



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 18 / 2023-24

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WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for 2024! We have many great adventures to look forward to, in academic learning, sports and creative events in the weeks ahead.

The first major event is 'Winter Sports Day' for Middle and High school at Chunkurchak Ski Base on Friday 26th January. Primary Grades 2 to 5 will have a Winter sports day at Chunkurchak on Friday, 2nd February, and Preschool to Grade 1 will go ice-skating on the same day. More information will be sent by email.

We are happy to see our students back after a long winter break!



Secondary School Winter Sports Day

26th January, Friday

**CHUNKURCHAK
SKI BASE**

Further Information will be provided

CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Shunji (Grade 2), **Mia** (Grade 5), **Aiden** (Grade 10), **Alina** (Grade 11)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Ajibek (Grade 2), **Ulukbek** (Grade 5), **Ailin** (Grade 10)

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

Larysa (Grade 2)

ANNIVERSARY SHOW VIDEO

We're thrilled to announce that the video from BIS 13th Anniversary Show is now available for viewing by the entire school community! Relive the magic of the performance and enjoy the talents of our students at your convenience.

[Part 1 for the Magical Concert](#)

[Part 2 for Mary Poppins](#)



SERVICE AS ACTION: CHARITY INITIATIVE OF GRADE 6 STUDENTS



Neslihan and Aruukeh worked hard to inspire the BIS community to donate toys, books, and for the Akinet orphanage in Jal district, Bishkek, that currently supports 45 Children. During the last two weeks of semester 1 they have been collecting all the mentioned items and wrapped them as presents. On Saturday 16th they went to the Orphanage with Neslihan parents (thanks a lot!) and gave the donations and money collected from the BIS community. With the money they bought a new year tree.



I would like to highlight the involvement and hard work of Neslihan and Aruukeh regarding the project, congratulate them as well for succeeding with this project that has had a great positive impact on the lives of these 45 children living in the orphanage. Thanks to Neslihan parents for helping out and bringing the presents to the place. Thanks as well to those who could give donations. It is amazing how a Service and Action project from students can sometimes go beyond BIS and put a big smile on those who need it the most.

Mr Marc, Grade 6 Form Teacher

GRADE 8 TEAMWORK EXPERIENCE



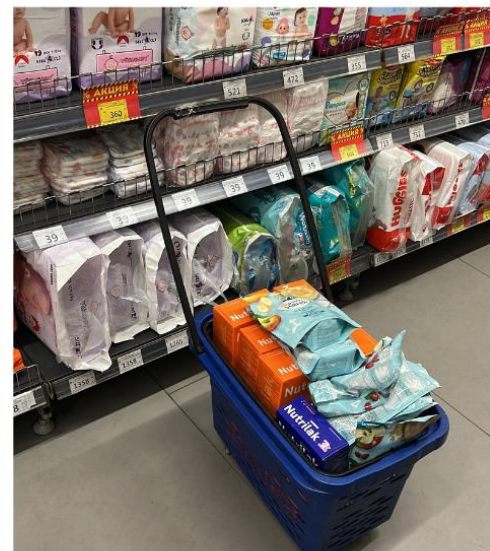
The Grade 8 field went on a trip where they broadened horizons and strengthened bonds as a class. Through a series of team-building activities and challenges, they discovered the power of collaboration and communication. The laughter, encouragement, and shared victories created lasting memories that will undoubtedly resonate with them well beyond our school years. This trip was a catalyst for forging friendships and learning the value of unity and teamwork.



BRING JOY TO CHILDREN IN NEED!

Our high school students, in collaboration with BIWC, PAMC, and Act For Community, organized the New Year Shoebox Presents project to bring joy to 44 children at the Educational Center for Children with Special Needs in Talas and the First Children Hospice in Bishkek. Thanks to a generous BIS parent's 10,000 som donation, they provided essential baby food for children under 3 years old, ensuring a delightful New Year party on December 30th.

Thanks to our community for making this project a success. Your compassion makes a difference!



SEMESTER REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Reports were drafted at the end of last term, to cover the full period from August to December. All reports include grades for the semester, teacher comments, and student reflections on their learning. In PYP, reflections include a self-assessment of progress in meeting the IB Learner Profile requirements. Photos below show our Preschool 1 students making their self-assessment.



Reports are now being finalised and will be uploaded to [ManageBac](#) on Monday or Tuesday. We will send you an email to let you know when they are available to view.

Parent-Teacher Meetings to discuss the reports and student progress are on **Wednesday 24th January 15:30–18:00**. Sign-up for meetings via [SchoolsBuddy](#) from 19:00 today. If you have any questions about accessing ManageBac or SchoolsBuddy, please contact Mr. Esentur ediildebekov@bis.kg

David Grant, Head of School

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Our January Book Club is up and running!

The deadline for orders is **Monday, January 29, 2024**.

The books will be delivered to BIS directly from the UK (at the end of February).

Please note that this time in order to reduce paper usage we don't have paper leaflets.

You can browse the books and place your order online by the following link:

<http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/bishkekinternationalschool>

EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for January 15th – 19th is **Menu B**. 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](#)

- 24th January, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 26th January, Friday: Secondary Winter Sports Day
- 2nd February, Friday: Primary Winter Sports Day
- 14 February, Wednesday: Valentine’s Day organized by Students
- 21 February, Wednesday: Languages in Our Lives Day
- 23 February, Friday: Homeland Defender’s Day

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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

We have had a wonderful week with lots of fun activities and games. Preschool 1 students were excited to start the third term and meet up with old friends after the winter break. We reviewed our

classroom essential agreement, colors, animals, fruits, and vegetables. This week we have also been talking about emotions and feelings and made a cute craft about emotions.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, our Preschool 2 students started a new term. We had lots of fun exploring winter together. We read many winter books that sparked our imagination. The kids got creative and made their own snowflakes and cute snowman art using simple things

like glue sticks, paper, and paints. We also painted ice to see what happens - that was really interesting! We laughed, played, and had a great time exploring. Looking forward to more fun in the coming weeks!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We had so much fun this week as we welcomed our preschool friends back to school! We started off the week with lots of laughter and games to brighten up the atmosphere. We explored different colors and fruits during our creative art session.

The fun outdoor activities had us running, jumping and playing together, the interactions between our preschool friends was admirable and a joy to watch.

There is even more fun in store for us this term! We'll be learning new letters, numbers, and words through exciting games and interactive activities. And we'll have plenty of opportunities to use our imaginations and create beautiful artwork.

Preschool is all about discovering, exploring, and having fun while we learn. Get ready for a term full of laughter, friendship, and amazing adventures.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

