



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

**VOICES**



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 25 / 2022-23

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## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN TASHKENT

Great memories were made for all four BIS teams at the CABC Basketball Tournament at Tashkent International School. Following a week in the country, including a Samarkand day trip, and four days of basketball games, our teams returned stronger, wiser, and with closer friendships, that will serve them well as they grow to success.

Our U19 Boys team started the best, beating Tashkent at home. All of our other teams improved each day and reached the semi-finals of the tournament on Saturday. Our U19 Girls team saved the best for last, beating Tashkent on their own court and taking 3rd place overall.



# LANGUAGES IN OUR LIVES



On February 22nd, BIS celebrated 'Languages in Our Lives Day' to recognize and celebrate the huge number of languages spoken across our school community. We think it's important to recognize all of the languages in our lives, whether they are languages we speak fluently, whether we were brought up speaking a particular language, or whether a language holds a special place in our hearts for another reason! The languages team organized different activities to celebrate and make this day memorable for our students!



MYP students have been doing language exchanges within their lessons, enjoying presentations about Multilingualism and learning a lot of interesting facts about other languages.

Few high school students have been involved in doing a puppet show for preschool and grades 1 and 0. Others have helped during break giving cookies to students and staff when they ask for them in a different language.

PYP students enjoyed being 'language detectives', looking for flags all over the school for the languages spoken in our community in the language-themed scavenger hunt. All of our preschool and PYP students took part in some mini language lessons held by parents and teachers, trying out two different languages - amongst the selection were Japanese, Italian, Filipino, Urdu, Dungan, Turkish, Korean, Serbian, Spanish, Mandarin, and Finnish.

We would like to thank all the students, teachers and staff involved in making Languages in our Life a fun, interesting and enjoyable experience!



# BIS Snapshot: Languages in Our Lives Day



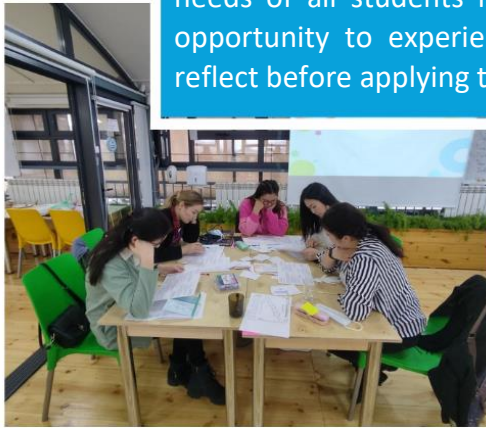
# BIS Snapshot: Taigans in Tashkent



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



On Saturday, February 18th, the language teaching team had a full-day workshop on optimal approaches in education and knowledge acquisition conducted by KG TESOL trainers. In particular, the training focused on teaching languages using interactive activities and games to meet the learning needs of all students in the class. Teachers had a great opportunity to experience the activities themselves and reflect before applying them in practice.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2023/2024

The Academic calendar for 2022/2023 year is now available [here](#).

School days and holidays will not change, however events may move or change as we go through the year.



### SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024

■ School Vacation   
 ■ Public Holiday in KR – School Closed   
 ■ Teacher In-Service Day   
 ■ Sports Events   
 ■ Events   
 ■ Meetings or Exams

August 2023						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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14 – 18 August: Teacher In-Service Orientation  
 21 August: First Day of School  
 25 August: Meet the Teachers  
 31 August: Independence Day – public holiday

September 2023						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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8 Sept: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association  
 16 Sept: Asia Day Festival  
 22 Sept: Sports Day in Spartak Stadium: Grade 4 to 12

October 2023						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

11 Oct: Individual Parents-Teacher Meetings  
 16-20 Oct: Autumn/Fall Break  
 24 Oct: UN Day at BIS  
 31 Oct: Fall Festival/Halloween

November 2023						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

7-8 Nov: Days of History & Memory of Ancestors  
 8 Nov: Staff In-Service Training  
 18 Nov: Friendsgiving Dinner – Parents Association  
 25 Nov: BIS Annual Debate Tournament  
 29 Nov: PYP Student led Conferences

December 2023						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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9 Dec: BIS Anniversary Show – Official School Day  
 15 Dec: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz  
 18 Dec - 5 Jan – Winter break

January 2024						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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7 Jan: Orthodox Christmas  
 8 Jan: First Day of Second Semester  
 24 Jan: Parent-Teacher Meetings  
 26 Jan: Winter Sports Day

February 2024						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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14 Feb: Valentines Day organized by Students  
 21 Feb: Languages in Our Lives Day  
 23 Feb: Homeland Defender's Day

March 2024						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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1 March: STEM Fair  
 2 Mar: BISMUN – Model United Nations  
 8 March: International Women's Day  
 15 March: Nooruz Celebration at BIS  
 21 March: Nooruz Public Holiday  
 18-22 March: Spring Break

April 2024						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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7 April: Revolution Day – holiday on 8 April  
 10 April: Orozo Ait – public holiday  
 16 April: MYP 3 Community Project Presentations  
 19 April: Art Exhibition & Poetry Evening  
 20 April: Europe Day Festival  
 25 April: PYP Exhibition  
 26 April: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association  
 End of April: IGCSE and IB DP Exam Sessions start

May 2024						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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1 May: Labour Day – public holiday  
 6 May: Public Holiday for 5<sup>th</sup> Constitution Day  
 8 May: Primary School Sports Day  
 9 May: Victory Day – public holiday  
 11 May: Parents Association Garage Sale  
 18 May: BIS Got Talent  
 25 May: Africa Day Festival

June 2024						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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1 June: High School Prom  
 6 June: Class of 2024 Reflection Dinner  
 7 June: High School Graduation Ceremony  
 10 June: Graduations for Preschool 3, Grade 5, Grade 8  
 11 June: Primary School Educational Visits Day  
 12 June: Parent-Teacher Meetings  
 13 June: Last Day of School /All Americas Barbecue  
 14 June: Teacher In-Service Day  
 17 June: Kurman Ait – public holiday

July 2024						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
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July: Vacation  
 First day of school 2024/25: Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>



DATE: MARCH 03  
TIME: 13 PM-16 PM  
LOCATION: BIG HALL

LET'S HAVE FUN!

# MYP SCIENCE COMPETITION

PRIZES FOR  
THE BEST  
PROJECTS

House points awarded for wearing  
science related costumes

BIS 2023



## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Friday: STEM Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday: BISMUN – Model United Nations
- 8<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday: International Women's Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> March, Friday: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- 21<sup>st</sup> March, Tuesday: Nooruz Public Holiday
- 20-24 March: Spring Break

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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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This week was quite short but full of fun for our preschool friends. We had Languages in Our Lives Day and we had loads of activities that kept us on our toes. We participated in a scavenger hunt, and our friends went to the main school to hunt for flags representing some of the different languages spoken in our BIS community. Our friends would like to express their gratitude to all the organizers who made the day memorable.

