



## WINTER SPORTS DAY

On Friday last week BIS celebrated our annual Winter Sports Day with more students than ever before! This year, over 150 staff and students from Primary 3 – DP2 signed up for a day of fun in the mountains. Our convoy of 11 minibuses set off for Chunkurchak Ski Base just after 8am for a day of skiing, snowboarding, sledding and picnicking. Whilst some students whizzed down the mountain with ease, others enjoyed their first taste of winter sports with a one-to-one lesson, and others had fun slipping and sliding on sleds. With blue skies and sunshine, we all enjoyed the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air. As well as being an excellent chance for students to develop their skills and have fun, the day also gave students an opportunity to demonstrate their resilience and teamwork skills. It was fantastic to see students of all ages and levels of experience come together to help each other carry equipment, put on ski boots, ride the ski lifts and pull sleds up the hill. While the older students were away, children from Preschool 1 to Primary 2 enjoyed having the school to themselves for their day of winter activities. A big thank you to Mr Alex, Ms Hollis, Ms Mirzat and Ms Ermek who made this logistically complex day so wonderful, and to the preschool and lower primary team for their work in organising events for our younger BIS students.



## CHINESE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE OF IGCSE1

This year, China celebrated Spring Festival on 25<sup>th</sup> January. With the purpose of learning how Chinese people celebrate it and what kind of traditions they have, IGCSE 1 Mandarin class went to experience Chinese cuisine.

Read Bektur's account below:

*On 28<sup>th</sup> January, we went to the Chinese restaurant, "Mei Shi Chen". We learned more about Chinese culture whilst sitting around the round table. We ordered delicious Chinese food and enjoyed it while having very interesting conversations about politics!*

*After eating the delicious lunch, we had at the restaurant, we took some pictures and returned to school.*

*The trip was very fun and we, as a class, learned more about the Chinese culture.*

*We hope we can learn even more!*

**Bektur, IGCSE 1 Student**



## NEW FACES: MS. EMIMA

Hi BIS Community,

I'm Emima but my friends call me Emma.

Before BIS, I worked at a private international company and my role was a tutor; I mentored students in how to have a well-rounded life.

There, I enjoyed my opportunity to meet people from many different backgrounds and cultures. It was a wonderful experience.

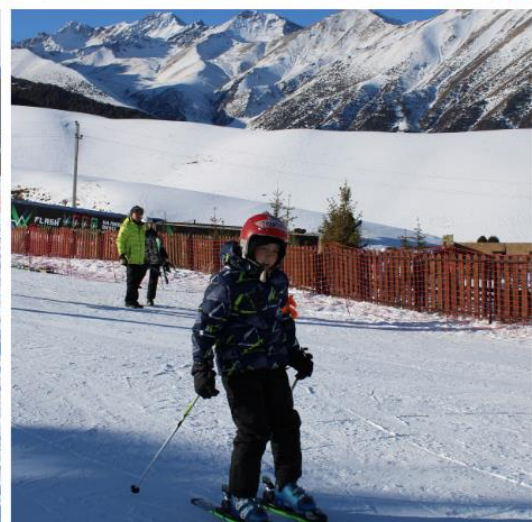
Since then, I have been keen to grow my educational and pedagogical understanding. At the same time, I received the great opportunity of working here at BIS.

One of my greatest strengths is that I am very teachable and I'm open to try new things. This is inline with IB's philosophy that we are all life-long learners.

I believe that's why BIS is the right place for me; I get the opportunity to grow and learn!

**Ms. Emima, Primary 3 Co-teacher**

# BIS Snapshot: Winter Sports Day



## LANGUAGES IN OUR LIVES - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY



On **Friday 21st February**, BIS will celebrate '**Mother Tongue Day**', an international day which works to encourage and celebrate linguistic diversity. To help us all recognise and celebrate the huge number of languages spoken across our school community, this year BIS will be calling it 'Languages in Our Lives'. We hope this alternative name acknowledges that lots of us have several languages in our lives, and these could be languages we consider a 'mother tongue', languages we speak fluently for another reason or languages which hold a special place in our hearts because of many different factors! To help us celebrate the day, there will be different activities going on for our pre-school, PYP and MYP students. IGCSE and DP students will have a chance to get involved as well!

We invite all students to come to school in an outfit that represents a language or country which is close to their heart. Students and teachers can win house points on the day by seeing Ms Bojana in the Primary Library! Throughout the day we will also be creating a collaborative language board in the café where everyone from the community will be invited to contribute an idea or thought in a language they speak. Look out for this when you come to school on Friday 21st!

Finally, over the next few weeks, Mr Tim will be visiting homerooms and lessons to film our students and teachers speaking different languages. He will be making a video which captures as many different languages as possible from across the school. This video will be shown in assemblies and homerooms on the 21st!

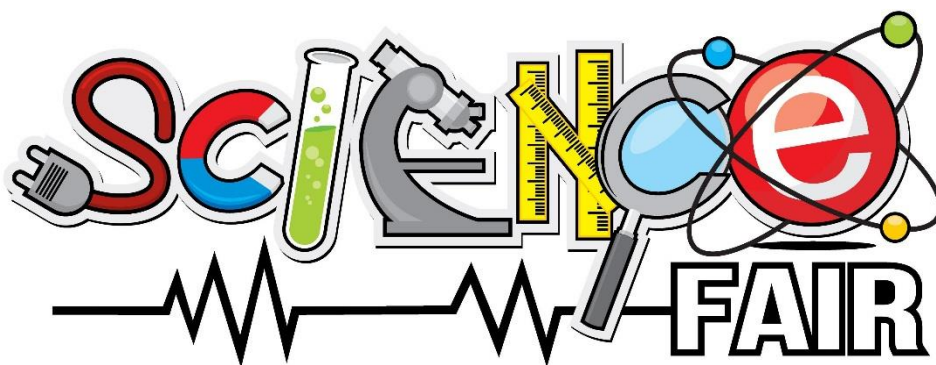
We hope that everyone will be excited to get involved in the different things we have planned for the day – and in the celebration of languages the languages which are important to you.

More information and reminders will be sent closer to the time.

**Ms. Esther, Head of Language Acquisition**

## SCIENCE FAIR! HOW ARE PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY INVOLVED?

As well as having secondary school student visitors to the class, sharing their knowledge and love of science, preschool and primary students are also able to contribute to the fair on Wednesday 26th February. Preschool and Primary students will not be officially judged in the fair though will receive a certificate of participation. For students interested in being a part of the fair, there is no specific criteria set other than showcasing an experiment they have completed at home or are demonstrating at the fair. The older students will have science boards displaying key information though for primary this is not a requirement. Be it in photo form, poster form, or an idea being presented in the moment, we are aiming for our younger scientists to communicate their interest for science in whichever way they feel comfortable, and to experience being a part of a community of scientists. If your child is interested in presenting at the fair, please email their homeroom teacher and Mr Ethan ([enarimatsu@bis.kg](mailto:enarimatsu@bis.kg)) to secure a spot.



**Ms. Krishna, PYP Coordinator**

## **PAMC ANNUAL BREAKFAST APPRECIATION FOR BIS STAFF – FRIDAY FEB 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Let's thank all of the wonderful staff at BIS – our "everyday heroes" – who educate and support our children every day. PAMC is hosting a breakfast from 07:30 till 09:00, and we would greatly appreciate if you could make something special for them e.g.: pancakes, waffles, or cheese, fruits; or whatever you would like to treat BIS staff with. You can leave the food early on Thursday afternoon if convenient or your children can bring it on the 14th morning and leave them in the cafeteria area or at the reception and it will be put on the table and served with tea and coffee.

**Nirika Koirala, PAMC Chair**

**Thank you to all BIS Staff!**

# OUR ANNUAL APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

**FRIDAY FEB 14, 2020  
07:30 am to 09:00 am  
BIS SCHOOL**

**ORGANIZED BY PAMC**

## BISA 2020 CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to our BIS Basketball Teams for all the effort and success!



### Varsity boys

BIS v. Oxford/QSI – 37 : 23  
BIS v. HAB – 23 : 41  
BIS v. SRIS – 8 : 37  
BIS v. UWIS – 26 : 27



### Varsity girls

BIS v. HAB – 20 : 22  
BIS v. HAB – 13 : 23  
BIS v. HAB – 15 : 13

### Junior Varsity boys

BIS v. Oxford/QSI – 32 : 38  
BIS v. HAB-A – 26 : 39  
BIS v. HAB-B – 31 : 14  
BIS v. SRIS – 17 : 13



### Junior Varsity girls

BIS v. SRIS – 18 : 15  
BIS v. UWIS – 17 : 8  
BIS v. SRIS – 12 : 20  
BIS v. UWIS – 25 : 20

## SNOW DAY BACK AT SCHOOL: FUN ACTIVITIES IN THE ART ROOM



Making with  
toothpicks,  
polystyrene and  
modeling clay.





## ROBOSKY ECA



Robots are always fascinating and interesting, especially when you assemble them and set them in motion. The guys from the robotics club can now easily assemble a variety of models. They also learn to set programs for their robots, each time developing the complexity of the trajectory of their movement. In the future, our Robosky ECA students will be able to move on to creating more complex and interesting models of robots and mechanisms! A very cool final hour to the day epitomizing the learner profile of being 'Thinkers'!

**Ms. Nazgul K, Russian Language and Literature Teacher**

## ONE DAY LEFT TO ORDER BOOKS FROM SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB!

Just go to <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool> to browse the latest books and place your order.

You can also order with our school cashier, Aigul.

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

**Please place your order by February 8, 2020.**

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)

**Our highlights:**

- DOG MAN Fetch-22 by Dav Pilkey
- The Shimmer and the Dance of the Star Fairies
- ATTACK OF THE 50-FOOT FLY GUY
- DIARY of a Wimpy Kid THE MELTDOWN
- My Book of Rocks AND Minerals
- LOVE BUG
- THE DAY THE BANANA WENT BAD

**SCHOLASTIC International School BOOK CLUB**

**DON'T FORGET!**  
Orders are due:  
February 8

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February: Valentine's Day organized by students
- Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February: Mother Tongue Day (Languages In Our Lives)
- Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Homeland Defender's Day
- Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February: No School
- Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February: Science Fair
- Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March: International Women's Day
- Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March: No School
- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March: Nooruz Public Holiday
- Monday-Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March: Spring Break

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

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for February 10<sup>th</sup>-14<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.



## PRESCHOOL 1

Preschool 1 group has finished learning about jungle animals. We have discussed the types of animals and their features by pretending to walk and make similar sounds to jungle creatures. Together, we played scavenger hunting games which took us to our locker room and where we found different jungle species. Our little friends were excited by the game and they were happy to find as many animals as possible. Some of their excited exclamations included: "Look!", "I found a lion!" and "Giraffe!". For art, we made a toucan with colorful feathers and a crocodile with many conical teeth.

Furthermore, we matched baby and mother animals in pairs and played "Animal Rummy" card games in which we were finding the same animals!

Preschool 1 team would like to thank Sarah who shared these wonderful activity sets with us.

Our next week will be devoted to the theme, "Under The Sea".



Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Form Teacher



## PRESCHOOL 2

Our Preschool 2 class has been learning how to express themselves through music.

In the beginning of the week, we used small music instruments to learn how people express their emotions through music. In the lesson, the children could play any kind of music to their peers and the classmates guess why they played it in such a way. Preschool 2 liked this game a lot. Loud drum sounds indicated angry moods, light xylophone sounds were for the emotion of happiness, and the most popular feelings that children wanted to show were the feelings of being happy, joyful and confused.

Later this week, we decided to combine music and art conducting an experiment called "I draw what I hear". In this activity we played different music - happy, sad, music for sleep and even classical music. While children were listening to the music, they were drawing the pictures that music drew in their mind. The pictures were totally different - which proves that music can influence the way we express ourselves.

The next day, we discussed how we can express ourselves through dancing. Playing different kinds of music, children tried to move according to the music (for instance, when active music was on friends were making active movements and when calm music played our friends moved slowly).

For literacy, we focused on the letter A - singing songs and playing letter A words game.



Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Form Teacher



## PRESCHOOL 3

This week, our preschool 3 friends had an amazing time creating their own house interiors using magazines and boxes.

We also learned about the letter 'u'. We learned that the letter 'u' is for under, up, umbrellas and unicorn. We also read a funny book - "Silly Sally Upside Down".

Next week, we will take an in depth look at every room in a house while also zooming in on the letter 'l'.

**Ms. Carmen, Preschool 3 Form Teacher**

