



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

**VOICES**



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!**

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for 2020! We hope you have had a restful break and are ready to return to school and begin our second semester – one which we are sure will be full of new learning experiences and discoveries.

With a dedicated staff team and a wonderfully supportive community, our students are ready to learn and to make a positive difference in the world. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families to BIS, and we look forward to getting to know you and your children.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Everyone is happy to see their friends after a long winter break!



## ORPHANAGE DONATIONS

On Saturday 14th of December, several community members visited two orphanage houses. In the morning, we visited young children in the “Specialized Center for Rehabilitation of Children and Families” where we spent some time playing with them, giving them our presents and sharing specially made desserts!

In the afternoon, we moved to a local orphanage house called “Happy Children” which supports children from the ages of 4 to 18 in Tokmok. They were so happy to see us, they helped with our donations and introduced themselves. Some of them even shared with us their plans for the future!

One of the children was celebrating her birthday and was excited that our visit and her special day coincided. Together we sang ‘Happy Birthday’ in Russian and English! We gave the children our presents, and received thank you cards that they had made especially for us. You can come to take a look at the beautiful cards in our Preschool area of the school.

I would like to say a huge thank you for your generous donations towards these orphanages; together we were able to provide clothes, baby foods, food products, stationery products, books, diapers, toys, cleaning products and holiday sweets to fifty-three children. On behalf of the children and workers at the orphanages, I would like to thank the whole community for the generous donations and to the parents who volunteered their time for the visit.

**Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Form Teacher**



# BIS Snapshot: Ded Moroz Gifts



## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS UPDATE



On **Wednesday 15th January**, from **15:10 - 18:10**, BIS will hold parent-teacher meetings for all parents of children from **Preschool 1 up to DP2**.

Prior to these meetings, parents will receive a printed copy of their child's Semester 1 report, which details their progress and achievement from the period of August - December.

These meetings are an opportunity for parents to discuss the information contained in the report (academic progress, skill development, participation and any steps for future improvement) in more detail.

You are invited to click on [this link](#) to schedule a time to meet with each of your child's teachers.

The school will provide tea, coffee and snacks for parents from 15:30 in the café.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We are happy to announce that our January Book Club is up and running! You can start shopping online from January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Please note that in order to reduce paper usage, we no longer have paper leaflets for the Book Club. Instead, please feel free to browse the virtual catalogue using the following links:

[For primary students](#)

[For kids 11+](#)

If you are interested in placing an order, there are two easy ways to do so:

1. Order & Pay [online](#) (with your credit card)

2. Submit the [order form](#) and money to our cashier, Aigul.

**EVERY ORDER OVER £10 EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!**

All orders will be delivered to our School in February.

Should you have any questions about book ordering please feel free to ask - [library@bis.kg](mailto:library@bis.kg)

A promotional graphic for the Scholastic Book Club. At the top left is the Scholastic International School Book Club logo. Below it, the text reads "New year, new books!". To the right, a collection of children's books is displayed, including "Dog Man", "The Day the Banana Went Bad", "Attack of the 50-Foot Fly Guy", "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown", and "My Book of Rocks and Minerals". Below the books, the text says "Browse our virtual catalogue". On the right side, a blue box contains the text: "Our highlights: You can shop all the latest and greatest children's books, carefully chosen to encourage reading for pleasure, quickly and easily online." At the bottom, another blue box states: "ORDERS ARE DUE: 8th February, 2020".

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January: Individual Parent-Teacher meetings
- Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January: Winter Sports Day
- Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February: Teacher In-Service Training
- Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February: Valentine's Day organized by students
- Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February: Mother Tongue Day
- Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Homeland Defender's Day
- Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February: Science Fair

More information about all these events will be sent to you later, or see <http://www.bis.kg>

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for January 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> is [Menu A](#).

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.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have anything you want to discuss or any suggestions for the school, please contact your Form Teacher and they will either answer directly or pass the message on to the right person. Messages can be sent in English or Russian, or in your own language. If you do not know the correct email address for the person you want to write to, please write to [info@bis.kg](mailto:info@bis.kg) and our Reception will forward your email to the right person.



On behalf of the Preschool team, we want to welcome all our preschool parents and students to 2020!

We hope everyone had a fantastic holiday! We are so happy to be back for a new and exciting term. It promises to be filled with lots of opportunities and new experiences for all of us, and we can't wait to share it with everyone as we continue our weekly newsletters.

Enjoy looking through the photos below which show you a glimpse of all the fun we have had in our first three days back!

**The Preschool Team**

