



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 16 / 2023-24

8th December 2023

**FINAL ANNIVERSARY SHOW REHEARSALS – SEE YOU TOMORROW!**



**BIS**

*Anniversary Show 2023*

DISNEY and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S  
**MARY POPPINS JR.**

9th December, 2023  
16:00 - 18:30  
Kyrgyz National Philharmonic Hall

## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

### **CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):**

**Adil** (Grade 1Y), **Sabina** (Grade 2Y), **Ruslan** (Grade 9)

### **KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):**

**Maya** (Grade 1Y), **Mikhail** (Grade 1Y), **Sora** (Grade 1Y), **Mason** (Grade 5B),  
**Ariella** (Grade 9), **Aisel** (Grade 11), **Aria** (Grade 11)

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

**Chloe** (Grade 5B)

## BIS ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, November 25th, we were very happy to welcome 22 teams for the 7th annual BIS Debate Tournament. Nineteen teams from 10 different schools in Bishkek and 3 teams from Talas provide 66 debaters. AUCA Debate Club, Manas Debate Club, and a few BIS teachers, provided professional judges for the debates, which covered various social topics, such as the ethical justification for animal testing in the pharmaceutical industry.

We would like to give a special thank you to all of the volunteers and organizers from BIS high school students, who helped make the tournament a success, as well as to Mr. Ray for valuable guidance. Congratulations to all debaters for participating, and special congratulations to teams где ты, где я and TBD from BIS who won first and second places respectively!

**Laure and Nazlican, Grade 11 Students**



# EXPLORING THE CITY OF PROFESSIONS WITH OUR GRADE 2



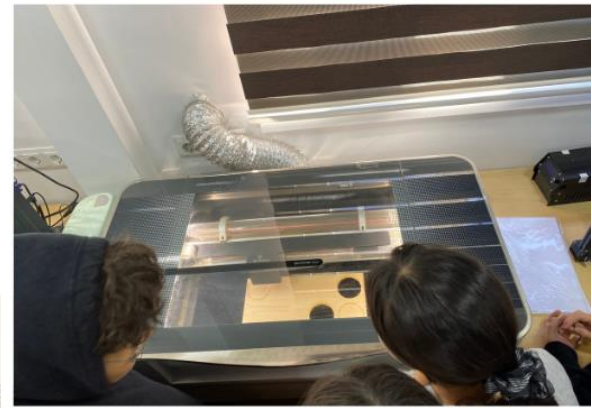
From aspiring doctors to future engineers, every moment of our school trip was filled with curiosity and excitement. These little minds got a glimpse into a world of possibilities, igniting dreams and fostering a love for learning.





## Grade 6 Design Lesson in the MAKERSPACE Classroom

Grade 6 students delved into the world of technology during their Design lesson in the MAKERSPACE classroom. They gained insights into the functionality of a Laser Cutter and each had the exciting opportunity to personalize a circle Christmas or keychain decoration, intricately cut by the laser cutter. Expressing their creativity in unique ways, students enhanced their artistic skills throughout this mini-unit.



In a Life Skills lesson at the Show Today studio, Grade 7 students engaged in activities focused on cooperation, learning valuable skills in teamwork, and experiencing the dynamics of winning and losing through interactive games.

## Interactive Teamwork at Show Today Studio for 7th Grade Students



# BIS CHESS TOURNAMENT

The BIS chess tournament held last Friday was a thrilling event! we had a total of 20 participants, all of whom demonstrated exceptional skills and sportsmanship. After intense matches, three students emerged as finalists, securing the top three positions in the tournament.



## 1st Place

**Daira Kudainazarova**  
100 points for  
Piranhas

## 2nd Place

**Sulim Sakbaev**  
50 points for  
Snow Leopards

## 3rd Place

**Nurislam Nurbaev**  
30 points for  
Piranhas



## GRADE 8 FIRE TRAINING



Grade 8 students underwent comprehensive fire training, equipping them with essential life skills. They honed their firefighting skills, gaining practical experience in handling fire suppression tools and techniques.



This practical fire training not only enhanced their emergency preparedness but also fostered a sense of responsibility and awareness about fire safety.

## NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Ashu Guest House, where the Grade 6 students spent their overnight trip in September, kindly suggested that instead of paying the fee, we use this money to buy new books for our cherished readers.

The recently added library books feature an exciting collection of mystery novels for middle and high school students including the highly popular Karen McManus book series for fans of young adult thrillers as well as "Lockwood and Co." series about ghost adventures. For our primary students, we've also enriched our library collection with non-fiction and picture books as well as "Enola Holmes" graphic novel for young detectives.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ASHU GUEST HOUSE FOR A SUCH GENEROUS GIFT!

# DONATION FOR AN ORPHANEGE



## **DONATE BOOKS AND TOYS FOR NEWYEAR PRESENTS FOR KIDS IN AN ORPHANEGE!**



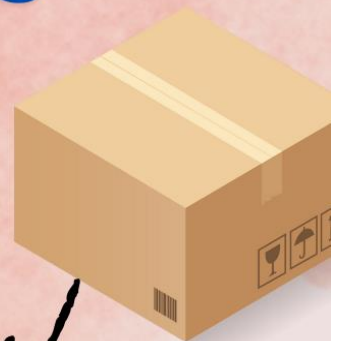
HAS TO BE IN GOOD  
CONDITION  
BOOKS SHOULD BE IN  
RUSSIAN OR KYRGYZ  
GAME INSTRUCTIONS  
SHOULD BE KYRGYZ OR  
RUSSIAN



THE TOYS AND BOOKS  
SHOULD BE FOR AGES  
5-18



*Make the  
orphans happy!*



## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for December 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> is **Menu D**.

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, 9<sup>th</sup> December: BIS Anniversary Show – Official School Day
- Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - 5<sup>th</sup> January: Winter break
- 7<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday: Orthodox Christmas
- 8<sup>th</sup> January, Monday: First Day of Second Semester
- 24<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 26<sup>th</sup> January, Friday: Secondary Winter Sports Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Friday: Primary Winter Sports Day

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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

This week was special and brought us into the spirit of the New Year. The students decorated both our classroom and our school, creating interesting New

Year crafts. The Preschool 1 students worked hard and prepared an engaging dance for the school anniversary show. See you soon!

**Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher**



## PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 friends completed learning about 'Communities are made of different people and places' in our How We Organize Ourselves unit. We wrapped it up with an enjoyable field trip to the 'City of Professions.' Our little explorers had a great time pretending to be firefighters, police officers, doctors,

and more while exploring different places in our community. In math, we focused on the number 7 and enjoyed making crafts to help us remember it better. During the art lesson, our friends made cute doctors with an ambulance. It was a great week full of exciting discoveries!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



### PRESCHOOL 3

This week was so exciting and fun for our preschool 3 friends; it was our first class trip to the museum. This was such a fascinating experience and it connected perfectly with our unit of inquiry on "how we express ourselves through stories".

During our visit, we explored different exhibits that showcased various forms of storytelling, from ancient artifacts to famous artworks. We learned how stories

can be expressed through paintings, sculptures, and even historical artifacts. It was like stepping into the land of imagination and creativity.

The museum trip was not only educational but also super fun! It helped the kids deepen their understanding of how stories are expressed and shared across different cultures and time periods.

**Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher**

