



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 29 / 2019-20

27th March 2020

SPRING BREAK

School is enjoying peaceful spring break. We hope you are all enjoying wonderful spring break too.



CHANGES AND ENHANCEMENTS TO REMOTE LEARNING PLANS

As a school, we are experiencing remote learning for the first time. Our aim throughout this period is to continue driving student engagement and focused learning despite being outside of the physical classroom. Whilst this may be a challenge, it is one we are determined to succeed in. As we ask our students to do on a daily basis, the BIS staff team has been reflecting. We have used community-wide feedback to navigate our reflective process and will be implementing a series of changes to Week 2 of our Remote Learning Plan. A full letter explaining the changes including live video calls, as requested by many, can be found [here](#).

Krishna Gandhi, Director of Studies

**Can you
pickle a
vegetable?**



**Or plant
seeds and
watch them
grow?**

**Can you have a go
at sewing?**



**AT
HOME
CHALLENGE!**

**Or try some
meditation?**



www.layers-of-learning.com
is a great site for kids
sewing projects!

**Choose at least one of
these activities to try
at home.**

**Send your pictures to
ipak@bis.kg to receive
10 House Points!**

www.ideas.classdojo.com
has many
mindfulness videos
and activities!

THE SUBVERSIVES - QUARANTINE #OURTIME

No homework, just classwork and it can be finished quickly, then you are free! Thanks to COVID-19 I have so much time on my hands to do whatever I want, for example: cooking!

During the past 2 weeks I made so much delicious food like: pasta, shortbread, omelette, chia pudding and tapioca pearls! My favourite things to make were the tapioca/boba balls because they only had 3 ingredients and turned out amazing! Although it took a few tries, in the end, it worked out! It was incredible, the flavour was immaculate. Having all the time in the world allowed me to perfect my skills!

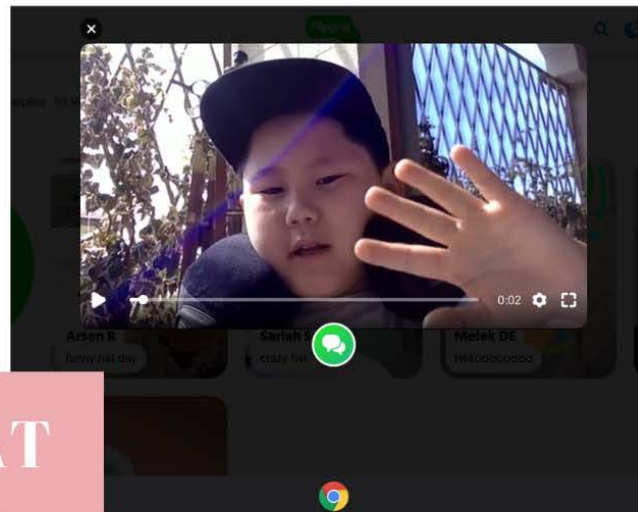
I also had time to have fun being artistic and creative! I love drawing, it's something I enjoy doing during free time. By staying at home, I had the perfect opportunity to commit to a long-term art project, draw every day and put my creativity to good use! Even if you don't draw, being in quarantine can give you time to work on any skill that you want to improve (except for sports sadly).

Now is the time to learn the things we want to learn, not just the things that teachers give us to do. There are endless options for [#ourtime](#). Who will spread the subversive virus next week?



The Subversive Learner (this week Eva-Aijan Grant, MYP2 student)

WEAR A FUNNY HAT



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On March 19, Ms. Shannon challenged P6S students to don their funniest hats and share their thoughts about remote learning with their classmates. We used an app called Flipgrid where we could see videos of our classmates and their funny hats. We had a black hat, a homemade hats and a holiday hat. It was a great way to connect our class. Most students feel that Math is the hardest thing to do remotely and most of them enjoyed using Quizlet to help them study their vocabulary/spelling words.


TAIGANS AT HOME!

BIS students and teachers have successfully started remote learning. Preschool, Primary School and Secondary School students are receiving online tasks and learning opportunities to ensure excellent provision continues. Thank you to all of our parents, students and staff for your ongoing support, patience and dedication!



ANNUAL ART AND POETRY CELEBRATION

The poster features a vibrant, abstract background of colorful brushstrokes in shades of blue, orange, red, and yellow. In the center, there is a white rectangular area containing the following text and graphics:

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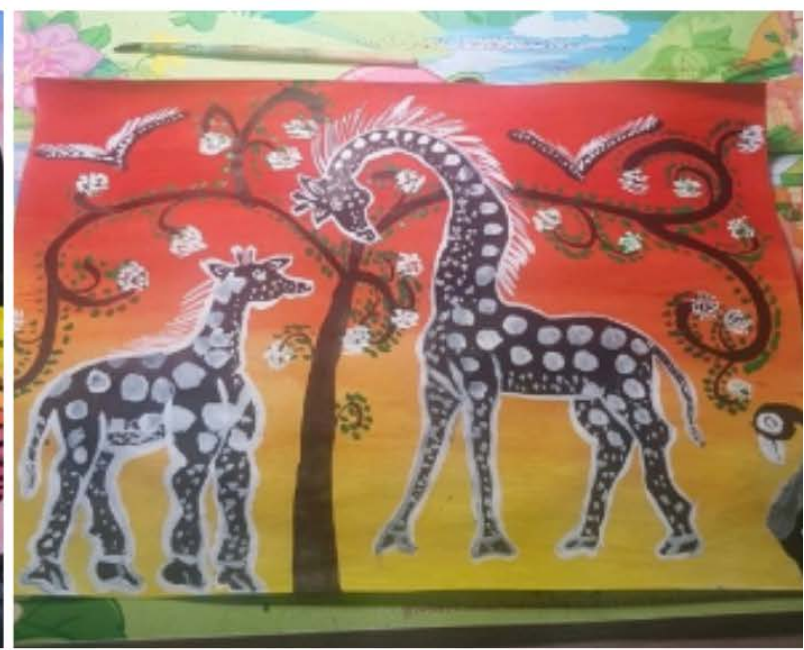
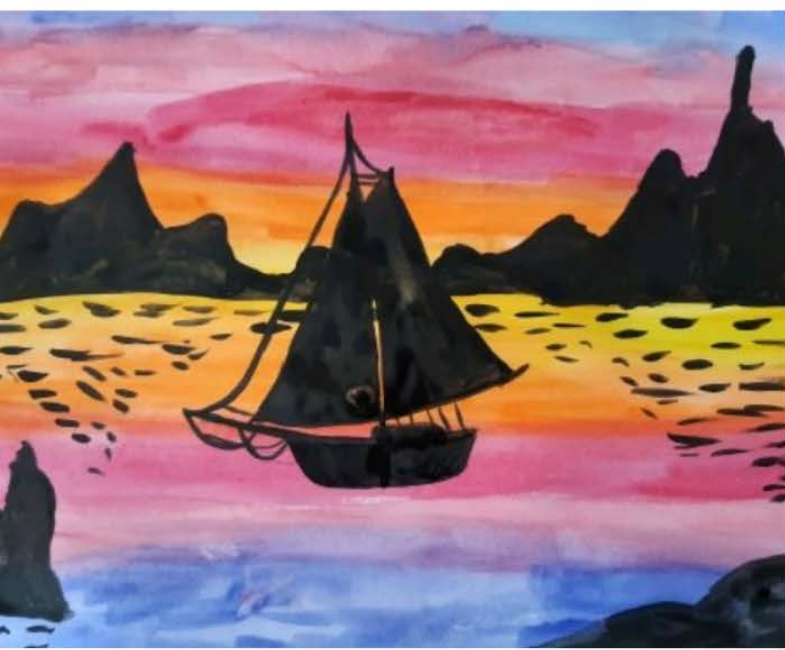
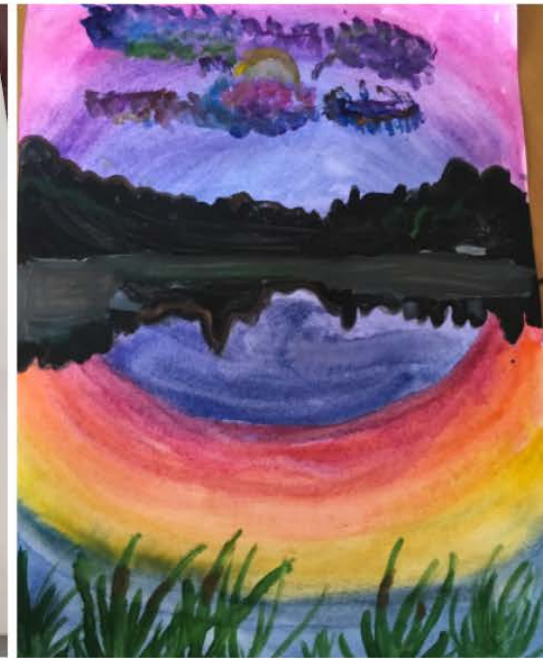
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UNITY & HOPE

Prerecorded performances, live virtual performances and an online gallery showcasing artwork from Preschool to DP.

Friday 17th April 2020

BIS Snapshot: Creative Art



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Our March Book Club is up and running! It is open to allow you to order English language reading books, delivered from the UK to our school.

You can place your orders from our March catalogue online <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool> by Monday 6th April, 2020.

All orders will be delivered to our School in April.

EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

We hope that you enjoy browsing through the online catalogue and will find something interesting for your child!

Should you have any questions about book ordering please feel free to ask - library@bis.kg

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 17th April – Art Exhibition and Poetry Evening
- Saturday, 25th April – All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- End of April: IBDP and IGCSE Exam Sessions start

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

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 and our Reception will forward your email to the right person.



OUR MARCH BOOK CLUB HIGHLIGHTS!



**ORDERS ARE DUE:
APRIL 6**