



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

**VOICES**



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 19 / 2022-23

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### **BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO ADVENTURE!**

We hope everyone in our BIS community had a restful break. We are happy to see our students back on campus. Young students are excited to explore our new tree houses on the playground with rope bridges and unique climbing structure which are perfect for children to release their energy.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled term with many exciting learning experiences and discoveries. Stay tuned!



## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

**KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):**

**David Mars (Grade 10)**

**Aymir Mirlan (Grade 10)**

## ACTION IS ALL AROUND US



As part of their unit on How We Organise Ourselves, G5 students have been thinking about what services should be provided by governments, and what happens when they are not.

They learnt about why Fountain of Life, a local shelter for homeless people, was set up, what kind of services they provide, and some of the reasons why some people are homeless.

The students decided to donate socks, gloves, hats and scarves to help keep homeless people warm this winter. If you'd like to know more about the shelter and ways you can help, please take a look at their [website](#).



## WORLD CULTURE CELEBRATIONS AT BIS – PAMC SURVEY

We are preparing the school calendar for 2023/24 and the PAMC is conducting a short survey about some international school events. This year, we have an 'Asia Day' as an open day for the whole community on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, a similar 'Europe Day' on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, an 'Africa Day Festival' on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, and the 'All Americas BBQ' on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We also celebrate all cultures at our UN Day for all students and staff on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. To help us plan for 2023/24, please complete [this short PAMC survey](#) to give your opinion about cultural celebration plans for next year.



## FRUIT OR VEGETABLE?

Grade 3 students have been learning about pollination and how its process gives us yummy fruits and vegetables. We learned that a fruit is scientifically categorized by seeds inside of produce where as scientific vegetables don't have seeds inside! To see this in real action students dove in deep to some basic vegetables in their day to day life to figure out if they were scientifically categorized as a fruit or a vegetable based on if they had seeds inside them.

What do you think, is a tomato scientifically a fruit or a vegetable?



## MOANA BEHIND THE SCENES VIDEO

Watch Moana behind the scenes video by [this link](#).



# BIS Snapshot: Winter Fun



## FOOTBALL SEASON AWARDS



### TOTAL HOUSE POINTS SCORE:



Phoenixes

17099



PIRANHAS

20099



SNOW LEOPARDS

18497

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Our January Book Club is up and running! We invite you to consider using the Book Club to buy English-language books for your children.

The deadline for orders is **January 29, 2023**.

The books will be delivered to BIS directly from the UK (at the end of February).

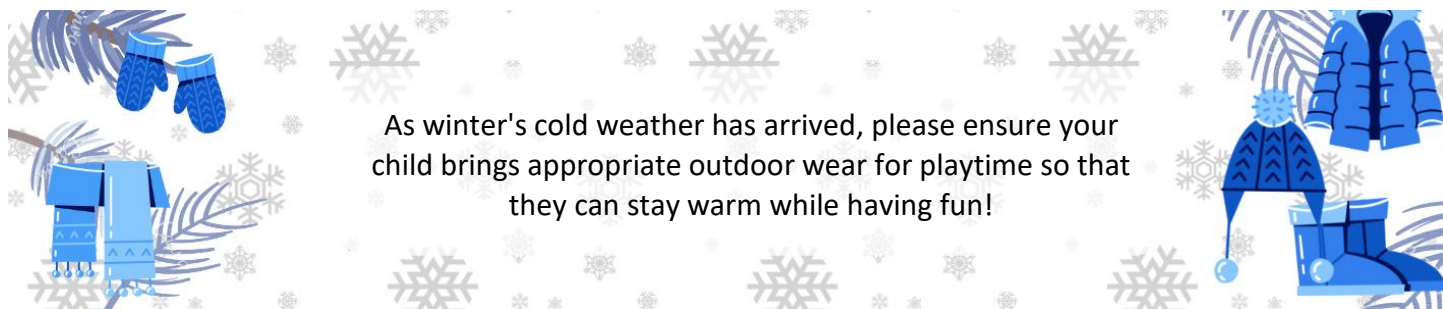
Please note that this time in order to reduce paper usage we don't have paper leaflets. You can browse the books and place your order online by the following link:

<http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool>

**EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!**

So by purchasing your books from the Scholastic Book Club you also help our school library to grow.

## WARM CLOTHES REMINDER



As winter's cold weather has arrived, please ensure your child brings appropriate outdoor wear for playtime so that they can stay warm while having fun!

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for January 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> is **Menu C**.

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 27<sup>th</sup> January, Friday: Winter Sports Day
- 3-4 February: BISA Basketball Tournament
- 13-20 February: CAFA Basketball Tournament in Tashkent
- 14<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday: Valentine's Day organized by students
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Wednesday: Languages in Our Lives Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Thursday: Homeland Defender's Day. **NO SCHOOL**
- 24<sup>th</sup> February, Friday: (holiday moved from 8th November). **No SCHOOL**

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## WHATSAPP & TELEGRAM

Most school communication is sent by email or in Voices. We also have Telegram and WhatsApp broadcast channels to repeat general email messages. The same info is on WhatsApp and Telegram, and on both English and Russian channels. If you do not check emails, join the channel that is easiest for you to follow.



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## PRESCHOOL 1

We are back to school and ready for new adventures in the world of interesting and exciting things! The children missed each other a lot and were very happy to meet on the first day of school. We also welcomed our new friend Dastan, and they had so much fun playing with him.

This week we started discussing a new unit of inquiry, "How we express ourselves." We are going to talk about how we express our feelings when we are creative. For instance, we can make art or music using

our bodies, etc. Our students learned about feelings and emotions this week. During circle time, we sang different songs about emotions, feelings, and our children showed their feelings. We read a lot of books together, like "Everybody feels sad and happy," "The very cranky bear", "How dinosaurs say I am mad." For art activities, we painted emotions, made a face with emotions using playdough. This week was fun, wonderful, and educational, all the children were happy to discover new knowledge.

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



## PRESCHOOL 2

Welcome Back! We hope your New Years were fantastic and our break was restful. Returning from winter break mean refining the skills we have been working on before including handwriting, scissor as well as building our characters through our UOI topics. This term our friends will learn how to express feelings for UOI. This week Letter G was introduced to the

students. Students learned letter G words. We also revised numbers up to 10 and did activities on identifying them by their amount. Preschool 2 also welcomed a new friend in our class. We are all looking forward to explore a lot of new fun activities to gain more knowledge.

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



### PRESCHOOL 3

Our preschool 3 friends opened school with great enthusiasm and were ready to do more exciting explorations on our units of inquiry and other areas of development.

Having had a restful winter break, our preschool 3 friends came back to school with loads of stories to share about their holiday experiences. They also welcomed a new friend who joined the class for the first time.

During morning circle time, we shared our holiday experiences and what we were expecting to be in this new term.

In Math, we counted up to the number 15, and we wrote the number 10 in our books. We learnt exciting

lessons on number bonds and friends used number bubbles and pom-poms for that purpose. In English, we reviewed all the previously learnt sounds. This week, our sound of the week was the phonic sound 'e'.

During Art classes, our friends painted colorful jellyfishes and modelled their names using salt and paint. They also made colorful buckets after listening to a story called 'Fill a Bucket'.

Next week, we will look at the phonic sound 'h' in English, number bonds in Math and stories in our UOI.

We look forward to a term that will be exciting, full of activities and visits to different places as we progress in being explorers.

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

