



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



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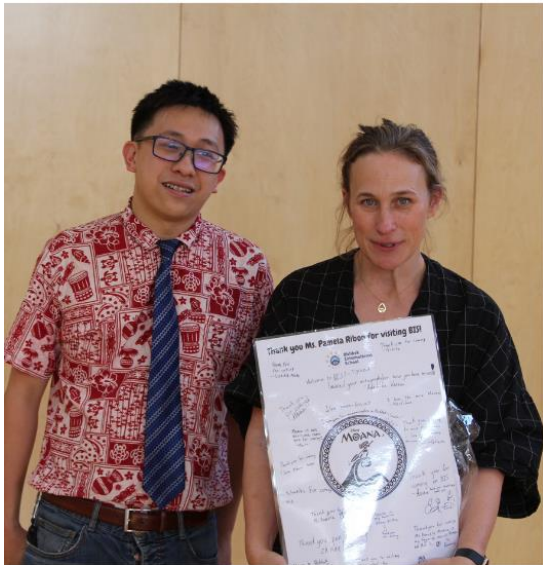
## MOANA PREVIEW PERFORMANCE AND SPECIAL GUEST!

On Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup>, the talented and dedicated students in the cast of Moana performed an abridged work-in-progress preview performance for their classmates!

We were beyond honored and excited to have had a special guest in the audience, Ms. Pamela Ribon, an actor and screenwriter, who was one of the writers for the original 2016 Moana movie.

After this short performance, Ms. Ribon was invited to the stage for an interview with many well-written questions being asked by the students. Afterwards, she was inundated by her adoring fans asking for photos and autographs. It was such a thrill for the students and the school to have her visit!

The final performance will be Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in the Kyrgyz Drama Theatre.



## CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

**BROC (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator):**  
**Azlan (Grade 6)**

## 3D SHAPES FROM GRADE 0



While learning about 3D geometric shapes in our current math unit, Grade Zero students thought that the models of 3D shapes we have in our school are too small in size. They have decided to build bigger shapes so it is more convenient for them to study surfaces, edges, and corners.



Grade Zero will be happy to share their work with older friends for their lessons!



# BIS Snapshot: Moana Preview Performance



## NEW FACES AT BIS: MR TIM

I have been at BIS since September as the school's new teacher of Business Studies and it has been a wonderful privilege to join this vibrant community here in Kyrgyzstan. I was teaching at the start of this year back home in London before spending some time travelling overland from the UK all the way to Bishkek, seeing me cross Europe, Turkey, the Caucasus and finally Central Asia after a three-day crossing of the Caspian Sea on a cargo ship. Travelers I had been meeting on my trip had consistently waxed lyrical about Kyrgyzstan and it certainly lived up to expectations when I finally reached this wonderful country; seeing the snow-capped mountains on my walk to school each day never fails to lift my spirits.



In the classroom, I hope to pass on to my students a passion for entrepreneurship, in particular how business can be used as an instrument towards a more sustainable future on this planet. Having some experience of starting my own businesses, I want to encourage my students to think up ideas for their own ventures, however small, to experience the rollercoaster of emotions that comes with running a business. Alongside the classroom



education, I have loved the chance to be a sports coach again, taking one of the football teams on the recent tour to Almaty.

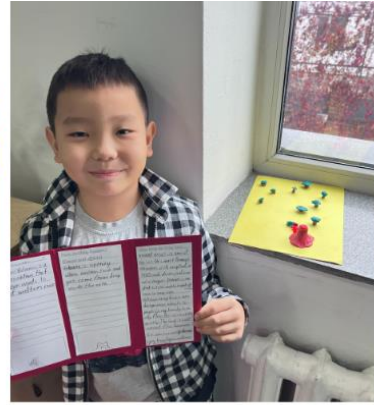
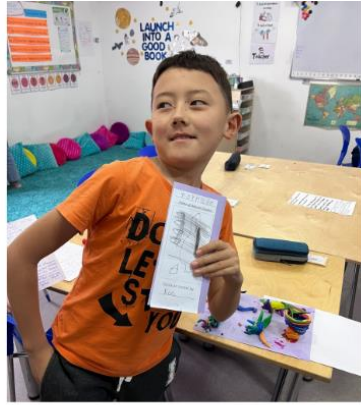
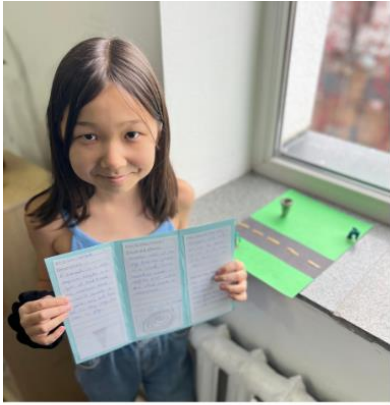
It is funny how ignorant people back home are about this part of the world, with my own mother seeming to think I was living and working in Kazakhstan for my first few weeks out here! However, their ignorance is also their great loss and I couldn't speak more highly of the welcome I have received in this country. Attempts so far to pick up some Russian have proven to be even more fiendishly difficult than I had anticipated but I hope in time to be able to converse more freely with the people of this wonderful place.

**Mr Tim, Business Studies Teacher**

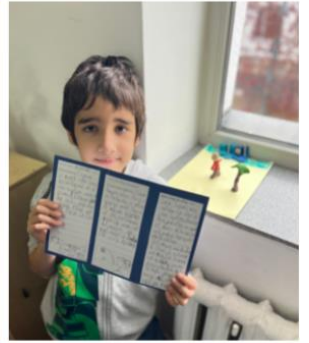
## Creative Art Studio



## LEARNING NATURAL DISASTERS



Grade 3 has been doing research projects in science on Natural Disasters. They started by choosing a natural disaster to research and then created an informative brochure explaining what they researched, how these natural disasters happen, as well as how to stay safe and how long their disaster can typically last. They then created clay models of their disaster to demonstrate some of the scenes left by these disasters in real life.



## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' COMMUNITY SERVICES

BIS students teaching English to students from public school 74 as part of their community project.




## ANNIVERSARY SHOW TICKETS FOR MOANA – SATURDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> is an official school day for all students and staff, and an opportunity for our parents and wider community to join together to celebrate at the Anniversary Show.

This year we are excited to present 'Moana', the Disney musical adventure, with a wonderful cast of characters and backstage crew from Grade 3 to Grade 12, led by Show Director, David Lien. Before we launch into Moana, we have an ocean themed Concert featuring all students from Preschool up to Grade 8, with musical or dance performances. Delicious food and drink from the Parents Association and Student Council, an art exhibition, and meeting up with friends, complete the show experience.

All students and staff have reserved seats, however we always support a Kyrgyz charity by selling tickets for the event to parents and friends. This year, all ticket income goes to the [Educational Initiatives Fund](#) for their project Мектенке бапам to support students whose schools were burnt down during the border conflict in Batken.

As the show will be in the Kyrgyz National Drama Theatre and **seats are limited, tickets will only be sold at the BIS external Reception office, and are available from Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. Tickets are 800 som for the show. However, if you will only stay for the Concert, and definitely leave at the intermission, you can buy a ticket for 400 som, so that your seat can be given to someone else to watch Moana after the



Bishkek International School  
Production of

Disney  
**MOANA Jr.**

Music and Lyrics by  
Lin-Manuel Miranda,  
Opetaia Foa'i & Mark Mancina


Book Adapted by  
Susan Soon He Stanton

Music and Orchestrations Adapted and  
Arranged by Ian Weinberger

Based on the 2016 Disney film *Moana*

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with  
Music Theatre International (Europe)  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by  
MTI Europe

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
16:00-18:00  
Kyrgyz National  
Drama Theatre



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intermission. You can reserve seats by emailing Burmakan [bbirnazarova@bis.kg](mailto:bbirnazarova@bis.kg) but payment must be made within 3 days of reservation. [The seating layout is here.](#)

Moana is an adventurous teenager who sails out on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey, Moana meets the once-mighty demigod Maui, who guides her in her quest to become a master way-finder. Together they sail across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous monsters and impossible odds. Along the way, Moana fulfills the ancient quest of her ancestors and discovers the one thing she always sought: her own identity.



## COLLEGE NIGHT – 24TH NOVEMBER, 17.00-18.00

Dear Grade 11 & Grade 12 Parents & Guardians,

You are invited to **College Night** on **November 24, 2022 at 17:00-18:00 at Bishkek International School**. Join us to learn and discuss how we all can support your children in this process.

University & Career Counseling Team



# Dear Parents

You are invited to attend

## University Application Guidance Session Grade 11 & Grade 12

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November 24, 2022

17:00 - 18:00

Bishkek International School  
Room - CAC 1

### Agenda:

- University Admissions Timeline
- Researching Universities
- Gathering Application Materials
- Tests/Grades/Transcript
- Scholarships/Grants
- Expenses/Hidden costs

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[ucc@bis.kg](mailto:ucc@bis.kg)

## FRIENDSGIVING

The Parents Association is organising a Friendsgiving Dinner at BIS on Nov 26th at 18:00. All parents and staff are invited to join this community event!

If you wish to join, please sign up [here](#).



Date: 26th November

Time: 6 pm

Participants: All parents  
and school staff

Place: BIS school



Дата: 26 Ноября

Время: 18ч

Участники: Все родители и  
сотрудники школы

Место: BIS школа



\* PAMC will provide wines and Turkey

You can bring whatever you want to share ;)

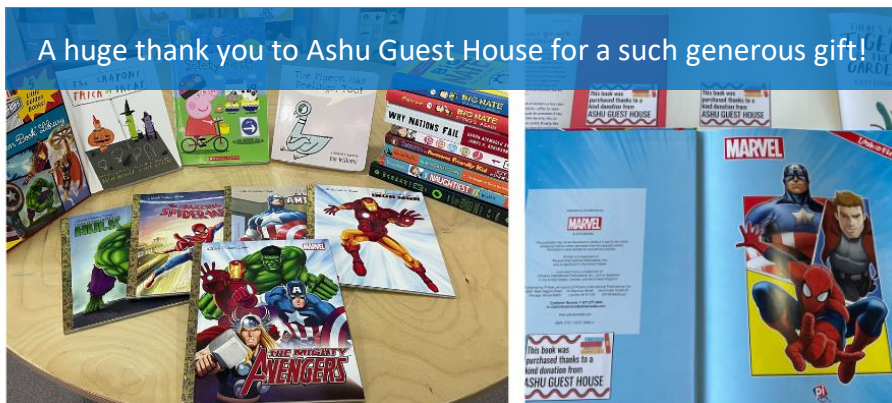
\* ПАМС позаботится об индейках и вине для всех, а вы можете принести все, чем готовы поделиться со всеми ;)

# Please join us!

# Ждём вас!

## A GENEROUS GIFT FROM ASHU GUEST HOUSE

Ashu Guest House where the Grade 6 students stayed for their overnight trip last spring has kindly asked that we buy books for school instead of paying them the fee. We used this money to buy new books for our beloved readers, which included such famous series as “The Baby-sitters club” by Ann M. Martin, “The Naughtiest Girl” by Enid Blyton, “Big Nate” by Lincoln Peirce and others. We also purchased some beautiful picture books as “The Smart Cookie” by Jory John, “There is a tiger in the garden” by Lizzy Stewart, various books about superheroes, about road safety, books for teenage students and many more!



## TASTY SCHOOL LUNCHES!

If you would like to see if the school lunches are tasty or not, you can do it from Monday 21st November to 16th December, please complete [this form](#) to request lunch on a specific day. After you complete the form, you will be contacted by email to confirm the date. Arrive at 13:00 and go to the inside reception to pay 100 som for lunch, then go to the cafe for lunch.

Please note that:

- From 21-25 November we will serve Menu 'B'.
- From 28 November to 2 December we will serve Menu 'C'.
- From 5 to 9 December we will serve Menu 'D'.
- From 12 to 16 December we will serve Menu 'A'.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 19<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday: BIS Annual Debate Tournament
- 26<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday: Friendsgiving Dinner – Parents Association
- 10<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday: BIS Anniversary Show – Official School Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> December, Friday: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - 6<sup>th</sup> January – Winter break

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for November 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

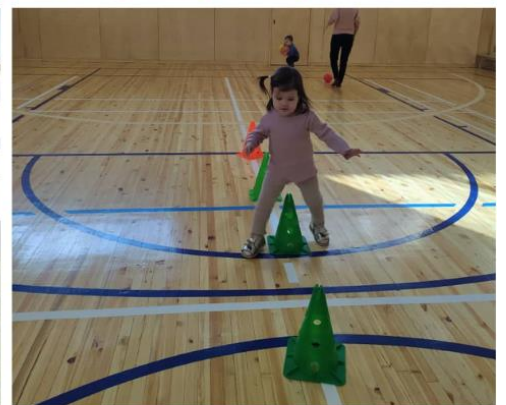


## PRESCHOOL 1

This week, Preschool 1 students have been very busy learning about healthy eating food. During circle time, we used our magic bag of different fruits, and our students pulled out the fruits. The next day, we did the same with veggies. We talked about how beneficial all fruits and veggies are. After completing this task, we asked the students what fruits and vegetables they liked and our friends demonstrated their preferences for us. To better understand, we read books about "Monsters don't eat broccoli," "I will never not ever eat a tomato," and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". We

learned new songs called "Peel Banana" and "Ten Little Vegetables," and other songs. On Wednesday, we discussed where fruits and vegetables grow. For art, we painted carrots, pineapple, and apples. We studied the concepts of small and tall in math. The students selected and adhered the pictures where the short and long lines were after we sorted the images. We measured their height and discussed who is tall and who is short. The week has been productive and rewarding.

**Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher**



## PRESCHOOL 2

This week our Preschool 2 students learned about different transportations and the difference between them. Now they are better aware of time and place. Preschool 2 friends keep learning phonics and this week they worked hard to learn patterns and slowly

getting the idea of it. Some friends did great and are already able to follow patterns. We also keep learning numbers and identifying them by their amount. Also Preschool 2 friends now are much better in tracing and coloring, we are very proud of our friends.

**Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher**



### PRESCHOOL 3

This week was very exciting for our preschool 3 friends. They had a fun filled week that had loads of activities. In Math this week, our friends practiced writing the number 5, counting and matching objects with numbers.

Our unit lesson this week was on why living things need food. Our friends asked questions and also gave reasons why human beings need food. They demonstrated understanding of one of the characteristics of living things, which is the need for food.

In English, our friends reviewed the SATPIN sounds and blended to read three letter words. They also

practiced writing the letter 'm' and matching pictures with sounds.

Preschool 3 friends enjoy stories and, this week, they enjoyed listening to a story read to them in the library. Our friends also enjoy a lot of coloring and drawing, therefore, in Art, they painted beautiful colorful pictures.

As exercising is very essential for good health, our friends had time in the primary gym, where they played and did lots of physical exercises.

Next week, we will look at where food comes from, writing the number 6 and phonic sound 'd'.

**Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher**

