



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 13 / 2023-24

17th November 2023

“BRING YOUR PARENTS TO SCHOOL” DAY

For the past two weeks, Preschool and Primary have hosted exciting 'Bring Your Parents To School' days. Parents and guardians inquired into the vision of the Primary Years Program and learned about the classroom life of their children.

If you attended this event, please [fill a one-minute feedback form](#) to help us better understand your experience.



CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Jantai (Grade 3Y), **Sasha** (Grade 5Y)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Noah (Grade 1Y), **Kseniia** (Grade 3B), **Leni** (Grade 3Y)

BROC (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator):

Shiqi (Grade 3Y), **Sara** (Grade 8Y), **Aiana** (Grade 8B), **Jeongyeon (Sally)** (Grade 8B)

GRADE 0-5 STUDENT LED CONFERENCES – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH



Please sign up via [“School Buddy”](#) for your child’s 15 minute ‘student-led conference’ at BIS on **Wednesday November 29th 2023**.

Student-led conferences enable students to take greater ownership of their learning and to develop a deeper knowledge of how to progress in the future. Please join us for this exciting opportunity for your child to guide you through their learning.

Please note that the sign-up via [“School Buddy”](#) opens at 16:00 on Friday November 17th and stays open until Tuesday November 28th at 12:00 noon.

Booking times are available in 15 minute increments:

- ✓ Between 9:45 and 11:15 for Grades 0, 1 & 2;
- ✓ Between 11:15 and 12:45 for Grades 3, 4 & 5.

If you have any questions about the event, please email me eignatova@bis.kg

**Elina Ignatova, Primary School Assistant
Principal**

GRADE 4 TRIP TO BURANA TOWER



Our Grade 4 students recently enjoyed an educational trip to Burana tower, exploring the historical site and engaging in interactive learning activities. The highlight was the Burana Historical Museum showcasing a wealth of ancient artifacts such as coins, pottery, and other archaeological pieces that tell the history of the Silk Road.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

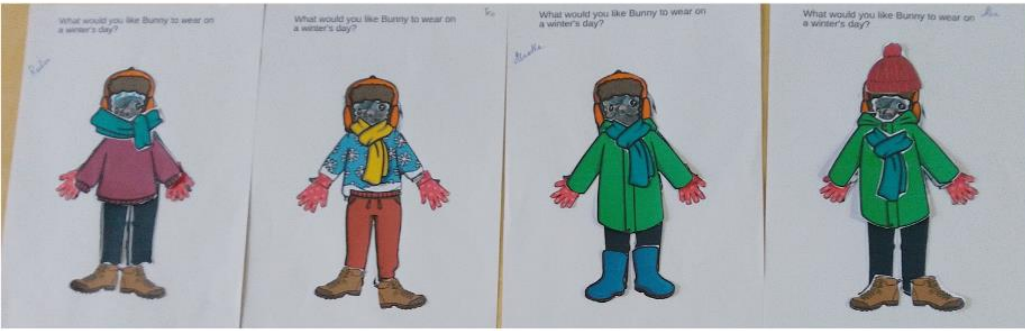
To introduce students in MYP to the Anti Bullying week which will be happening at BIS next week, our school counsellors Ms. Valeria and Ms. Zhibek, made a significant impact with their insightful presentation. They effectively raised awareness about various forms of bullying, including the less obvious ones like cyberbullying and social exclusion. Their insightful presentation not only educated but also



inspired, showcasing the crucial role of empathetic guidance and peer support in cultivating a safer, more inclusive school environment.

Ms. Kyzjibek, Learning Diversity, Inclusion and Counselling (LDIC) Coordinator

GRADE 0 INSPIRED BY THE LIVING WORLD



In Grade 0's current unit of inquiry, "How We Express Ourselves," students have been learning about seasons. Nature can inspire our creations and we have been motivated to use the environment to construct a variety of interlinking lessons. Parents visited our classrooms last Friday, dressing one of our mascots, "Bunny," in clothes appropriate for the approaching winter season. Parents and students collaborated to decide which clothes Bunny should be dressed in for the daily conditions that are drawing near. In this lesson, we also encouraged the children to make good choices about what to wear for outdoor activities, and compared what we might wear in, for example, summer. Following on from this, the children made fake snow using baking soda and built mini snowmen.

In science, students used observations of the four classic seasons to spot patterns and thereby determine their order. We linked weather patterns to patterning using 2D shapes. The children identified and named 2D shapes in mathematics. They created drawings of a landscape, using ovals for clouds and tree tops, circles for the sun and flower petals, rectangles for tree trunks, grass and the flow of a river. While the students drew and coloured their pictures they listened to Antonio Vivaldi's, The Four Seasons, giving melodic demonstration to different times of the year. Taking inspiration from nature and interlinking lessons, have helped the children identify and organize visual information, as well as appreciate the beauty and wonder of the environment.



BIS Snapshot: Bring Your Parents to School



GETTING PURE SALT FROM ROCK SALT EXPERIMENT IN GRADE 7

In our recent seventh-grade science class, students embarked on an exciting experiment delving into the world of chemistry. With an emphasis on practical learning, our budding scientists explored the process of extracting pure salt from rock salt.



BIS ADVISORY COUNCIL – EDUCATION SYSTEM REFORM

The BIS Advisory Council, chaired by the Ambassador of Switzerland, Olivier Bangerter, met on November 2nd to discuss the implications of the new “Law on Education” and current revisions to government regulations related to this law. Gulnara Kalikova and her team, Adilet Beishenov and Symbat Satybaldieva, from the public fund "KGANalytics" presented information about education system reform in the country and how the new "Law on Education" should help to improve education in the country. The Advisory Council also voted to elect Daniyar Amanaliev to serve on the BIS Governing Board for three years.



Alina Seitalieva, Governance & Events Officer

BASKETBALL SCHOOL LEAGUE



Last weekend, the final games of the School League basketball among women's teams were held in the Leninsky administrative district of Bishkek. 9 teams from different schools took part in the competition.

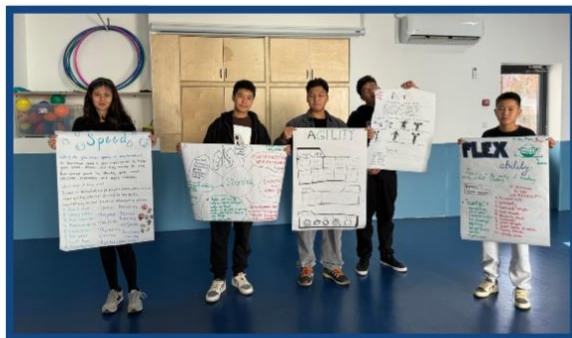
Our U19 girls team confidently passed the group stage, winning over all their opponents. In the semi-finals we met with the team from school #102 and won with a score of 42:7. In the final match, our team met with the team from school #95.

Despite the defeat, our basketball players showed an excellent result and took second place in the tournament.

We congratulate our basketball players on their successful performance and the success they wish for!



MYP STUDENTS' PHE POSTER PROJECTS



In PHE, students in MYP classes explored physical attributes. They worked in groups to create posters that depicted different physical attributes such as strength, speed, flexibility, agility and endurance.

As a result of working on the projects, students gained a deep understanding of physical attributes and how they affect our physical health and well-being.



ANNIVERSARY SHOW TICKETS FOR MARRY POPPINS – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Our 'Marry Poppins' Anniversary Show is on Saturday 9th December at the Philharmonia. Tickets cost 800 som (main hall) or 600 som (balcony). All ticket income is donated to the Educational Initiative Foundation to have a positive impact on children throughout the country, so please join us in supporting this wonderful charity. **Saturday 9th December is an official school day for BIS and seats are provided free of charge for all students and staff. There is no need to purchase tickets for BIS students.**

For parents and guests, please buy tickets online here using Visa, Mastercard, Elsom App, MBank App, 24pay, Quickpay, Megapay payment stations **OR pay our cashier at school who will purchase tickets on your behalf.** If you do not buy tickets in advance, you may be able to purchase tickets at the Philharmonia on 9th December, if seats are still available. Tickets purchased on the day will cost 1,000 som (for main hall and balcony).

All students in Preschool will be backstage at the start of the show, and will leave the stage into the audience after their performance. Preschool Parents who will leave at the intermission and not stay for 'Mary Poppins' may get free tickets from our cashier. Or, if staying for the full show, should reserve seats near to the front, which are easy to access when their children leave the stage.

We look forward to seeing everyone from the BIS community on 9th December, to enjoy performances from all grades from Preschool 1 to Grade 7 in the first half of the show, following by a wonderful performance of the musical 'Mary Poppins' by our very talented students after the intermission.



Based on one of the most popular Disney movies of all time, Mary Poppins is capturing hearts in a whole new way. The show is an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs and breathtaking dance numbers!



MARY POPPINS-THEMED

ART COMPETITION

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **20TH
NOVEMBER**

REQUIREMENT: THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS
THAT THE SIZE OF THE ARTWORK SHOULD BE
A3.

ALL THE ARTWORKS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT
THE **PHILHARMONIC HALL** ON THE **9TH OF
DECEMBER**

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- RELEVANCE TO THE THEME
- ORIGINALITY IN THE ARTWORK
- CREATIVITY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP

PRIMARY STUDENTS SUBMIT ARTWORKS TO
MISS **ANNA BALDUK** (PRIMARY ART
TEACHER) AND **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL**
STUDENTS SUBMIT THEIR WORK TO **MISS
MOEEZA** (HIGH SCHOOL ART TEACHER)



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BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

DEBATE

T O U R N A M E N T



300 SOMS
PER
PERSON

3 STUDENTS
PER
TEAM

NOVEMBER 25TH 2023

8:00-16:00



BIS HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE

Step 1: Choose Your Book

Select a book of your choice, whether it's a classic novel, a thrilling mystery, a captivating fantasy, or any genre of your interest.



Step 2: Read and Reflect

Once you've finished reading your chosen book, take some time to reflect on it. Think about the characters, plot, themes, and what you enjoyed most about the book.



Step 3: Submit Your Entry

Fill out the Google Form accessible through the provided QR code, where you will answer a few questions about the book you've read and your thoughts on it.



Dates: October 24, 2023 - November 30, 2023

Books you read last year, last month, etc. do not count.

Please only record books you are reading **between NOW and November 30.**



Winners

Winners for each grade, based on pages read, with points awarded as follows:

- 1st place: 100 House Points
- 2nd place: 80 House Points
- 3rd place: 60 House Points
- 10 House Points for each submission.



HAPPY READING, AND GOOD LUCK!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SCHOLASTIC BOOKS CLUB ORDERS!

We extend our gratitude to the BIS community for your fall book orders through our Scholastic Book Club. Thanks to your participation, we were able to procure 25 new books for the library using Scholastic reward points!

The acquisitions include a diverse range of picture books and non-fiction titles covering topics such as saving our planet for our Primary library. Additionally, we've enriched the collections for middle and high school with new and valuable additions. These resources contribute significantly to the excellence of our library, providing a wealth of knowledge and enjoyment for our students.



LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for November 20th – 24th is **Menu A**.

You can view the [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 – 2023/24 Calendar is [here](#)

- Saturday, 18th November: Friendsgiving Dinner – Parents Association
- Saturday, 25th November: BIS Annual Debate Tournament
- Wednesday, 29th November: PYP Student led Conferences
- Saturday, 9th December: BIS Anniversary Show – Official School Day
- Friday, 15th December: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz
- 18th December - 5th January: Winter break
- 7th January, Sunday: Orthodox Christmas
- 8th January, Monday: First Day of Second Semester

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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



PRESCHOOL 1

We've finished our exploration of fruits and vegetables with some engaging activities. Our Preschool 1 friends created grape skewers, slid bananas, and explored the shapes, smells, tastes, and structures of dragon fruit and mandarins. We've now

transitioned to our new theme: animals. This week, we dove into the world of farm animals, discovering their names, and the sounds they make, and even learning the classic song "Old McDonald Had a Farm".

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, our little friends learned about how community helpers use different types of transportation to assist people.

In our art lesson, our friends got creative and made adorable fire trucks using their handprints. In our math lessons, we explored square shapes through fun

activities. Additionally, we had a great time practicing numbers with enjoyable activities that brought laughter and learning together.

It was a week filled with creativity, exploration, and lots of smiles. Looking forward to another exciting week ahead!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

In our language activities, we focused on the letter "H"! We explored the sound of "H" through fun songs and learned words that start with "H" like House, Hand, Head, Heart, and Horse. We even got creative with cutting and sticking papers to make our very own horse and hands. In math, we had a blast learning how to count from 1 to 15! We practiced tracing and

identifying each number, which helped strengthen our number recognition skills. It's been a productive and exciting week in the classroom. We are immensely proud of the progress and enthusiasm displayed by each child throughout this week's activities. It's heartwarming to witness their excitement and eagerness to learn and explore.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3B Homeroom Teacher

