

Bishkek International School

PYP 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



Sezim Tologonova

Ms Sezim graduated from Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University with a Bachelor's degree in English linguistics. Ms Sezim has experience in teaching English to local students and Russian as a foreign language for international students. She worked in various language schools in Bishkek, gaining experience working with different age groups of students. She joined the BIS team in the autumn 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



Erkeaiym Karypbekova

Ms Erkeaiym graduated from the Academy of Tourism with a Bachelor's Degree from the Faculty of International Tourism. Throughout her university studies, she completed internships in Oman and Turkey. Following her graduation, she gained experience working in various international companies. She became a part of the BIS team in November 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.

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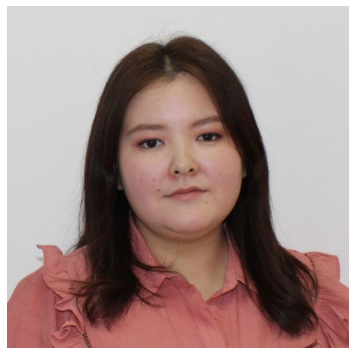
Morgan Chadderton



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 Tursunalieva



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



Begaiym Jumaeva

Ms Begaiym graduated from Kyrgyz State University with a pedagogical education background. She specializes in sign language pedagogy and works as a psychologist in special institutions. With a career spanning over 15 years in the educational field. Her experience extends to working with both school and pre-school children. Prior to joining BIS, she served as a project manager at the Taiwan Foundation for Families and Children. Ms Begaiym joined the BIS team in October 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.

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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.

Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher



Bivo Chongo

Ms Bivo has a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and specializes in pediatrics. She has 5 years of teaching experience 3 years of which were in China and two years in Bishkek, she has taught preschool and primary levels and she has enjoyed it so much because she has a passion for nurturing young minds. Young children learn better by visualizing and doing things, which makes teaching them exciting and fun. She joined the BIS team in the summer 2023.

Preschool 3 Co-Teacher



Kulkaiyr Junusheva

Ms Kulkaiyr has many years of experience in childcare and education and is the longest serving member of BIS teaching staff, having joined us in 2012 as a Preschool Teacher Assistant. Over the last eleven years, Ms Kulkaiyr has shown just how well she cares for and teaches our younger students as she communicates so well and enjoys spending time with them.

Preschool 3 Co-Teacher



Kudrat Niiazov

Mr Kudrat graduated from KRSU, Faculty of International Relations and has a bachelor's degree in political science. Kudrat also worked for three years in schools in Bishkek as an English language teacher and chess teacher. He is currently studying for a master's degree in the humanities. Mr Kudrat joined BIS Preschool in summer 2022. In 23/24 he looks forward to inspiring students to new heights and victories, including teaching keen students how to play chess. Mr Kudrat's hobbies are chess, football, drawing, music, reading books and photography.

Preschool 3 Co-Teacher



Nurzat Raymbekovna

Ms Nurzat graduated from the Kyrgyz National University and has a Bachelor's and Master's degree, as well as a one-year course "Small and Medium Business Accountant" from the School of Economics of KNU. She has varied work experience in business but joined BIS in January 2022 as she loves interacting with children and helping them to learn. In 2023/24 Ms Nurzat is Co-Teacher for Preschool 3 and will also provide support for other preschool classes as required.

Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



Nuraida Asanbaeva

Ms Nuraida graduated from the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University and has a diploma in the Theory and Practice of Translation. She has 5 years' experience working with school students from age 7 to 10. She very much enjoys the opportunity to be with children to help them grow and flourish. Ms Nuraida joined BIS as a Primary Co-Teacher in August 2019, and moved Preschool as a Homeroom Teacher in early 2023, where she loves working with young children who are always full of fun.

Preschool 2 Co-Teacher



Zharkyn Oskonbaeva

Ms Zharkyn graduated from the Institute of Economics, University J.A. Alyshbaeva. After graduation, she worked in the State Tax Service, then in the State Enterprise "Kyrgyz Pochtasy", and the Commercial Bank "Kyrgyzstan". Since then she has worked with children as she says *"they fill her with freshness, joy, new discoveries, wisdom, and happiness"*. Ms Zharkyn likes that preschool children help her be constantly on the move, and she always finds joy in the smile of a child!

Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



Guldana Muratalieva

Ms Guldana graduated from Bishkek Humanities University, Faculty of European Civilization, as an English Language Teacher, then worked in business organizations in both Bishkek and Qatar, before returning to teach in Bishkek. Ms Guldana joined the BIS team in summer 2021 as a Co-Teacher in Primary School, where her wonderful approach to working with and inspiring children led her to move to Preschool 1 as Homeroom Teacher from summer 2023. She is also currently completing a Masters degree at the Kyrgyz and Russian Slavic University.

Preschool 1 Co-Teacher



Laura Meliou

Ms Laura graduated from the International University of Kyrgyzstan with a Bachelors Degree in Linguistics and a Masters Degree in Philology. She is a mother of two teenage children, who loves life, believing that the world is bright, full of colour, and that all good dreams should come true. Ms Laura joined BIS in summer 2022 and moved to Preschool in summer 2023.