



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 5 / 2022-23

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NOMAD ADVENTURE

On September 8-9, Grade 6 went on an overnight trip to the south side of Issyk-kul. For many students it was the first time to sleep in a yurt and make friends with an eagle. In the evening, students enjoyed a folklore concert on the beach, when the weather was still incredible and allowed us to swim. On the second day we visited Canyon Skazka. Such a nice beginning of the school year!



This trip was the best school trip in my life. I enjoy the eagle show, roasting marshmallows, collecting beautiful stones, and of course our staying-late party. This trip was really fun and I'd like to go there again.

Erica

It was a very good experience. I had lots of fun with my friends and with the things that we did!

Leo



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Temirlan (Grade 5B)

Dzhamilia, Bilim, Amira (Grade 6)

Alan (Grade 8)

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

Aerin (Grade 1Y)

Nursultan (Grade 3B)

Artur (Grade 1B)

NEW FACES AT BIS: MS MARTA

I am so excited to be joining the BIS community as Head of Language Acquisition for Middle/High School, as well as a Spanish Language Teacher. I joined a bit later than expected, as a broken foot was to blame! The teachers, staff and students have been so welcoming; it's been a wonderful start to my time here.

Now a bit about me; I was born in Madrid, Spain but I have spent the last 30 years living in the UK and New Zealand. I have taught primary and secondary education



for more than 20 years. I am passionate about teaching and nurturing children's love of languages. BIS's encouragement of its students and teachers is one of the reasons I was so looking forward to joining.

I visited Kyrgyzstan in 2016 for a week's holiday and fell in love with the country. When the opportunity of coming to live and teach here emerged I didn't have to think twice, now I can't wait for my daughters to visit and show them what a beautiful country it is.

At first, I was a bit scared to come to a country where I cannot speak the language, but now I see it as my next biggest challenge, to learn it! I love going for walks, movies, reading, cooking, meeting new people and travelling.

As a teacher, I know you never stop learning, and I look forward to learning and working with all of you. Thank you for welcoming me to your school!

Ms Marta, Head of Language Acquisition in Middle/High School, Spanish Language Teacher

LEARNING HUMAN BODY PARTS



Grade 2 students are learning about entire organs using a human body model. It was extremely interesting for the children to have a look and a touch the different organs.

Students asked many questions about how the organs function and what happens if one stops functioning properly.



GRADE 8 TRIP TO KEGETY

Grade 8th left on Monday for their overnight trip to Kegety. Bishkek traffic was sometimes slow and sometimes fast as it was Monday morning. However, our group was in good spirits and filled the minibus with singing! The trip to Kegety was a bit challenging and also fun. First day we rode horses and played active games. Second day most of the students went to the beautiful waterfall. Particular thanks are due to Mr.David, Ms.Gulbara, and Ms.Nurzhamal who did so much work in arranging transportation, accommodation, and food. It was a fun trip!

Dana, Grade 8 Student



INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

International Dot Day, a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration, began when teacher Terry Shay introduced his classroom to Peter H. Reynolds' book *The Dot* on September 15, 2009.



The Dot is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to "make her mark". What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe.

In ICT lectures, Grade 4 and Grade 5 students created their first STEAM activity which was related to international dot day. Students created 3D shapes out of healthy snack balls and toothpicks!

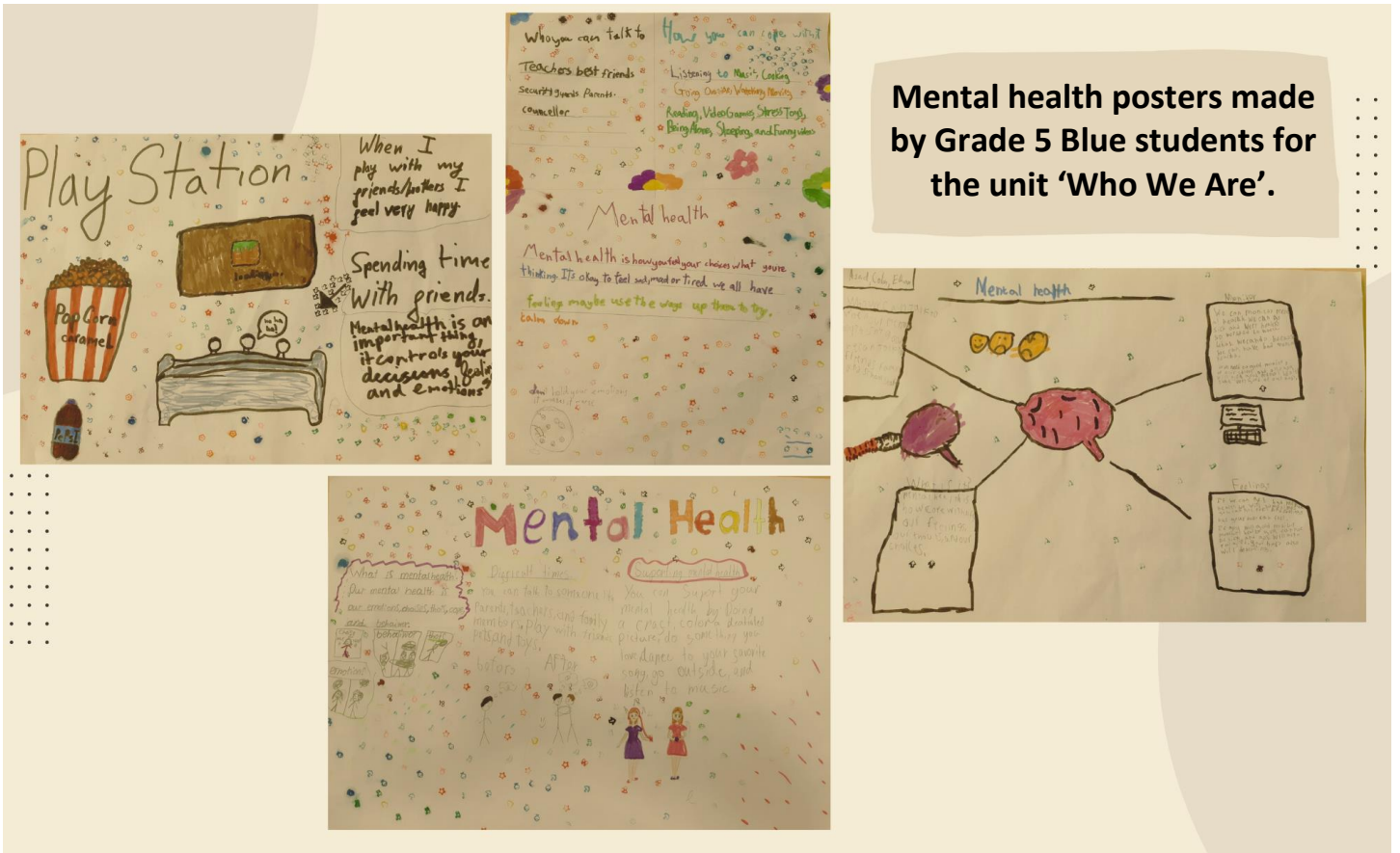
Ms Tulay, ICT & Design Teacher



Our amazing students helped to remove leaves from the playground. Great job!



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



Mental health posters made by Grade 5 Blue students for the unit 'Who We Are'.



Making autumn foxes in Creative Art ECA



AUDITIONS FOR MOANA!

Auditions for Moana (the Anniversary Show) are next week (September 19-23).

This production is for students Grade 3-12 only. All interested **primary students** will audition.

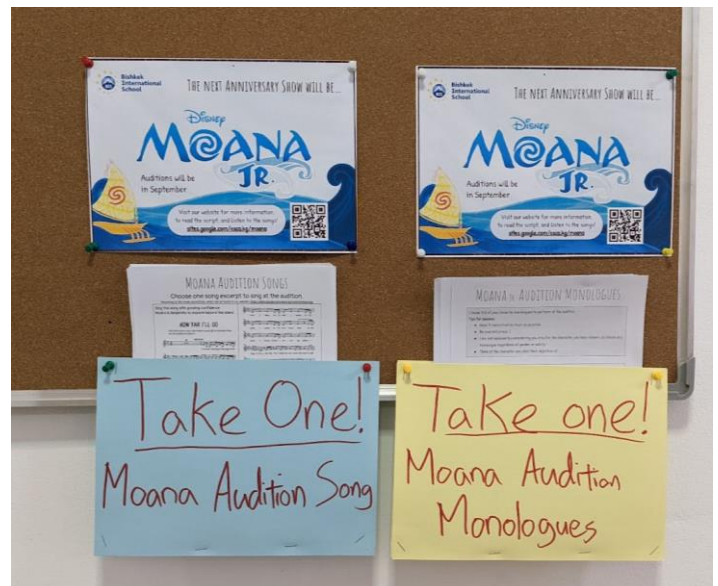
Secondary students only have to audition if they want to be considered for a bigger role; if not, they can sign up when rehearsals begin in Term 2.

Please check out our website for more information about auditions:

<https://sites.google.com/esca.kg/moana/auditions>

Feel free to pick up an audition monologue and audition song from outside of the Small Hall →→

Contact Mr. David at Dlien@bis.kg for any additional 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

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.

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'.

Order with cash:

1. Submit [the order form](#) and money to our cashier Ms Burmakan.

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.

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



OUR SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB HIGHLIGHTS!



ONLINE ORDERS ARE DUE:
September 25

ORDERS WITH CASH ARE DUE:
September 23

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 19th – 23rd is **Menu B**.

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 we talked about "My Family". To make it clearer for the children, we asked the questions, "How many people are in your family?". They also showed their photos and spoke them by name. Then the children decorated the houses and they glued their family photos. The next day we sang the song "We are family" and for this song we used the game "Find My Family Sensory Bin", where we put rice in a container and hid the family members there, after that the children had to find the family members and match

them with realistic photos.

To develop hand motor skills, we drew a family tree using fingerprints and then decorated it with family photos. We also read books and the most interesting stories that the children really liked were "I love my mom", "Llama lama I love you", "My Dad", "Spot Loves his Mom". In math we learned the color red where we sorted and matched pictures by blue and red colors.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

In week 4 we started with our unit and learned about friendship, we sorted pictures out into friendly and unfriendly charts. We learned and talked about yellow color. For English we learned letter S and some of the

words which start with this letter and for math we are still learning to identify numbers by the amount of items. We also welcomed Ms. Kathy this week, students really enjoy having her in the class.

Ms. Dinara, Interim Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Our preschool 3 friends had an amazing week of learning. This week we learned about the letter 'a' and we learned that we have a lot of friends in the class who's names start with the letter 'a' like Alen, Aidin, Aibek, Akmal, and Amalia. We also sang the song: 'The ants go marching' to help us remember the letter 'a'

sound. Our friends also worked on our number recognition and made some really lovely art.

Next week we will be looking at the letter 't'. We will also look at some simple aa-bb patterns.

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

