













Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 14 / 2023-24

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GRADE 2 FUNDRAISING SALE

We are thrilled to share the success of our Grade 2 students' recent charity sale, which served as a meaningful conclusion to their Unit of Inquiry on how we organize ourselves. Last Friday, Grade 2 Blue and 2 Yellow transformed into bustling mini-markets, showcasing and selling handcrafted items such as bookmarks, ornaments, origami, bracelets, and much more.





This initiative allowed our learners to apply the knowledge gained in their UOI lessons about spending and saving money, budgeting, and transactions.







Moreover, the event provided an opportunity for them to practice their addition and subtraction skills, enhancing their understanding of real-world applications of mathematical concepts.

Thank you to everyone who showed up and showed their support at our charity sale on Monday morning. With your help, our grade 2 learners were able to raise 14,792 soms for Dobriye Ruki.

Grade 2 Team



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Amin (Grade 0Y), Mark (Grade 2B), Eldar (Grade 3B),
Alan C. (Grade 5B), Jessica (Grade 5B)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Alexandra (Grade 1Y), Noah (Grade 1Y), Nursultan (Grade 4Y),
Alan J. (Grade 5B), Lemar (Grade 5Y), Adiya (Grade 9),
Aizirek (Grade 10), Chyngyz (Grade 10), Adilet (Grade 10), Aizat (Grade 10)

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



Please sign up via <u>"School Buddy"</u> for your child's 15 minute <u>'student-led conference'</u> 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 <u>"School Buddy"</u> 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

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

After many years of exceptional service, in which they have made major contributions to everything that makes BIS great today, Jacques and Carmen Prinsloo are leaving us to return to South Africa.

As Head of Preschool, Carmen Prinsloo, brought boundless creativity and a wonderful positive spirit to our youngest students in BIS. Children who are now in Grade 5 still fondly remember their preschool adventures with Ms Carmen.



Jacques Prinsloo has held many roles in the school, starting as a Business Studies and Math Teacher for Middle and High School, and most recently as High School Principal and Deputy Head of School. He has always

exemplified strong leadership, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to academic excellence. Beyond this, he was active in many areas of the school, including as the U19 Boys Football Coach for several years.

Their departure, though deeply felt, is a decision made to focus on their young twins, Clara and Chloe, born in January this year. We wish them all a wonderful joyful future, as we continue to thank them for all they have done for us.

David Grant, Head of School



This week is marked as Anti-Bullying Week, a dedicated initiative to raise awareness and promote kindness within our school community. Middle school students were engaged in enlightening presentations that delved into the profound impact of bullying.

Primary students had presentations delivered by homeroom teachers and an interactive scavenger hunt was organized for our primary kids. It was designed to encourage primary students to explore and discover facts and statements about bullying. To add a touch of positivity to the event, each participant was



rewarded with kind stickers. These stickers not only served as a token of appreciation but also symbolized the kindness and unity that we strive to promote within our school community.







YAHYA MASTER CLASS ON MAKING CHOCOLATES



On Monday, Grade 1 Yellow students joined the master class on making chocolates to enhance our learning about different learning environments. We learned how the chocolates are made, how to eat the chocolate, and we learned how to make chocolates by ourselves.

Here is what our friends say:

"I liked this trip. We learned about chocolates." Zuby









"First, we drink some water and smell the chocolate. Afterward, we put it on our tongues and feel the chocolate by closing our eyes."











FOSSIL MAKING EXPERIMENT WITH GRADE 6

When the living thing dies, its remains settle into the earth and are buried by sediment. The sediment around the object is compressed and begins to turn into



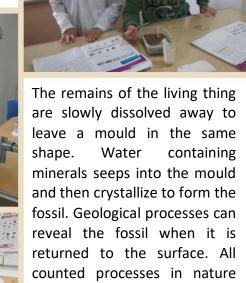












were repeated during several lessons: sugar replaced fossil and sand in the container is the location where the sugar 'fossil'









was buried.

Our Grade 7's had an epic day at Parmesun Culinary Studio.

Collectively, we joined forces to create a symphony of flavors, blending, cooking, and enhancing our culinary skills. The importance of teamwork was at the heart of this flavorful adventure, teaching our young chefs that the magic in the kitchen happens when we work together as a team.

The laughter, camaraderie, and shared achievement proved that cooking up success is not just about the ingredients; it's about the synergy of working side by side.





FUTURE CAREERS DAY



This past Saturday, BIS hosted a remarkable Future Careers Day! The event left us all eagerly anticipating the exciting paths that lie ahead for our students.

Our students had the extraordinary opportunity to explore a myriad of career options through engaging sessions led by industry experts. The day was brimming with informative talks and hands-on activities, fostering a spirit of exploration and discovery among our students.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the event – from the dedicated organizers to the inspiring speakers and our eager learners. Together, you made Future Careers Day a truly enriching experience.



















DIAGNOSTIC TESTS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Primary school will have diagnostic maths and English tests the first week of December. We will do catch up tests on December 11th-14th for those students who missed on earlier. Students do not need specific preparation for these tests which are designed to help teachers understand their students' maths and reading comprehension abilities so that education is adapted to help each student achieve their potential. Our tests are created and checked by the BIS Maths and English teams.

This will be the second diagnostic test this school year, with the third test planned in May. The results will be used to see how well students have been doing and to adjust supporting strategies appropriately. The diagnostic test results and the progress made by the child will be reflected in their reports, as a way to understand and celebrate student progress.

If you have any questions about diagnostic testing in Primary, please email me eignatova@bis.kg

Elina Ignatova, Primary School Assistant Principal



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

Our 'Mary Poppins' Anniversary Show is on Saturday 9th December at the Philarmonia. Tickets cost 800 som (main hall) or 600 som (balcony). All ticket income is donated to the <u>Educational Initiative Foundation</u> 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 Philarmonia 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 Anniversary Show 2023

DIENTS and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

POPPLIES

9th December, 2023

16:00 - 18:30

Kyrgyz National Philarmonic Hall

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.



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!

FOOTBALL SEASON AWARDS



Celebrations echo as the football season concludes, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to MIP winners Farhan Aliyev and Ailin Segizbaeva.

The Coaches Award recognizes exceptional dedication, and this year it rightfully goes to Alen Sakebaev and Eva Aijan Grant for their outstanding contributions.

MVPs Javid Aliyev and Elshat Begalieva shine brightly, embodying excellence on the field and inspiring their teammates.

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for November 27th – December 1st is **Menu B**.

You can view the <u>School menu</u> 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, 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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PRESCHOOL 1

Learning is fun, and learning with friends is even more enjoyable. Preschool 1 students are working diligently to be good friends and make good choices. Sometimes, it can be challenging to wait for a turn or share toys, but the students of Preschool 1

demonstrate kindness, care, and principled behavior. Our little learners excel in teamwork and recently created a 'Farm Animals' poster for the entire Preschool.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher











PRESCHOOL 2

This week, our friends in Preschool 2 continued learning about cars and trucks used by community helpers. The little ones worked together to paint large cardboard boxes, turning them into a police car and an ambulance. After that, they played pretend as police officers and doctors, and it was wonderful to see how happy and creative they were!

In our math lessons, we focused on the number 5. We counted toy cars to better understand the number. The kids also glued the cars onto paper, which made learning math fun and helped them remember the number 5.

We had a great week filled with lots of fun and learning.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher

















PRESCHOOL 3

This week at preschool, we had so much fun learning about the letter R! We sang songs all about R and even learned the sound it makes. We also discovered words that start with the letter R! Like Rabbit, Rainbow, Robot, Rocket, Rain and many others.

For our activities, we got creative with cutting. We practiced our cutting skills by making a cute little Rabbit out of pieces of paperIt was a great way to improve our fine motor skills! In addition to our language activities, we also focused on numbers. We practiced counting from 1 to 20, with special attention

on numbers 16 and 17. We sang a fun number song and even worked on tracing and identifying each number.

We also had a special celebration at preschool this week! It was our preschool friend's birthday Alibek. We had a delicious chocolate cake, our young ones were absolutely thrilled! It was such a fun and memorable day.

It was a blast! Keep an eye out for more incredible progress and thrilling activities in the weeks to come.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3B Homeroom Teacher



