



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 4 / 2022-23

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GRADE 10 FIELD TRIP TO KOL TOR

The Grade 10s left last Thursday for their overnight trip to Kol Tor. Bishkek traffic was slow as it was September 1st, and the first school day for many schools. However, our group was in good spirits and filled minibus with singing!

The hike to Kul Tor was challenging. Hikers were divided into faster, medium and slower groups, as were the horses until a horse guide changed their minds! Most students made it to the lake with its beautiful glacial blue/green water. Students were extremely tired on returning to the guesthouse, expressing “*will I ever be able to walk again?*”. However, being all together again, they seemed to revive amazingly quickly. Teachers were hoping they would all be asleep by 9pm, but they may have been a bit optimistic!

A general thank you to all concerned. Particular thanks are due to Dr. Alisher who did so much work in arranging transportation, accommodation, and food. It was a fun trip!

Mr Ray & Ms Nadia, Grade 10 Co-Form Teachers



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Alisha (Grade 2Y), **Ayn** (Grade 5B)

BROC (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator):

Ramiz (Grade 3Y), **Alexander** (Grade 4B), **Nikita** (Grade 5Y)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Evers (Grade 1Y), **Maximilian** (Grade 1B), **Annabel** (Grade 3B),
Aydana (Grade 9), **Daana** (Grade 10), **Bermet** (Grade 11)

NEW FACES AT BIS: MS BILJANA

I am very glad that I joined the Bishkek International School (BIS) community as an Art teacher. My life has been filled with various life experiences. As a girl, I loved sports and art equally, and I could never choose between them, so I divided my love and interests into two equally important parts of my life. As a junior, I was the champion of the country where I was born and grew up - the former Yugoslavia.

I have spent more time in Canada than in Yugoslavia, so I can say that it is my second home. In Canada, I did visual arts more than athletics. I went to school in Canada again as Canada did not recognize my accreditations from Serbia. I became a teacher of visual arts and other subjects such as Physical Ed, Drama and ESL.

It is interesting that at one time in my life, I also worked as a dental technician, making dental prostheses, crowns and bridges, and implants, which are very important in people's everyday lives. This experience helped me understand different materials and processes related to sculpture. During my stay in Canada, in addition to my work, I was actively involved in visual arts. This allowed me to exhibit in many cities in Canada and outside of Canada. For example, I exhibited in the USA, Canada and Serbia, and one of my exhibitions even sailed on a massive boat in the Bahamas.

In addition to sharing my experiences with my students and painting, I discovered that I love to write. My new hobby is an integral part of my life because, apart from its therapeutic effect on me, people in Serbia like to read my books. So far, I have written two books and five articles published in Serbia. They also help me write my Ph.D. thesis in Social Justice of Education, which is slowly coming to an end.

I came to Kyrgyzstan because I was given the opportunity to be part of the BIS community, to feel diversity in the true sense of the word, and also to get to know a new culture, people, and customs. Kyrgyzstan reminds me of the former Yugoslavia and my childhood. Kyrgyzstan has unreal natural beauties that many people don't know about, and if I could see just a small part of these beauties, I would be grateful.



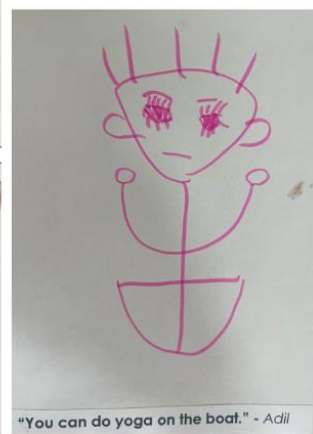
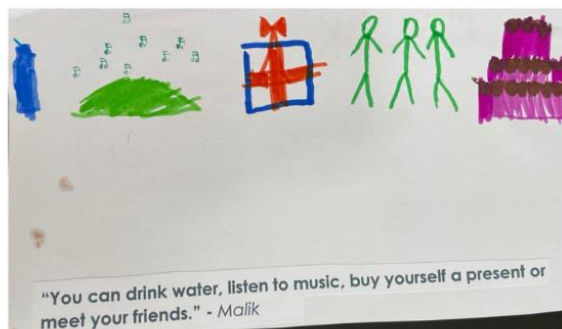
Ms Biljana, Art Teacher

STAY CALM AND BE HAPPY!

The first month of school can be stressful for many students and teachers. Some are nervous about going to school for the first time, some are just anxious to be back after a long summer break.

After reading the "I can stay calm" book Grade Zero friends were so inspired and thought of different ways they can stay calm when feeling upset or frustrated.

Here are some ideas of what you can do from Grade 0.



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LEARNING ABOUT BODY STRUCTURES



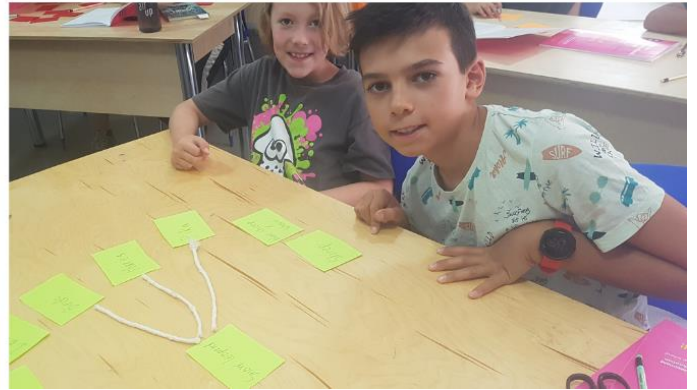
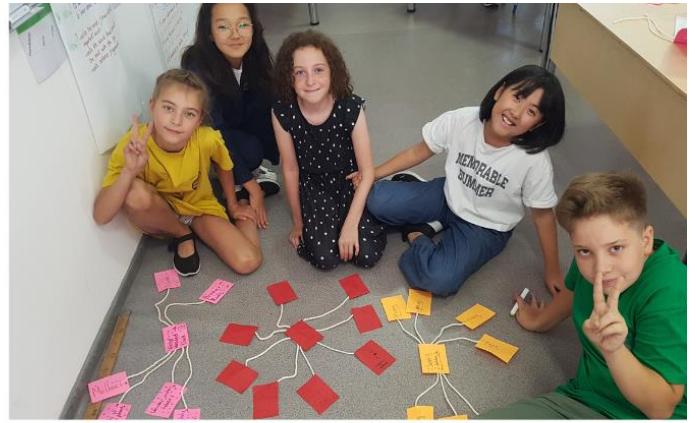
Grade 2 students are learning about body structures. We found out that there are 206 bones in the human skeleton which help us to move. In the activity students combined science with art: they traced their hands, then added see-through bones to their pictures with the help of olive oil and got their own skeleton hands.



SCIENCE ACTIVITIES IN GRADE 5 YELLOW

Grade 5 Yellow are up and running with lots of learning.

For our science unit the students are making a food web to hang from the ceiling, and during the activity we had a visitor! Thanks for stopping by, Thomas!

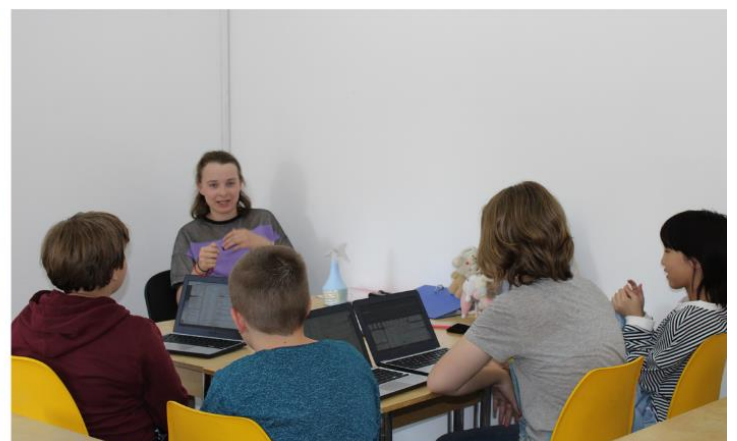


DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS ECA: A CLASH OF TWO TEAMS



This last week marked the start of the MYP Dungeons and Dragons ECA.

This term two students, Arina and Daria, are taking on the role of dungeon masters. These two students will lead their peers on adventures of imagination, team building, and most importantly, fun! Will they be successful in their endeavours, or will they critically fail? Only a roll of the dice will tell!



Inquirers



We ask questions!



DRESS UP LIKE A TEACHER DAY

Our amazing teachers and students dressed up like a teacher.



ANNIVERSARY SHOW

Today, many **Grade 3-5** students began rehearsals for our Anniversary Show, Moana the Musical!



If there are more students from G3-5 interested in joining, please have them talk to their homeroom teachers.

All of the information can be found on our [WEBSITE](#).

Auditions for **Secondary Students** (G6-12) will be the week of September 19th. Information can be found [HERE](#). And rehearsals for Secondary students will begin in Term 2.

Contact Mr. David at DLien@bis.kg for any information.



ASIA DAY – OPEN DAY, 10:00 – 13:00 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

We are very happy to invite all of our community, together with your family and friends, to the 'Asia Day Festival' on Saturday September 17th.

- Children receive their 'Asia Day Postcard' on arrival, to collect stamps from the different Asian country tables with games and challenges;
- Incredible Japanese Drums open and close the event;
- Asian dance and music performances from 10:30-11:00
- A bouncy castle free for children during the event.
- Wonderful Asian food creations are sold by the Parents Association from 10:00, and Asian style food is served by the school kitchen from 12:00.
- Fresco Ice Cream is available to buy from 11:30
- Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume from any Asian country, with students and parents earning points for their House for their costume.



In order to make this Asia Day Festival better than ever, **we also need your help!** Asian country stations are prepared and hosted by families in our community. Several have already volunteered to introduce us to the cultural riches of their country, including games, music, traditions, art and food - anything that will be engaging for the students who visit the country station to collect stamps for their passport. **If you would also like to volunteer to represent your country, or to perform on-stage, please contact me mosmonova@bis.kg** as soon as possible. There will be a special prize from school for the best table representing their country!

Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration, Deputy Head of School

BIS SPORTS CALENDAR 2022/2023



■ School Vacation

■ Public Holiday in KR – School Closed

August 2022							September 2022							October 2022							November 2022						
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30 Sept: Sports Day in Spartak Stadium: Grade 4 to 12							6-9: CAFA XC - BIS Bishkek 28-29: BISA Football tournament - Host: UWIS - Venue: UWIS							2-6 Nov: Football - AIS/TSIS													

December 2022							January 2023							February 2023							March 2023						
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21 Jan: BISA Table tennis - Host: UWIS - Venue: UWIS and Table tennis association							21 Jan: BISA Table tennis - Host: UWIS - Venue: UWIS and Table tennis association							9-11 Feb: BISA Basketball tournament. - Host: OSIB - Venue: Dvoretz Sports							15-19: Basketball - TIS Tashkent						
12-16 Apr: Volleyball - OSI Astana							8 May: Primary School Sports Day 13 May: BISA Cross country tournament - Host: HAB - Venue: Karagachevaya rosha							25-28 May: Track & field - AIS Almaty													

LIBRARY UPDATE: SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



We are happy to announce that our Book Club is up and running!

The Scholastic International School Book Club is a fantastic way to get great value children's books from around the world.

We gave a catalogue to each student in Preschool and Primary school, so please check your child's backpack for the leaflets. Extra catalogues are available in the library and at the school reception. The books will be delivered to BIS directly from the UK (in November).

EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY! So by purchasing your books from the Scholastic Book Club you help our school library to grow.

There's no obligation to order but if you would like to buy English-language books for your child there are two easy ways for you to order:

Order & Pay online (with your credit card):



1. Go to <https://eu-shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/bishkekinternationalschool> to browse the latest books by the age category;

2. Or choose a particular book from the catalogue, you can easily find it by typing the book number in the search field, e.g. 210 will find 'Guinness World Records 2023';

3. Select the books you and your child would like to buy and click 'Checkout'. The deadline for orders is **Sunday, September 25th, 2022.**

Order with cash:

1. Submit [the order form](#) and money to our cashier Ms Burmakan **by Friday, September 23th, 2022.**

We hope that you enjoy browsing through the 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

- 17th September, Saturday: Asia Day – Open Day – everyone invited
- 30th September, Friday: Middle & High School Sports Day (Spartak Stadium) – **updated date**
- 6th October, Thursday – 9th October, Sunday: Cross Country, CAFA Tournament, Bishkek
- 12th October, Wednesday: Parent Teacher Meetings
- 14th October, Friday: UN Day at BIS
- 17th – 21st October, Monday-Friday: Autumn/Fall break (No School)

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 12th – 16th is **Menu A**.

You can view both [Preschool Menu](#) and [Primary & Secondary school menu](#) on our school website. 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 in Preschool 1 was a great success. On the first day we started our lesson with the songs "Autumn leaves are falling down", "How many leaves". In the morning circle we read the books "Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn", "Fall weather" we explained to our children that the coming autumn is not only cold, but also a fun season, at this time of the year there is a collection of fruit and vegetable crops - apples, pears, carrots and much more. The golden time is coming, the trees around us are changing and take on beautiful autumn colors, and also at this time of year there are

many festivals and events that can take us outside! In math, we learned number 1 searching by blue color. After our friends glued the modelling clay on number one. The most amazing moment of the week was when we went to the library in a different building. Our friends were excited to see many interesting books and they were able to choose their favourite book.

Next week, we will continue talking about autumn and will have an excursion to the big field.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

The kids have been doing great with learning the routine, rules and schedule (also nap time).

We keep learning our basic colors and recognizing

letters and numbers. Also we talked about weather this week.

Next week we will start our Unit (Who We Are).

Ms. Dinara, Interim Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Our preschool 3 friends had a wonderful week. This week we started learning about the letter 's' and we learned that the words salt, snail, sing, sit, sand, super and our good friend Sasha all starts with the letter 's'. We also created cute booklets with pictures of letter 's' objects. We also learned some interesting Kyrgyz

words to describe the weather and made some beautiful flower art as well as trying to sing our new song 'Mr. Sun'. Next week we will be looking at the letter 'a' and continue to work on our number recognition skills.

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

