



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 9 / 2023-24

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## CAFA CROSS COUNTRY 2023

On Friday and Saturday, BIS hosted CAFA Cross Country at Karagach Park for the 7 schools from Almaty, Astana, Tashkent and Bishkek. 190 runners participated 10 different vents in two age categories, separated by gender, except in the relay.

All schools enjoyed the event and all went home with some medals. Six of the seven schools won team awards. BIS cross country teams did very well, with 2<sup>nd</sup> place Team Trophies in U19 Girls, U15 Girls, U19 Boys, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Team Trophy for U15 Boys, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the U19 Relay.

Well done to everyone who made this such a special sports competition. **Watch the X-Country video [here](#).**





## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

### **CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):**

**Elima** (Grade 3B), **Misha** (Grade 3B), **Saina** (Grade 5Y),  
**Jasmine** (Grade 5Y), **Aichurek** (Grade 6Y)

### **KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):**

**Nathan** (Grade 3B), **Dameli** (Grade 3Y), **all Grade 4B**, **Bilim** (Grade 7Y)

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

**Eldar** (Grade 3B), **Ludmy** (Grade 3Y), **Isaac** (Grade 3Y)

## **BRING YOUR PARENTS TO SCHOOL DAY**

### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

For Preschool and Primary, we have our first 'Bring Your Parents To School' days from November 9-17, to give you a brief taste of life in the classroom for your children.

- **All Preschool** - Thursday 9th November - 7:45 - 9:15
- **Grade 0** - Friday 10th November - 7:45 - 9:15
- **Grade 1** - Monday 13th November - 7:45 - 9:15
- **Grade 2** - Tuesday 14th November - 7:45 - 9:15
- **Grade 3** - Wednesday 15th November - 7:45 - 9:15
- **Grade 4** - Thursday 16th November - 7:45 - 9:15
- **Grade 5** - Friday 17th November - 7:45 - 9:15

From 7:45 am, parents will have coffee/snacks and a presentation/discussion about the Primary Years Programme with Maria Corbett, PYP Coordinator. At 8:15 (Preschool) or 8:30 (Primary), you will join your child's class to observe short 15 minute sessions in the Homeroom, Library and Music or Dance.



[\*\*SIGN UP HERE\*\*](#)

Reserve your place as an official guest of your child for their special invite day.

**Elina Ignatova, Primary School Assistant  
Principal**



# BIS Snapshot: CAFA Cross Country 2023





## NEW FACES AT BIS: MS AIGERIM

“Teaching is not a job. It’s a lifestyle. It permeates your whole life.”

My name is Aigerim Zhumabayeva, and I am happy to be a co-teacher in BIS. I am from beautiful Kyrgyzstan, I have a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Arabaeva and my specialty is English language. This will be my first year at BIS and I am very excited for my journey of learning and teaching.

I have a true passion for working with our youngest learners and help each child progress in all areas of their development - academic, social and language which is a challenge that I am honored to accept daily. I strive to create a community of learners that nurtures this growth in a positive and fun environment.

Throughout my life and my professional career, I have worked in different countries like UAE and Qatar while working with different people from all over the world. I have also travelled frequently which gave me a chance to learn a lot about other cultures and traditions and I am looking forward to share all my experience with my students and encourage them to achieve their academic and personal goals.



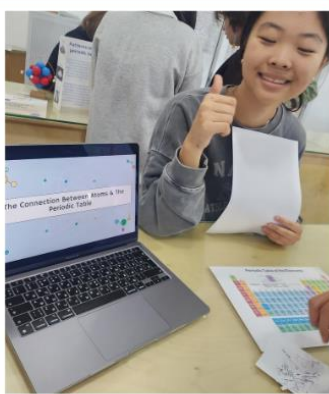
Fun facts about me: I ran the marathon 2 years in a row, in an effort to support the preservation of Snow leopards. Also I have hiked to the beautiful lakes of Kol-Tor and Kol-Kogur and I advise everyone to experience these mesmerizing views.

I look forward to this year with my students learning together creating a strong bond and trust between us.



**Ms. Aigerim, Grade 4 Yellow Co-Teacher**

## CONSTRUCTION OF ATOM MODEL IN GRADE 8





# MYP STUDENTS' SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING BAG DESIGNS



MYP students expand their creativity on designing shopping bags. This is a move to propagate using less plastic bags to save our planet. They get to find their own unique style and express themselves freely in a form of art and design.

**Ms Didi, Art Teacher**





## SIGN LANGUAGE AND NON-VERBAL STORYTELLING

Grade 0 presented at the assembly for the lower elementary last Friday. As part of our concluding activities linked to senses, and our Unit of Inquiry, "Who We Are," students shared their learning about hearing.

In order to think about different ways that we can communicate, we learned that some people cannot hear properly, or at all. In order to develop empathy, understanding and compassion, the children studied and practised some words in American Sign Language (ASL). Students introduced themselves to the lower elementary in ASL, having learned how to sign their names.

Our class parents collaborated. They were asked, and supported their children with practising ASL at home.

After signing their names at the assembly, Grade 0 then presented a non-verbal puppet show of three short stories, which used emotions and gestures to convey their meaning. The audience of students had to watch carefully in order to understand the sketches. It built a connection between the performing students, while also promoting sensitivity and inclusivity. And to those watching whose second language was English, they were not excluded from understanding the puppet stories because a non-verbal form of communication was involved.





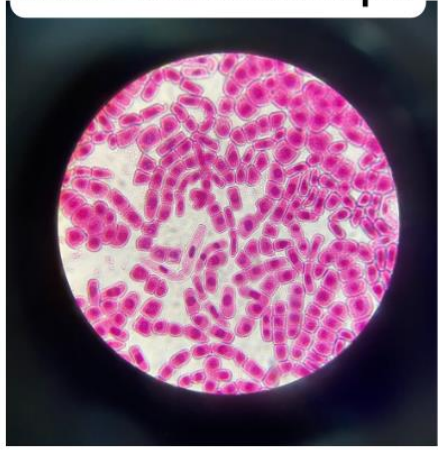
# GRADE 11 BIOLOGY CLASS



During Biology experiment grade 11 students found mitosis phases of cell division under the microscope.



Mitosis in garlic root tip under the microscope.







Perfect Weather for Outdoor Fun







# **UN DAY at BIS**

**24TH OCTOBER, 2023**

**Dress up in your country's national costume, or in colors of your nation's flag!**

**Take part in the UN Parade and represent your country along other nations!**





TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2023

# FALL FESTIVAL/HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION AT BIS

For High and Middle school students:

- Movie night
- face painting
- game

-Hot cocoa with marshmallow sale  
Organized by Student Council

For Preschool and Primary students:

- fun games

**BE READY FOR FUN AND ACTIVITIES!**



Dress up as a spooky character and earn house points!





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

- 16-20 October: Autumn/Fall Break
- Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October: UN Day at BIS
- Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October: Fall Festival/Halloween
- Tuesday-Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November: Days of History & Memory of Ancestors
- Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November: Staff In-Service Training
- Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November: Friendsgiving Dinner – Parents Association
- Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November: BIS Annual Debate Tournament
- Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November: PYP Student led Conferences
- Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December: BIS Anniversary Show – Official School Day
- Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - 5<sup>th</sup> January – Winter break

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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

Keeping our hands clean is really important. When we wash our hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, we get rid of germs that can make us sick. We should always wash our hands before eating, after

using the restroom, and after being in public places. By doing this, we can stay healthy. Preschool 1 students have learned and are following these rules well.

**Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher**





## PRESCHOOL 2

It was the last week of the first term, and our Preschool 2 friends reviewed all the topics we've covered this term - families, friends, understanding germs, and the importance of eating healthy food. Together, we also went over numbers 1, 2, and 3, engaging in creative number crafts and enjoying fun

activities. The first term has been truly remarkable, marked by growth, the development of new friendships, and numerous exciting discoveries. We're incredibly proud of the progress our young learners have made!

**Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher**





### PRESCHOOL 3

As Term 1 of our preschool program draws to a close, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences we have shared with your children. It has been a joy to watch them grow and learn in our care.

Throughout the term, we have explored a variety of themes ranging from colors and shapes to animals and nature. Our aim has been to provide a safe and nurturing environment where children can develop

their social, emotional, and cognitive skills. We encouraged them to express themselves, make new friends, and engage in creative play.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited to continue this journey with your children and build upon the progress they have made. We extend our heartfelt thanks for entrusting us with their care and for your ongoing support.

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





