

# Bishkek International School

## PRIMARY HOMEROOM TEAM 2023/24

### 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



#### Roza Amanbekova

**Ms Roza** graduated from the University of Central Asia with BA in Communications and Media. During her studies, she did internships in various international organizations and companies in the USA, Switzerland, Russia and Kyrgyzstan. After graduation in 2022, following her passion for education, she worked for a year at a local school as an English and Russian language teacher. Ms. Roza joined BIS in summer 2023.

### 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



#### Zharkynai Ilebaeva

**Ms. Zharkynai** graduated from the Kyrgyz-Turkish University, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality. After graduation she worked in various international schools and an English Language Learning Center. Ms. Zharkynai joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

#### Grade 4 Yellow – Homeroom Teacher



##### **Ana Marie Alcala**

**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 Yellow Co-Teacher



##### **Aigerim Zhumabayeva**

**Ms Aigerim** graduated from the Kyrgyz State University with a Bachelor Degree from the Faculty of Linguistics in English language. Her teaching career includes English language teaching in both schools and language school for children and adults, as well as teaching Russian to university students. Ms Aigerim enjoys working with children and seeing them grow and develop. In her spare time, she loves volunteering, hiking, running and traveling. Ms Aigerim joined the BIS team in August 2023.

#### Grade 4 Blue - 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 Blue 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, and 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 3 Yellow - Homeroom Teacher



#### Genevieve Maser

**Ms Genevieve** has taught in Quebec, Russia, and Uzbekistan. She speaks both English and French, and practices her Russian whenever possible. She has a BA, an MA, and a CELTA from Canada, as well as a Teaching degree from the United States. She is currently completing her Master's of Education degree in Gifted and Talented Education. In her free time, Genevieve likes to study the natural world of plants and animals with her daughter. Ms Genevieve joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

### Grade 3 Yellow Co-Teacher



#### Meikinai Kuldanbaeva

**Ms Meikinai** graduated from The University of Strasbourg in France with a master's degree in Economic and Political Analysis. She specializes in Macroeconomics and European Politics with an emphasis on education policy. She also has a bachelor's degree in economics and management from The University of Angers. During her university studies, she worked as a student tutor completed internships and research projects in the education field. Ms Meikinai joined the BIS team in March 2023.

### Grade 3 Blue - Homeroom Teacher



#### Nicola Dellow

**Ms Nicola** has over 20 years of Primary School teaching experience in England, Turkey, Oman, and most recently Bishkek. Her education includes a BA in English Language & Literature and a PGCE in the UK. Ms Nicola is committed to achieving the best for children in her care, educating the whole child and inspiring them to be lifelong learners. She believes that we all learn from each other and that learning is a lifelong journey. In her free time, Ms Nicola enjoys good drama, cycling, swimming and tennis. She joined the BIS team in summer 2023

### Grade 3 Blue Co-Teacher



#### Deniz Karybaeva

**Ms Deniz** graduated from the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, philology faculty, as teacher of Russian language and literature. She initially worked as Russian teacher in Novo-Pokrovka school and realized that teaching is very responsible and noble as the education and upbringing of the younger generation is a huge contribution to the development of both the country and all of humanity. Ms Deniz joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

## 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. She became a Homeroom Teacher for Grade 2 in summer 2021 and continues in this role today. 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



### Aike Uralieva

**Ms Aike** graduated from the Kyrgyz National University with a degree in interpretation/translation. She worked as an English teacher in an education center and taught in different schools. She loves working with children helping them to grow and supporting them. Her goals in teaching are to get students interested and excited about class, inspire them to look forward to learning, and to have fun in class. Ms Aike joined the BIS team in summer 2022.

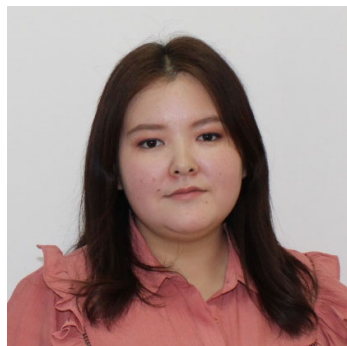
## Grade 2 Blue - Homeroom Teacher



### 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 four 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 has worked in different international schools in Bishkek, before joining the BIS team in summer 2022.

### Grade 1 Yellow - 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 a Homeroom Teacher since summer 2019 became a Grade 1 Homeroom Teacher in summer 2022, where she continues to inspire students every day. Ms Begimai very much enjoys working with children and is constantly focused on improving the educational experience of our students.

### Grade 1 Yellow Co-Teacher



#### **Rabiia Erkulova**

**Ms Rabiia** graduated from the Bishkek State University, Faculty of European Civilizations, as a Linguist-translator. While studying she also worked as a private English tutor and helped children with their homework. Ms Rabiia loves working with children and finds a good common language with them. She also has work experience in Germany via the "FerienJob" program. Ms Rabiia joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

### Grade 1 Blue - Homeroom Teacher



#### **Nelia Chisenga Mwanza**

**Ms Nelia** has a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education having majored in English and History, as well as a Teaching Diploma. She has been teaching primary students for the past 5 years, having taught in her home country Zambia, and Kyrgyzstan. She loves working with children and believes that being a teacher is an opportunity to make a positive impact on young minds and help shape their educational journey. Ms. Nelia joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

### Grade 1 Blue Co-Teacher



#### **Zhyldyz Zhikanova**

**Ms Zhyldyz** graduated from the Kyrgyz National University with a degree in Linguistics and worked as an English teacher after graduating. She has also worked as a sponsorship specialist in the NGO 'Good Neighbors International', finding support for children from 2 to 18 years old for their health and education. Ms Zhyldyz enjoys helping children to learn and is even happier to see them progress and prosper. Ms Zhyldyz joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

## Grade 0 Yellow - Homeroom Teacher



### Altynai Isabekova

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

## Grade 0 Yellow Co-Teacher



### Gulsara Sheraly kyzy

**Ms Gulsara** graduated from the Law Faculty of Chui University, followed by various experience in the retail sector, including a year in Doha, Qatar. After Qatar, Ms Gulsara worked in the hospitality sector with leading hotel groups in Moscow and Bishkek. Ms Gulsara joined the BIS community in February 2023, where she has found her passion working with young children.

## Grade 0 Blue - 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 the BIS team in summer 2022 and is thrilled to be part of the BIS community.

## Grade 0 Blue Co-Teacher



### Nargiza Zhusupova

**Ms Nargiza** graduated from Bishkek Humanities University, Faculty of European Civilization, as an English teacher. She has worked as a guide translator for tourists from all over the world, and also worked as a project specialist in NGO "Kyrgyz Association of Forest and Land Users". She really enjoys playing with children and wants to develop in the field of education. She spends her free time reading books by Maria Montessori. Ms Nargiza joined the BIS team in March 2022.

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