



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 7 / 2023-24

29th September 2023

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

Our Annual Sports Day took place this Tuesday at Spartak Stadium. Students from Grade 4 to Grade 12 competed in various competitions, including the 60m, 100m, 400m, 800m, 4x100m relay, long jump and shot put.

Congratulations to all the participants and the medal winners! We were proud to witness the strong team spirit shown by our teams throughout the event.



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Calvin (Grade 3Y), **Kseniia** (Grade 3B), **Aaron** (Grade 4Y), **Zimo** (Grade 5Y), **Yakub** (Grade 6)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Aidan (Grade 3Y), **Nathan** (Grade 3B), **Alisha** (Grade 3B)

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

Maya (Grade 2B), **Eren** (Grade 2B), **Uluk** (Grade 5B)

CELEBRATING MOON CAKE FESTIVAL



For the moon cake festival Grade 6 Chinese group made mooncakes and drank tea during the first period on Friday in the small cafeteria.

Grace, Grade 6 Mandarin Student



RUGBY WORKSHOP AT BIS



BIS hosted coaches from Wales for a rugby skills workshop on Thursday 28 September. With the Rugby World Cup currently underway in France, the Kyrgyz Rugby Federation used the momentum to expand the game with Kyrgyzstan through a few select schools in Bishkek. We were fortunate to host the outgoing and energetic pair of Darren and Lauren at BIS who taught our students about the game of rugby, the country of Wales, and a few life lessons on dealing with adversity.



BIS Snapshot: Sports Day



NEW FACES AT BIS: MR DANIEL

My name is Daniel Cullington and I am grateful to be joining the BIS community in the English department for grades 6 to 9. I am also one of the coaches for the boys U15 basketball team this year.

My desire to teach abroad stems from my boarding school experience. I enjoyed learning, working, and living with people from all over the world. My experience in high school and immersing myself in an international community made me want to work and live in other countries rather than simply travel. I have been fortunate to live and work in the Czech Republic, Thailand, Vietnam, United States, and most recently Myanmar. My time in Myanmar made me appreciate the gift of being an international teacher and the opportunity to learn from resilient young people in the face of adversity.

I have already appreciated working with and learning from the staff and students here at BIS, and I look forward to continuing this positive momentum into the rest of the year and beyond.



Mr. Daniel, English Language and Literature Teacher

PRACTICING COMPUTER SKILLS



Grade Zero is practicing their computer skills through hand-on activities during ICT lessons. Students are learning how to use a keyboard and mouse, including left, right, and double click functions. They had an interactive activity tracing the shapes of letters using a computer mouse while simultaneously listening to the corresponding phonic sounds.



HOW DO LUNGS WORK: HUMAN BODY PROJECT FOR KIDS



Grade 2Y students have been exploring lungs, the essential organs responsible for oxygenating our bodies. Using everyday materials, each student created a model pair of lungs.



This hands-on project allowed students to visualize these vital respiratory organs.



GRADE 5 BLUE AND YELLOW TRIP TO KARAGACH PARK



Safiia: I learned that a lot of people litter in the woods.



Umai: We did some activities like finding things that have certain colours and we collected trash to clean the park. I saw many insects there. I enjoyed the trip.



Altai: I learned that picking up trash just for 10 minutes can make a difference.



Dana: We did activities to learn about science for our unit of inquiry, How the World Works.



Mason: I saw colorful leaves and a lot of bugs!



Jessica: I thought it was fun. We saw firebugs on the trees because they eat sap. I thought that they only ate other bugs.



Alan C: I learned that the red bugs that we saw are called firebugs.



Asher: I found out that firebugs eat seeds and are eaten by birds.



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



LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for October 2nd – 6th is **Menu C**.

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](#)

- 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
- Tuesday-Wednesday, 7th-8th November: Days of History & Memory of Ancestors
- Wednesday, 8th November: Staff In-Service Training
- Saturday, 18th November: Friendsgiving Dinner – Parents Association
- Saturday, 25th November: BIS Annual Debate Tournament
- Wednesday, 29th November: PYP Student led Conferences

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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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PRESCHOOL 1

Preschool 1 students are smart and curious. They've learned to count to 1, 2, 3, recognize red and yellow colors, and sing a song about body parts. This week,

they had their first earthquake drill, and they did really well by being brave and following instructions. We're very proud of them!

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

It's been another wonderful week here in Preschool 2! We've had a lot of fun and learning in our classroom.

This week, we focused on taking care of ourselves and those around us by learning about something very small but important - germs! We found out that germs are tiny, invisible creatures that can make us sick. By washing our hands correctly, we can protect ourselves and others from spreading germs. We learned that germs can be found not just on our hands but also on our clothes, toys, and almost everywhere! With the help of magnifying glasses, our little friends took a closer look at our toys to see these tiny germs up close.

One of the most exciting things we did this week was

a glitter germ experiment. We added glitter (representing germs) to the water and watched as they quickly moved away when we added soap. It was a good demonstration of how germs are scared of soap. After that, we interacted with these "germs" (glitters) and practiced proper handwashing techniques at the sink to ensure our hands were clean.

In our math lessons, we explored triangle shapes. We used Lego constructions to make triangles, making learning about shapes interactive and fun.

It's been a great week, and we look forward to more exciting adventures in the coming weeks.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We are excited to share with you that our Preschool friends have been having a blast learning about the letter "P" in class. One of the highlights has been making pizzas together! The friends were able to use their creativity to design their own pizzas. In addition to making pizza, the children have also been practicing their color recognition skills by creating mandala art. Using a variety of colorful materials, the children were able to create beautiful designs while learning about

different colors and shapes. It was amazing to see their excitement and pride as they completed their artwork. We hope that your child has been enjoying these activities as much as we have. We believe that hands-on learning experiences are the best way for young children to develop their skills and knowledge. We look forward to sharing more exciting activities next week when we will be learning about the letter 'n' and doing more fun activities with colors and shapes.

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

