEZA

Greetings, BIS Community,

As the new Head of the Visual Art Department and DP/IGCSE Art Educator at Bishkek International School. I am both honored and excited to embark on this creative journey alongside the remarkable students, dedicated faculty, and vibrant community that make up our school. Allow me to introduce myself and share a glimpse into my world.

I am Moeeza – a visual artist, an educator, and an ardent advocate for the transformative power of art to connect, heal, and inspire. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Pakistan and a Master's in Advanced Teaching from the University of the People in the USA. With a steadfast conviction that art transcends mere expression to become a therapeutic medium, my career is dedicated to nurturing creativity and guiding students through the profound journey of artistic exploration.

Born and raised in Pakistan, my love for both art and education has carried me across continents. From showcasing my artwork in galleries spanning the globe to teaching in diverse corners of the world, my experiences have woven together a distinctive tapestry of creativity and pedagogy that shapes my distinctive approach. With over seven years of teaching in international settings, my role extends beyond honing artistic skills to encompass cultivating cross-cultural understanding and nurturing a global perspective.

My husband and I, along with our two children recently embarked on a new chapter by moving to Bishkek. We are eager to immerse ourselves in the rich Kyrgyz culture and traditions, seeking to learn, appreciate, and share our own experiences. I look forward to a year of exploration, growth, and collaboration, as we engage in creative endeavors that extend beyond the classroom. With the incredible team here at BIS and the boundless enthusiasm of our students, I am confident that together, we will not only create remarkable art but also inspire positive change through our shared passion.

Here's to a year filled with artistic expression, cultural appreciation, and meaningful connections. Let us paint our world with colors of imagination and empathy, for through art, we find not only beauty but also the stories that make us truly human.

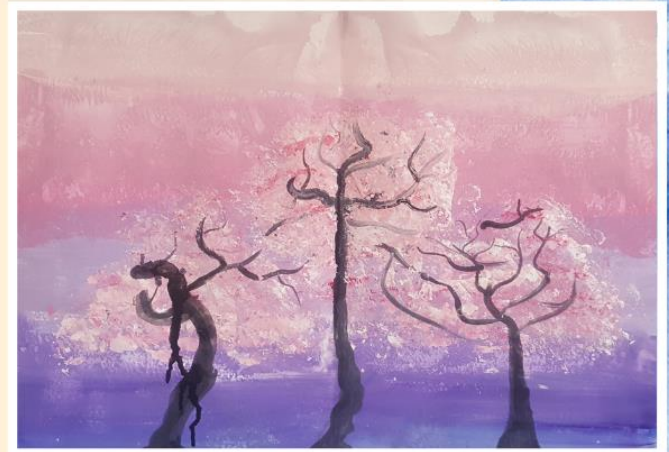


Ms. Moeeza, Head of Visual Arts

MYP students' paintings became masterful! They captured the happiness and sorrow of the trees and make the trees perform a dance in a painting.

Very expressive, very soulful and beautiful!

Ms. Didi, Art Teacher



GRADE 6 AND 7 SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS



DNA extraction



The elephant's toothpaste



Fantastic foamy fountain



ASIA DAY FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT BIS

The BIS Asia Day Festival is on Saturday 16th September, 10:00 am to 13:00, as a celebration event for the wider community. If you are interested in creating a display table or activities to celebrate the special features of any Asian country or culture, please let me know as soon as possible via mosmonova@bis.kg, so that we can add your country or culture to the postcards for stamp collections as children move around the event. **If you are interested in representing any Asian country or culture at the event, please email me via mosmonova@bis.kg and we can arrange something together!**

Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration, Deputy Head of School



You are invited!

Asia Day Festival



Travel around Asia with BIS Asia Day Festival celebrations where you can encounter Asian food, performances, music and much more!

SATURDAY, 16TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

10.00 AM TO 13.00 PM

BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

67A BRONIROVANNAYA ST.

CURRICULUM-FOCUSED PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

we want your feedback!

TAKE THE SURVEY

Dear MYP Parents,

Please take a moment to fill out our [short survey](#) about your child's learning.

Your insights will guide our upcoming Parent Curriculum Information Sessions. Please complete it by **September 30th**.

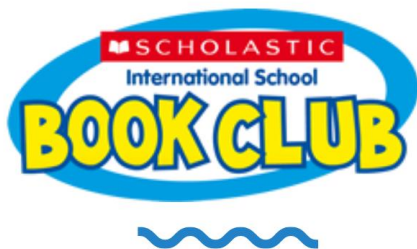
Ms Nadine, MYP Coordinator



LIBRARY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

We are happy to announce that our Book Club is up and running!

The Scholastic International School Book Club is a fantastic way to get great value children's books from around the world.



SEPTEMBER SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS



EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

SHOP AT:

<https://eu-shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/bishkekinternationalschool>

THE BOOKS WILL BE DELIVERED TO BIS DIRECTLY FROM THE UK (IN NOVEMBER).



If you have any questions about book ordering please feel free to ask library@bis.kg

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR FOSTERING A LOVE FOR READING IN OUR STUDENTS.

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 11th – 15th is **Menu D**.

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 is [here](#)

- Saturday, 16th September: Asia Day Festival
- Tuesday, 26th September: Sports Day in Spartak Stadium: Grade 4 to 12 (new date)
- Friday, September 29th: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association (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
- 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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Connecting the BIS Community

www.bailanysh.com



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BIS Facebook - facebook.com/biskgz



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Parents Association - facebook.com/bis.parents.127



PRESCHOOL 1

Preschool 1 started the theme "Who We Are" in our unit of inquiry. During this time, we created a lovely family tree, delved into fascinating books about different family members, and explored catchy songs

related to body parts. In our Kyrgyz lesson with Ms. Laura, we even got to create stars in the sky, adding a touch of wonder to our learning experience.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, our friend Leila joined Preschool 2 after the summer holidays. The kids were really happy to see her again, and it was nice to see how much they missed each other.

We continued our topic “We all have families”, and the kids talked about what they like to do with their families. They mentioned things like riding bikes, going to Issyk-Kul, reading books, making cookies, and playing games. After that, we decided to do one of these activities and we baked cupcakes with our friends. The kids had a great time mixing ingredients.

They were so proud of what they made they couldn't wait to share them with their families at home.

In our math lessons, we focused on the number 1. We played an exciting game, where we had to find the number 1 in the hallway. The kids had a lot of fun searching for it.

It's been a great week full of laughter, learning, and love. We are looking forward to another week of exciting adventure with our little ones.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

I'm super excited to share what we did in the 3rd week of our learning journey.

In our awesome activities, we focused on the letter "s" and had a blast exploring its sound and words that start with "s". We practiced saying "s" and had fun coming up with words like "sun", "snake", and "star".

But that's not all! We also kicked off our adventure with the letter "a". We started learning about its sound and discovered words like "apple", "ant", and "alligator".

Our learning sessions were filled with laughter, creativity, and lots of hands-on activities. We used colorful materials, sang catchy songs, and played engaging games to make learning even more exciting.

Keep an eye out for more incredible progress and thrilling activities in the weeks to come. We're on a roll, and I can't wait to see what we'll achieve together!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3B Homeroom Teacher



