

# Bishkek International School

## PRIMARY HOMEROOM TEAM 2022/23

### Grade 5 Yellow - Homeroom Teacher



**Rebecca Peters**

**Ms Rebecca** has a Post Graduate Certificate of Education from the UK and 12 years' experience teaching primary students in the UK, Mexico, Montenegro and Spain, before joining the BIS team in summer 2020. She believes that teaching children to read is one of the biggest gifts we can give them and that it's never too early to start teaching independence. When she's not teaching, you'll find her taking long hikes with her two dogs or relaxing on a comfortable chair with a good book.

### Grade 5 Yellow Co-Teacher



**Elina Ignatova**

**Ms Elina** graduated from the Faculty of Linguistics and Translation of Chelyabinsk State University, Russia, then worked in Bishkek as a private tutor with international students of different ages. Ms Elina joined BIS as a Co-Teacher in summer 2018 and worked for two years before taking maternity leave. She returned in later 2022 as Co-Teacher in Grade 5.

### Grade 5 Blue - Homeroom Teacher



**Rona Butler**

**Ms Rona** graduated from the UCLA with a degree in Political Science, and later trained as a teacher. She has worked in South Korea as both an English language teacher and for 10 years as a teacher trainer for the Seoul Metropolitan Education Training Institute. During that time, she completed her Post Graduate Diploma at the University of Birmingham. After leaving South Korea, Ms Rona taught primary students in a research center for autism at Youngstown State University, Ohio. Ms Rona joined BIS as a Homeroom Teacher in summer 2018.

### Grade 5 Blue Co-Teacher



**Nuraida Asanbaeva**

**Ms Nuraida** graduated from the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University and has a diploma in the Theory and Practice of Translation. She has 7 years' experience working with school students from age 7 to 10. She very much enjoys the opportunity to be with children to help them grow and flourish. Ms Nuraida joined BIS as a Primary Co-Teacher in August 2019.

#### Grade 4 Yellow - Homeroom Teacher



##### **Shelley King**

**Ms Shelley** has a Postgraduate Certificate in Education as well as a Master's Degree in Social Science from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. She has taught in South Korea, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Her broad experience has enabled her to value inclusivity and diversity. Ms Shelley is passionate about empowering children with knowledge, skills, opportunities, and motivation to become lifelong learners. In her spare time, she enjoys reading novels and watching documentaries. Ms Shelly joined the BIS team in summer 2021.

#### Grade 4 Yellow Co-Teacher



##### **Meerim Tashtanova**

**Ms Meerim** graduated from the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research with a degree in Journalism. During her studies at KIMEP, she studied in South Korea and the Netherlands as an exchange student. Ms Meerim taught English language in kindergarten and at a language school for children and adults. Also, she taught Russian language to university students. In her spare time, she loves volunteering, hiking, playing table football and singing. Ms Meerim joined the BIS team in November 2022.

#### Grade 4 Blue – Homeroom Teacher



##### **Ana Marie Alcalá**

**Ms Ana Marie** obtained a bachelor's degree in Biology and a teaching certificate in Special Education in the Philippines. In addition, she has a certificate in teaching English as a foreign Language from TEFL-C Teachers College, Columbia University. She has taught in primary schools in the Philippines, Tajikistan, China, Latvia and Tanzania before joining BIS in summer 2022. Ms Ana Marie is committed to maximizing individual student performance, inspiring student's interest in learning and instilling a sense of self-worth among students.

#### Grade 4 Blue Co-Teacher



##### **Aisedep Syrgakova**

**Ms Aisedep** graduated from Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University with a degree in International Relations with part of the course and internship completed in Turkey. She has worked as a tutor for both English and Turkish, as a language teacher for children in an education center, and as English Teacher at a private preschool in Bishkek. Ms Aisedep joined BIS in August 2019 and is currently studying part-time for her Masters in Education at the American University of Central Asia.

### Grade 3 Yellow - Homeroom Teacher



**Paul Fahede**

**Mr Paul** has a Bachelor of Arts in History, as well as a PGCE from the University of Leeds. He also has a TEFL qualification from the University of Liverpool and a Masters in Education with an emphasis on Special Educational Needs from Liverpool John Moores University. Mr. Paul has taught in his home country of the United Kingdom as well as internationally in Canada, Mongolia, Japan and Malaysia. Mr Paul joined BIS in summer 2022 and is thrilled to be part of the BIS community.

### Grade 3 Yellow Co-Teacher



**Eva David**

Ms Eva has a bachelor degree from the Kyrgyz State Technical University. She has 9 years' experience working with children from age 3 to 10 including working in an International School in Trondheim, Norway, and in the Kyrgyz Republic. In her spare time, Mrs. Eva enjoys hiking and camping. Mrs. Eva first joined the BIS Preschool team as a Co-teacher in November 2015, and returned in summer 2021 following her international experience.

### Grade 3 Blue - Homeroom Teacher



**Michaela Kilbride**

**Ms Michaela** graduated from the University of South-Eastern Norway with a degree in International Teaching for Primary Schools. She has taught in primary schools in Norway, Philippines, Cuba and Canada. Ms Michalea joined the BIS team in summer 2021 as Primary Homeroom Teacher, and following a very successful year she is excited to work with the wide range of students in Grade 3 in 2022/23.

### Grade 3 Blue Co-Teacher



**Erkinai Abdiakhat kyzy**

**Ms Erkinai** graduated as an English Teacher from Bishkek Humanities University, faculty of European civilization. She joined BIS in August 2019 as a Co-Teacher. Ms Erkinai enjoys working with children and seeing them grow and develop.

## Grade 2 Yellow - Homeroom Teacher



### Oksana Chichilova

**Ms Oksana** studied the theory and practice of intercultural communication at the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University and has a bachelor honours degree in Linguistics and a British Council certificate of 'Language Learning and Development in Early Childhood'. Ms Oksana joined the BIS team in summer 2016 and received UK Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in June 2021. In 2021/22 she started as Homeroom Teacher for Grade 2, and will continue in this role in 2022/23. Ms Oksana enjoys working with children and believes that not only do children learn from their teachers but that teachers also learn new things from their students every day.

## Grade 2 Yellow Co-Teacher



### Karina Bekeshova

**Ms Karina** has a Bachelor's degree as an English Language Teacher from Bishkek Humanities University. During her study she experienced two exchange programs in the USA and Cyprus. From November 2019 to August 2021 she worked as an English Teacher in high school. Ms Karina joined BIS in August 2021.

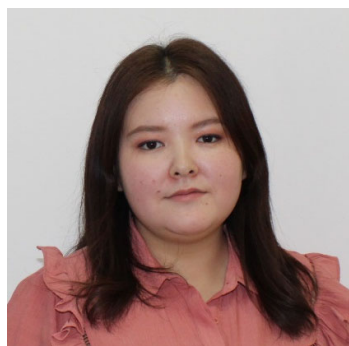
## Grade 2 Blue - Homeroom Teacher



### Morgan Chadderton

**Ms Morgan** graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with a B.A. in Modern Languages, Linguistics, and Intercultural Communication. After graduation, she spent a year as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant at Kyrgyz State Technical University in Bishkek. She has been teaching early primary students for the past three years. In her free time, she is usually studying languages, petting dogs, or baking. Ms. Morgan joined the BIS team in summer 2022.

## Grade 2 Blue Co-Teacher



### Kanykei Tursunaliyeva

**Ms Kanykei** graduated from Ala Too International University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary School Teaching. - After graduation she have worked in different international schools in Bishkek, before joining the BIS team in summer 2022.



### Grade 1 Yellow - Homeroom Teacher



#### **Maria Corbett**

**Ms Maria** graduated from ISAE University of Panama, with a diploma in Primary Years Education. She has 15 years of teaching experience, 7 of which have been in International Baccalaureate schools. She has worked with diverse age groups and has experience as a first-grade and second-grade homeroom teacher, English Language Acquisition (EAL) teacher for early grades and middle school, and Spanish as an Additional Language (SAL) teacher for upper elementary. Her experience in education goes beyond classrooms as an IB Primary Years Programme librarian for 4 years. Ms. Maria joined the BIS team in summer 2022.

### Grade 1 Yellow Co-Teacher



#### **Diana Kurbanova**

**Ms Diana** has a Bachelor degree in Educational Psychology from Bishkek Humanities University. She has been working with children since graduating in 2017 and prior to that she was a volunteer in children camps. She truly believes that a happy child is recipe for success. Ms Diana speaks Kyrgyz, Russian, English, and Turkish; and she is currently learning Spanish. In her free time, she like reading. Ms Diana joined BIS as a Primary Co-Teacher in September 2019.

### Grade 1 Blue - Homeroom Teacher



#### **Begimai Keneshbekova**

**Ms Begimai** graduated from the Bishkek Humanities University and worked as an English teacher in state secondary schools before joining BIS in June 2016. Ms Begimai has excelled in various roles at BIS and received UK Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in June 2021. She has been Preschool Homeroom Teacher from summer 2019 and looks forward to exploring the world with Grade 1 students this year. Ms Begimai very much enjoys working with children and is constantly focused on improving the educational experience of our students.

### Grade 1 Blue Co-Teacher



#### **Guldana Muratalieva**

**Ms Guldana** graduated from Bishkek Humanities University, Faculty of European Civilization, as an English Language Teacher, then worked in business organizations in both Bishkek and Qatar, before returning to teach in Bishkek. Ms Guldana joined the BIS team in summer 2021.

## Grade 0 Homeroom Teacher



### **Altnai Isabekova**

**Ms Altnai** has a Bachelor's degree in Pedagogy from the International University of Central Asia and 8 years' teaching experience. Before joining BIS, she worked with children in Kyrgyzstan and Vietnam. She believes that early development is very important and has significant influence to children's future life. Ms Altnai joined BIS as an Inclusive Education Support Teacher and English Language Acquisition Teacher in August 2020 and her exceptional work led to her being appointed as a Primary Homeroom Teacher in summer 2021. Ms Altnai is also completing a part-time Postgraduate Certificate in Education with the University of Nottingham, while teaching at BIS.

## Grade 0 Co-Teacher



### **Aiperi Zhyrgalbekova**

**Ms Aiperi** graduated from the International University of Central Asia and has diverse experience working with children, including teaching English at private educational centers in China. Her language skills include Russian sign language, and her hobbies include learning languages, travelling, cooking, drawing and reading. Ms Aiperi joined BIS in September 2019.

*Primary students are also taught by specialist teachers following the PYP approach for Art, Dance, Music, Languages and Physical Education.*