



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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P4'S ACTS OF KINDNESS

This term, Ms Laura returned to school with a fractured ankle. Not letting this get her down, she has been teaching both in-school and remote learners, and has shown utter Taigan spirit by mastering some very smooth moves on her crutches!

The P4 students did, however, notice that teaching on crutches isn't the easiest and wanted to say thanks to Ms Laura for all her hard work. Amanda, Grace and Ellie came up with a plan of preparing a sweet treat to ease her pain! Here you can see them in action and preparing cards and cupcakes for our lovely Ms Laura.

Ms Krisha Gandhi, Director of Studies and PYP Coordinator



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS



This week, we have had an abundance of nominations! Our students have been actively demonstrating the IB Learner Profile all around school, at home and in the wider community too. A huge well done to our following award winners:

- **CPR** (Caring, Principled, Reflective): **Tommaso Boneschi** (Preschool 1), **Toichuke Toichubaev** (Primary 2) and **Yaroslava Fedorova** (MYP 3)
- **KTI** (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer): **Aman Jumashukurov** and **Aliya Dzhumaeva** (Primary 4L), **Samuel Moore** (IGCSE 2)
- **BROC** (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator): **Thomas Perret** (Primary 2), **Cholponai Malabaeva** (MYP 3) and **Sila Bulanikli** (DP 1)

GALAXY GO GETTERS



P2 IS STUDYING SOUND!



To explore how sound is made by vibrations, the class got to play some string instruments, including a Kyrgyz Komuz to see, feel and hear sound vibrations. After experimenting with the string instruments, the class designed and built their own string musical instruments using recycled materials.

Ms. Shelby, Primary2 Homeroom Teacher



A CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS GAME IN MYP3

This week, MYP3 played a Clash of Civilizations game in Individuals and societies. Three civilizations competed for land and resources, and the competition was intense! Students investigated how natural resources and geography impact the rise and fall of civilizations and practiced critical thinking skills and collaboration as they planned moves and created alliances. We will find out which civilization was the most successful on Monday!

Ms. Claire, Individuals & Societies and History Teacher



P6 AND DP WORK TOGETHER



DP and P6 students worked together this week. As part of DP's CAS experience they came to share their knowledge of physics with the P6 students. In small groups they made balloon cars and experimented with how fast and how far they could make them travel. Key points of learning were about engine power, friction, air resistance and gravity. P6 were delighted to have the support of the DP students and look forward to working with them again in the future.



Ms. Rebecca, Primary 6 Homeroom Teacher

REMOTE LEARNING FAMILY VACATIONS



It's been fantastic to see our students back in-school and online following a restful Winter Break. As families look to plan ahead for the up and coming holidays including long weekends in February and March as well as Spring Break, it is important to remember that Remote Learning provisions will not be provided for extended vacations.

Our provision of Remote Learning takes a lot of time and energy from our dedicated teaching community. Please be mindful that these provisions are in place as a direct result of absences (of extended periods of time) in relation to the Covid-19 protocol, quarantine periods or pandemic related restrictions on travel (i.e. if students can not yet return to Bishkek).

If your child is out of school due to minor sickness such as tummy aches, headaches or small injuries, we encourage the absence being used for rest and recovery. Our teachers will work with students on their return to school to catch up on key areas missed.

If your child is out of school due to extended vacation, please inform your child's homeroom or form teacher and programme coordinator about this. Homework may be given for students to work on, however, full online remote learning will not be provided.

If your child is in a programme that includes external exams (i.e. IGCSE and DP), we encourage families to avoid extended holidays during term time. **If this can not be avoided,** we encourage students to liaise with their teachers regarding any missed work.

BIS Snapshot: Learn. Grow. Succeed



WINTER SPORTS DAY - 29TH JANUARY



WINTER SPORTS DAY

29th January

Next Friday 29th January is **Winter Sports Day** at BIS! This is not a competitive sports day, but just a fun time for enjoying the outdoors and the snow.

Preschool, Primary 1 and Primary 2 will stay at school. At BIS there will be additional times outside with Winter Games as well as indoor winter activities organized by the Winter Sports Day team. Please make sure all students are well dressed for playing outside on Friday 29th January, and if you have a sled you could lend to the school for one day, please do so.

Primary 3 to High School will go to Chunkurchak for a day of skiing, snowboarding or sledding.

Permission slips are to be returned by 17:30 on **Tuesday, January 26th**. Payments can be made by students to our Accountant on the main campus or by parents to our Cashier in the External Reception.

Mr. Zeljko, Athletics Director and PE Teacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 29th January: Winter Sports Day
- Friday 12th February: Valentine's Day
- Friday 19th February: Languages in Our Lives Day
- Monday 22nd February: Extra Holiday
- Tuesday 23rd February: Homeland Defender's Day
- Friday 26th February: STEM Fair Day

LUNCH MENU

Please find the updated links for the school menus – [Preschool & Primary School](#), [Middle & High School](#).

The lunch menu for January 25th – 29th 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.



PRESCHOOL 1

This week, Preschool 1 friends started to explore our “Sharing the Planet” unit and we first talked about animals that live on the farm. Together we made a farm and put various animals there: a sheep, a cow, a horse, a pig, a duck, a bunny, a chicken and their babies. We discussed the farm life and the how farm animals help humans in many ways. Now the children can tell you that a cow is able to provide milk just like other mammals. To understand better how shops get milk to their shelves, we made a cardboard cow and milked the cow in our classroom with the help of plastic gloves filled with milk. In our morning circles, we sang our friends’ favorite song: “Old McDonald had a farm” with puppets. We also made chicken with egg shapes cut outs and a cotton sheep! At the end of the week, we had our Show and Tell time and our friends shared with us their favorite domestic animal. Next week, we will continue to talk about animals.

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 group continued talking about the food we eat at school and at home. At the beginning of the week, we sorted food products into two groups: healthy and sometimes healthy. We talked about the dishes we cook at home and discovered that most of us eat soup with potatoes, onions, carrots and different grains, boiled buckwheat, rice and fried potatoes. Great food choices can make us strong! During our lessons, we mentioned that all living creatures such as people, animals and plants need some food to grow and develop. We looked at the pictures of a bear eating a fish, a horse eating grass and the plants drinking some water. The children were curious about other animals asking “What do birds eat? What do fish eat? What do trees eat?”.

To make our learning transdisciplinary, we held a number of math activities where we used fruits and vegetables pictures to help our learning. For our art lesson, Doctor Anna showed us how to make Papier Mache fruits and we made some using glue and paper towels. On the final day of the week, our project was creating huge paper bodies where we stuck the food we like to eat.

Surprisingly, the students didn't stick any “sometimes” food, they chose only healthy food products. Such conscious little learners!

Ms. Oksana, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week our preschool friends had an amazing time looking at stories. We listened to the very popular story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". After listening to the story, we tried to retell the story by arranging pictures from in the right order. We also practiced writing and recognizing numbers. Our friends also learned about the letter 'm' this week as well as its sound, and to help us remember 'm' we made a modelling clay 'm' mouse. We really enjoyed our PE lessons this week; running in the big hall is definitely one of our favorite things to do! Next week, we will look at different parts of a book and learn about the letter 'n'. We will also play some number games.

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

