



LAST DAYS OF WINTER

Grade Zero had their very first full-day field trip to the mountains this week. As a part of learning about Four Seasons, our young learners went into studying Winter Arts and Sports. We thought it would be a great idea to experience one of the sports in practice. Students had their ski lessons, played in the fresh air, and enjoyed the last sunny winter days.



"The skiing was so good!"
Alessandro



"Going over the
bumps was the
most exciting part!"
Ian



"I liked that we could eat
and ski in the mountains!"
Adil



"Skiing and eating are the best!"
Taiga



"I liked going down the hill!"
Rustam

"The rope was fun!"
Alima



CPR, BROG AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Leni (Grade 2B), Misha (Grade 2Y), Zhan (Grade 3B), Eli (Grade 3Y), Jessica (Grade 4Y)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Emilia (Grade 1B), Tabiiat (Grade 1B), Rayan (Grade 4B), Safiia (Grade 4B)

LEARNING ABOUT BUGS



Last week, the entomologist visited our school and shared his findings and knowledge with Grade 1 classes. He demonstrated various butterflies, bugs, spiders, scorpions, and other types of insects from Thailand, Madagascar, and other countries and told exciting facts and differences between these creatures. Our students had the chance to look at them and ask questions.

After the Insect Exhibition, our students joined in on scientific activities; the visitor showed how to check the milk, salami, yogurt, and other products to see whether they were pure. The visitor also conducted experiments with colors and fire. This in-school experience was a huge success. Congratulations to Grade 1 students for actively participating in this experience.

Grade 1 Team

CELEBRATING "LANGUAGES IN OUR LIVES"

Watch the video by [this link](#)

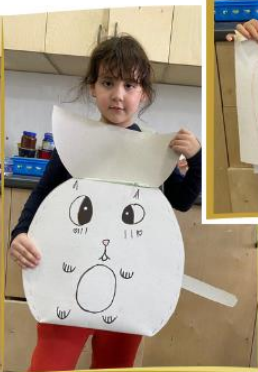




MAKING PROPS FOR NOORUZ



Creative Art Studio



Students making a handbag design




INVITATION

Grade 12 CAS &
Grade 11 TOK showcases



CAS FAIR & TOK EXHIBITION



Exciting news from the IB Core - this year, Theory of Knowledge and CAS students will be presenting a combined exhibition on **March 15th, from 15:30-18:30.**

All parents, staff and students are invited to join DP1 students as they celebrate the mid point of their TOK careers, while DP2 students present the culmination of their achievements in Creativity, Activity and Service.

Place: BIS Cafe, A1, A2



Join us to celebrate

The World Book Day 2023

Take part in the photo contest "BookFace" organized by BIS Library

What to do:

1. Replace your face/part of the body with a book's cover and take a photo
2. Email your photo to library@bis.kg by 10th March!

Include your name and age/grade

- your photos will be hung in the hall next to the library, and the winner will be chosen by voting



Prizes:

1. PYP 1st place -1000 som @iqbookstore gift card
 2. MYP 1st place -1000 som @iqbookstore gift card
 3. IGCSE/DP 1st place -1000 som @iqbookstore gift card
 4. Staff 1st place -1000 som @iqbookstore gift card
- each participant gets 10 house points



DEAR BIS STUDENTS

ENTER THE BUNTING DESIGN COMPETITION FOR KING CHARLES III CORONATION

TO BE HELD ON THE 6TH MAY 2023
AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, LONDON
AND
DISPLAYED AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY, BISHKEK
AT THE CORONATION PARTY

BE IN THE CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES
EVERYONE WHO ENTERS GETS A CERTIFICATE
DEADLINE: MARCH 31 2023



MORE INFO HERE



THE IGCSE SUMMER EXAMINATION SCHEDULE AVAILABLE NOW

[Check out this link](#)



NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

We'd like to thank the BIS community for your January book orders via our Scholastic Book Club. We acquired 27 new books for the library using Scholastic reward points thanks to your orders!

Some of the exciting new arrivals include amazing picture books for younger kids as well as some popular graphic novels such as 'Agent Moose' and 'Bad Guys'. We also got some new award winning best seller books for our high school students.



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
28	29	30	31			

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
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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
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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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						
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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						
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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						
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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 5th Constitution Day
 8 May: Primary School Sports Day
 9 May: Victory Day – public holiday
 11 June: 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 26th

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for March 6th – 10th 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4th March, Saturday: BISMUN – Model United Nations
- 8th March, Wednesday: International Women’s Day
- 17th March, Friday: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- 21st March, Tuesday: Nooruz Public Holiday
- 20-24 March: Spring Break
- 7th April, Friday: April Revolution Day – public holiday
- 14th April, Friday: Art Exhibition & Poetry Evening
- 15th April, Saturday: Europe Day Festival
- 18th April, Tuesday: MYP3 Community Project
- 20th April, Thursday: PYP Student led Conferences
- 21st April, Friday: Orozo Ait – public holiday
- 27th April, Thursday: PYP Exhibition
- 28th April, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- End of April: IBDP and IGCSE Exam Sessions start

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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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Parents Association - [facebook.com/bis.parents.127](https://www.facebook.com/bis.parents.127)



PRESCHOOL 1

Preschool 1 friends have continued their school adventure of having fun and learning new knowledge this week. Our young friends focused on talking about clothes. We discussed that we wear very warm clothes like snow jackets, snow pants, mittens, scarves, and hats in cold weather. And in hot weather, we wear t-shirts, dresses, shorts, caps, and

skirts. Afterward, we sorted all the clothes by hot and cold weather and talked about their colors. We also sang the “What’s the weather?” song while pointing to each type of weather. In math, we looked at circle shapes and made a scavenger hunt for circle objects in the classroom. Next week we will continue to talk about clothes.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



Our Preschool 2 friends had a great week! We learn numbers by playing our favourite board game called “Shelby” for counting and have our “Koala” game for English where we learn letters. We also keep on learning letter sounds and our friends enjoy singing songs. We also did a lot of activities this week to

practice cutting skills. For UOI Preschool 2 friends did a small project where they coloured a paper and then named their picture with one emotion after we discussed why. The posters will be on the wall next week!

Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



This week our friends in preschool 3 had an exciting and busy week. In our UOI lesson, we looked at structures that tell stories. We explored the Burana Tower and we discovered that some stories are legends that represent history. Our Preschool 3 friends talked about their feelings after listening to the story, and also expressed their thoughts about the Khan and his daughter. We also made the tower using play dough.

In Math, we looked at the number 17, and we counted all the friends and teachers in class. We also looked at different shapes and patterns, including the

patterns we saw on the Burana Tower, and worked in teams to make pictures using shapes. Our friends also came up with stories using those shape pictures.

Our friends are developing their phonics skills steadily and are now learning how to read simple texts. Their language skills are also developing well as they can tell stories using pictures. For our handwriting activities in phonics, we wrote the letter sound 'f' and drew Fip the fox.

Next week, we will look at phonic sound 'b' and the number 18.

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

