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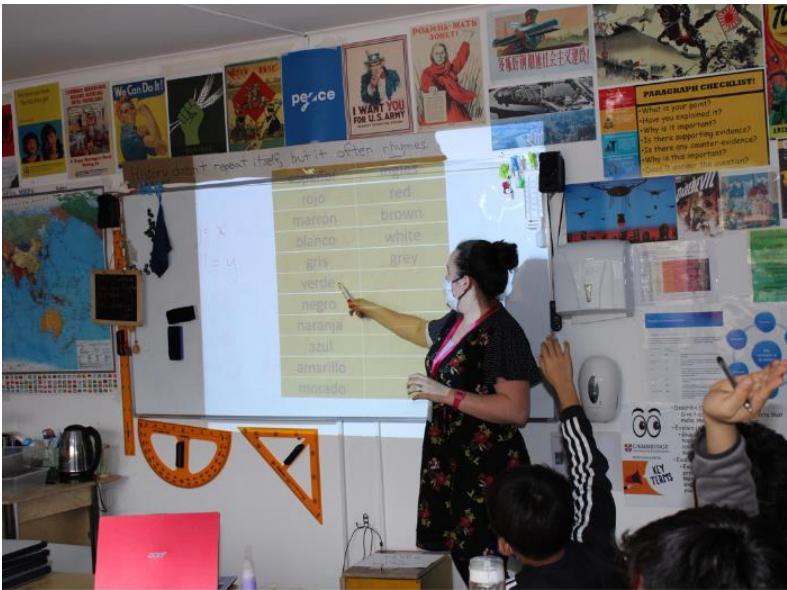


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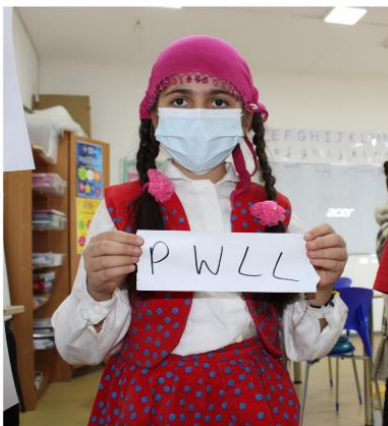
**LANGUAGES IN OUR LIVES DAY**

On Friday 19th February, BIS celebrated 'Languages in Our Lives Day'. BIS is full of different languages being spoken and studied by many members of our students and staff, and we know that many of our community members have had different languages in their lives at different times, as they have travelled all over the world and lived in different places. This special event is a way for us to celebrate all of the languages and cultures at BIS with lots of different activities.

On Friday morning, the corridors of the main building were full of Preschool and Primary students doing a 'language treasure hunt', and many of them also dressed in amazing outfits that represented a language, culture or country important to them. Meanwhile, our remote-learners had the opportunity to do a scavenger hunt at home, helping them find different languages in unexpected places in their homes.



All of our pre-school and PYP students (remote and physical learners) also took part in some mini language lessons, trying out two different languages - amongst the selection were Welsh, Hindi, Japanese, German, Russian Sign Language and Polish.



Meanwhile, MYP students got to try out two different languages as well, as we mixed up our teachers for the afternoon and students learned Kyrgyz, Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin or Urdu... to name a few!

We didn't forget our IGCSE and DP students - they were treated to a multilingual poetry reading in assembly (Russian, Kyrgyz, Italian and French), and we watched a video made by the Bailanysh News team, featuring lots of untranslatable words and phrases presented by our secondary school students (in languages such as Swedish, Dutch, Romanian, Azeri and Georgian).

It was wonderful to celebrate this day with our staff and students from across the school. Along with these photos, students and staff can remember the day for the next few weeks by taking a look at lots of languages at BIS by looking at the 'languages wall' in the school café. We are so proud to be a school that truly values and celebrates linguistic diversity, and we are already excited about 'Languages in Our Lives' in 2022!

**Esther Johnson, Head of Language Acquisition, Spanish Teacher**



## PRIMARY 6 PRACTICE SPEAKING RUSSIAN



Last week, the Primary 6 Russian Intermediate group took their learning from the classroom to Asia Mall. The students used vocabulary and phrases they have been learning recently to buy stationery supplies of their choice.

**Ms. Elvira, Primary 6 Co-Teacher**



## NEW FACES AT BIS: ADMISSIONS TEAM

Meet our new Admissions team!

**Nurizat Nadir Kyzy:** Hi, my name is Nurizat and I am one of the Admissions Officers at BIS. I was born in a little town Kadamjay in the Batken region. In the last year of my high school I studied in Maysville High School, Ohio, USA. After coming back, I entered Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University, Finance and Credit faculty.

My first impression at Bishkek International School has been amazing. BIS has awarded me the opportunity to begin my career as an admissions officer. I love discovering new things from children; they have so many astonishing ways of perceiving things around them and many ways of expressing their views. I am grateful for the opportunity to work in such a wonderful team!



**Asel Orunbekova:** Hello BIS community! As a teenager I was volunteering and spending time with orphans as much as I could and I always knew that I would have a job that involves working with kids. As a student I had great chance to live in Spain and South Korea, and to be among international people. But the most significant impact on my life vision was made by my lovely nephew with autism. He introduced me to a new world. We spent almost 2 years working together on different kinds of therapies in the USA and Kyrgyzstan, and I am still learning how to learn. All my background has led me to BIS. Today, I am happy to be part of the BIS team and work in multicultural atmosphere among professional and positive people.

I am passionate about traveling, hiking, taking photographs of kids and nature, baking cakes and painting. I believe that learning new things never exhausts the mind and I also believe we can learn a lot from kids and from each other.





Our P1 friends celebrated a fun milestone this week. We have now learned all the letter sounds and have set sail on our reading journey! Look out for lots of inventive spelling (phonetic spelling) as the P1 makes signs, writes short stores, and creates adorable cards.

Watch out world, here we come!

**Ms. Kathleen, Primary 1 Homeroom Teacher**



Some of our Primary remote learners dressed in STEM costumes, and Atlas Colburn even presented a volcano experiment. Amazing!



## STUDENT INITIATIVE: CHAMPIONING WOMEN!

This week, P3M's Avila and Arya came up with a wonderful idea to celebrate International Women's Day. Though BIS has a no school day on March 8th, Avila and Arya decided the occasion should still be celebrated at school. Thinking about how to raise awareness of inspiring women in history, the students suggested Preschool and Primary students create costumes inspired by incredible female role models. Avila explained, 'I learnt about Amelia Earhart through a video I watched though others may not know about her. If I dress up as a pilot, I can help tell her story!' Arya added, 'Women do lots of inspiring jobs so there are lots of costume ideas and great stories to tell!'. To ensure this occasion is an opportunity for reflection, BIS students who come to school in costume inspired by incredible women will be able to create a name tag and have an opportunity to share information in the homeroom class or assemblies.

Whilst House Points will be given for participation in this event, we are so proud that our young P3 students thought about an initiative to highlight such an important day. Well done, Avila and Arya!

Krishna Gandhi, PYP Coordinator and Director of Studies

# Preschool and Primary CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY!



Sharing Role Models  
Reflecting on Democracy  
Women in STEM assembly!

## INTRODUCING THE PYP X!

The PYP Exhibition (PYPX) is a collaborative, transdisciplinary, in-depth inquiry into real life issues or problems. This year, our P6 students will be starting their PYPX journey in Spring, and we would love for the parents and wider community to join our students on this journey too. If you're interested in hearing more about the PYPX or how you can get involved, join the P6 Teaching Team next week for their information session by clicking [here!](#)



Introducing

# THE PYP X!

*Find out more about the final Exhibition project of our P6 students by joining our information session next Tuesday 2nd March, 15:30 - 16:00. All P6 parents are encouraged to attend though all BIS community members are welcome!*

# BIS Snapshot: STEM costumes



Science. Technology. Engineering. Math.

# STEM FAIR

TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING  
DEMONSTRATIONS IN PRESCHOOL

STEM DRESS-UP HOUSE POINTS IN PYP

MATH TALKS BY DP IN PYP

SCIENCE COMPETITION IN MYP

COMPUTER SCIENCE PROJECTS IN IGCSE



FEBRUARY 24 -  
MARCH 5

## TOTAL HOUSE POINTS SCORE:



Phoenixes

7324



PIRANHAS

9208



SNOW LEOPARDS

9475

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March: International Women's Day
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Nooruz Public Holiday
- 22-26 March: Spring Break
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: BIS Annual Debate Tournament
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April: April Revolution Day – public holiday
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April: BIS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show – Official School Day
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Art Exhibition and Poetry Evening
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- End of April: IBDP and IGCSE Exam Sessions start

### LUNCH MENU

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

The lunch menu for March 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> is “**Menu B**”. 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 had a wonderful and very short three day week. This week Preschool took part in the STEM fair and we had MYP 1 visitors that showed us how to use catapults. All of Preschool also enjoyed the snow and we played outside on each day! We look forward to a normal school week where we will continue our learning and adventures in Preschool.

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



