



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 5 / 2023-24

15th September 2023

ASIA DAY FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER

Our Asia Day Festival is this Saturday 16th September and everyone is welcome to celebrate with us.

We have interesting games for children and beautiful performances of Asian culture. Join us and learn more about Asia and our school!

Students will earn points for their houses if they come in the national costume of any country in Asia.

Date: 16 September.

Time: 10:00-13:00.

Place: BIS, 67A, Bronirovannaya St.

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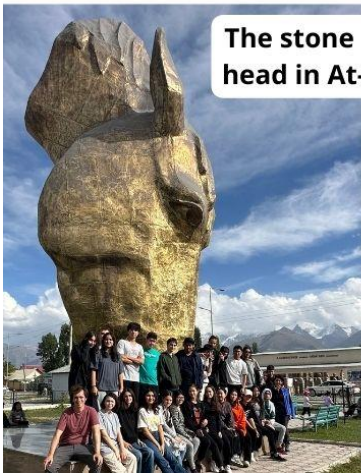
Asia Day Festival

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

GRADE 11 TRIP TO NARYN REGION

Last week our Grade 11 students had an incredible trip to Naryn exploring the stunning landscapes and rich historical heritage of this region. It was a fun journey full of lasting memories.





The stone horse head in At-Bashi



Making boorsok



CPR, BROG AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

James (Grade 3B)

Momoka (Grade 3Y)

David (Grade 5Y)

Wilhelmina (Grade 6B)

Massimo (Grade 8B)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Ayana (Grade 3B)

Philipp (Grade 3B)

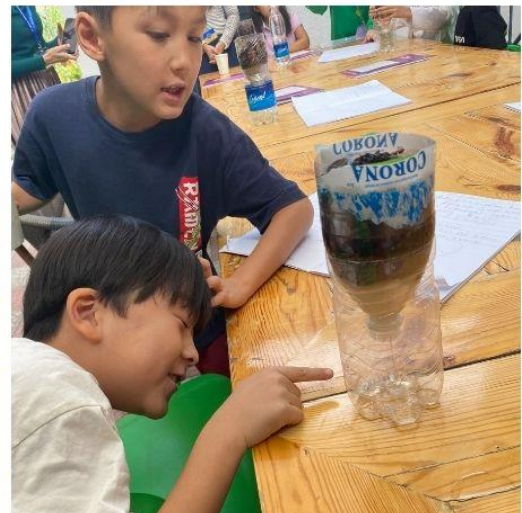
WATER FILTRATION EXPERIMENT IN GRADE 3 YELLOW



In an exciting science experiment, our enthusiastic third graders recently dived into the world of water filtration. We created our very own DIY water filtration system using a plastic bottle, cotton, sand and wood chips.



The most exciting part was when we poured dirty water into our filtration system, and voilà! Clean water started dripping into the container below. It was incredible to see how the filter trapped the dirt, leaving us with crystal-clear water.



NEW FACES AT BIS: MR ROBERT

My name is Robert Fenn and I have long had a passion for science and education.

Having obtained a Botany degree from Nottingham University, I was able to combine this with my love of aviation by completing an MSc at Cranfield University in Bio-Aeronautics. This led to me spending two years with the Aerial Spraying Research and Development Project in Zimbabwe researching ways of eliminating the dread tsetse fly from the African bush.

After completing my research project, I returned to the UK and joined the Natural Resources Institute being involved in many varied projects involving novel ways of killing things including using insect growth regulators against armyworm in Zambia and Tanzania, and viruses against various unfortunate caterpillar species in the lab in Kent.

Slowly I metamorphosed into a project manager finding myself some years later working as an IT & Facilities Manager and Health & Safety Officer for a medium sized company also involved in international development.

Soon I yearned once again for foreign adventures and so headed to Scotland and retrained as a teacher. After a year working at Abertay University in Dundee I accidentally got a teaching job in Kathmandu Nepal, since when I have worked in United Arab Emirates and latterly in Malaysia where I was Head of the International School.



Mr. Robert, Head of Sciences



Our Grade 8 Blue students engaged in a hands-on activity to better understand the human digestive system, where they simulated the entire digestive process. This interactive learning experience allowed them to visualize and appreciate the complex journey that food takes through our bodies.



GRADE 8 AT ISSYK KUL



Last week, the Grade 8 students embarked on a two-day excursion to Issyk-Kul. On the initial day, they enjoyed activities like swimming and playing volleyball at the beach. On the following day, they embarked on a boat trip to appreciate the lake's natural beauty and in the evening, they anticipated team-building games. The trip helped students gain real-world experience that cannot be taught in a classroom, opening their minds to different locations in Kyrgyzstan and allowing students to socialize with peers outside of the school.



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**.

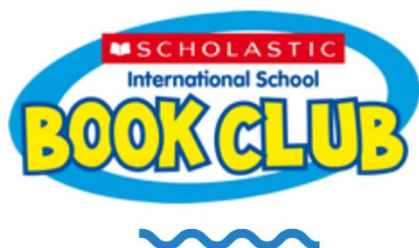
Ms Nadine, MYP Coordinator



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!

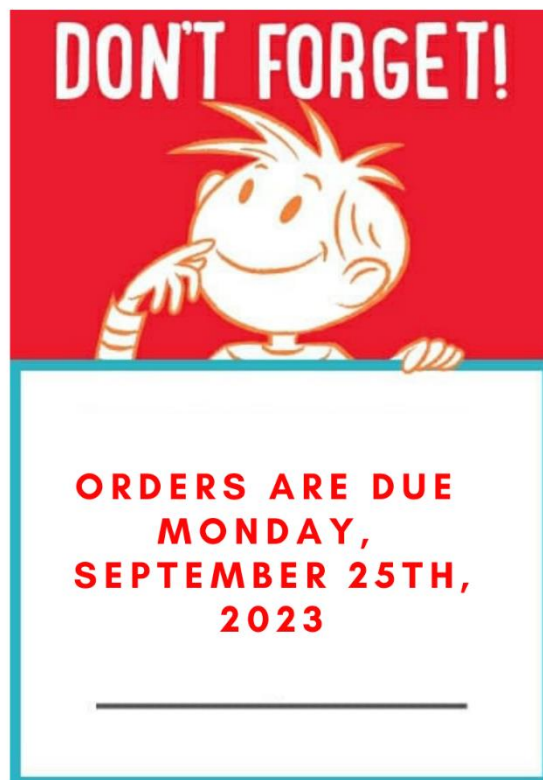
SHOP AT:

<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 18th – 22nd is **Menu A**.

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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BIS Alumni Association - [@bis_alumni](#)



BIS Facebook - facebook.com/biskgz



Act for Community - [@actcom.bis](#)



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



PRESCHOOL 1

Preschool 1 friends had a wonderful week full of fun activities that foster their creativity and physical development. Through art, they explore a world of

colors and shapes. During PE time, they had coordination challenges and exciting games.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

What a wonderful week it has been! We have a new friend named Genrih in our class! Our little ones were very kind and made him feel very welcome. They had a lot of fun playing together and making new memories.

This week, we began talking about "Friendship". We talked about how friends are the ones who make us smile, play with us, and help us when we need it.

To celebrate the friendship growing in our class, we made a beautiful Friendship Tree in the hallway. The kids added their handprints, and it became a colorful symbol of our class coming together and the special connections we have.

In math class, we started learning about circles. The children had a great time learning about this shape through fun activities. Next week we will continue to explore the theme of friendship.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We are excited to share with you what your children have been learning in preschool. This week, our focus has been on the letter 'T' and the numbers '6, 7, and 8'. Our little ones had a blast learning about the letter 'T'. We started by introducing them to the sound it makes and then moved on to words that start with the letter 'T'. You'll be pleased to know that your children have become quite the experts in identifying things that start with the letter 'T', such as turtles, trains, and toys. We even created a fun craft letter 'T' and

decorated it. In addition to learning about the letter 'T', we also spent time on numbers '6, 7, and 8'. We introduced the concept of counting and taught them how to recognize and write each number. Your children had a great time counting objects and playing number recognition games, such as matching numbers to objects. We are thrilled to see such progress in your children's learning. Next we will learn about the letter 'I' and the number 11 and 12.

Ms. Carmen, Preschool 3Y Homeroom Teacher, Head of Preschool

