



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 19 / 2023-24

19th January 2024

WINTER FUN

Our students had a wonderful time during their breaks this week, enjoying the snowy weather with laughter, friendly snowball fights, and collaborative snowman-building. These joyful moments show the importance of embracing the simple joys that winter brings.

This term marks a season of collective learning and mutual support for the entire school community, fostering a spirit of unity and collaboration that enhances the overall educational experience for everyone. Each day offers an opportunity for lasting memories, strengthened connections, and the celebration of the educational journey together!



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Alexander (Grade 0), **Emilia** (Grade 2), **Altai** (Grade 2),
Elima (Grade 3), **Ayla** (Grade 5), **Lia** (Grade 7)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Matvii (Grade 0), **Ayla** (Grade 2), **Roy** (Grade 3),
Ulukbek (Grade 5), **Nikolaus** (Grade 5)

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

Alisha (Grade 3)

DP MOCK EXAMINATIONS

With three months to go before the actual IB Diploma paper examinations, we have organized DP mock examinations for Grade 12 students. Mock examinations follow the official exam procedures by using formal instructions, documents and regulations.

Not only do mock examinations help teachers to see students' overall performance and help to predict their final results, they also give students the opportunity to experience what the actual examinations will be like in terms of duration, tiredness or nervousness that they might feel. It is very important that they practice their exam taking skills, such as time allocations and concentration at consecutive examinations.

Grade 12 students have been working hard on required components of each course such as Internal Assessments (IAs), whilst also keeping themselves busy with university applications. They will be done



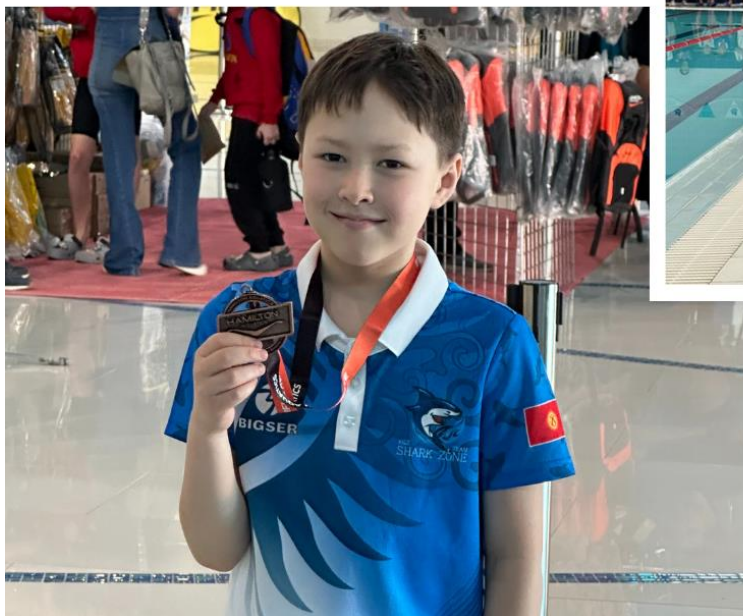
with almost all of these tasks this term and will focus on preparing for the final examinations in April/May.

Though these coming months will fly, we still have enough time to be fully prepared. Dear parents, colleagues and younger students, please let us support and encourage Grade 12 students together. We would like to see them be proud of themselves at graduation!

Ms. Makiko, DP Coordinator

OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Alan, a Grade 5 student, for achieving significant milestones in competitive swimming. He clinched a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly at the Open Swimming Championships in Dubai held on December 09-10, 2023.



Additionally, he earned a gold medal in his age category across four distances at the Kyrgyz Republic Swimming Championship, which took place on December 16-17, 2023.

Well done and congratulations to Alan!

INTRODUCING FOLLETT DESTINY, OUR NEW LIBRARY MANAGER SYSTEM!

Exciting News! Our school's library experience is getting an upgrade with the implementation of the new Library Manager System - Follett Destiny.

Here's everything you need to know:

- **User-Friendly Interface:** Easy navigation for quick resource location.
- **Online Catalog:** Search for printed books and online resources effortlessly.
- **Library Account Access:** Check borrowed items and due dates with your BIS Gmail login.

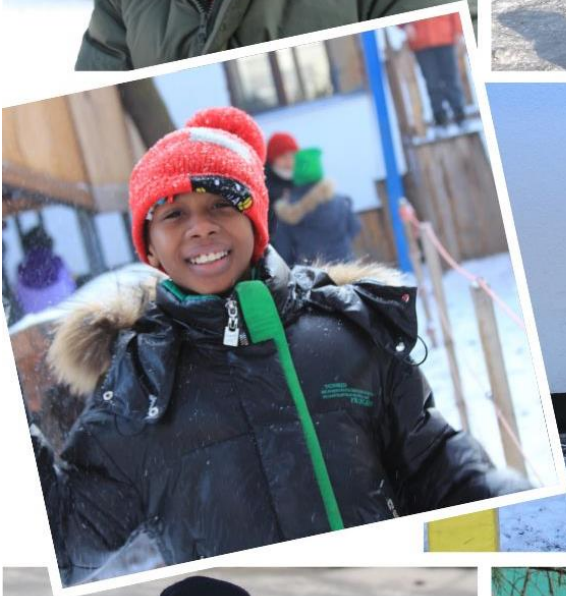
Explore it now: <https://librarybis.follettdestiny.com>
Save the link for easy access!

Improved library experience awaits!

Any questions?

Contact Ms. Irina (ipak@bis.kg) or Ms. Aidana (aoskonbaeva@bis.kg).

BIS Snapshot: Winter Vibes



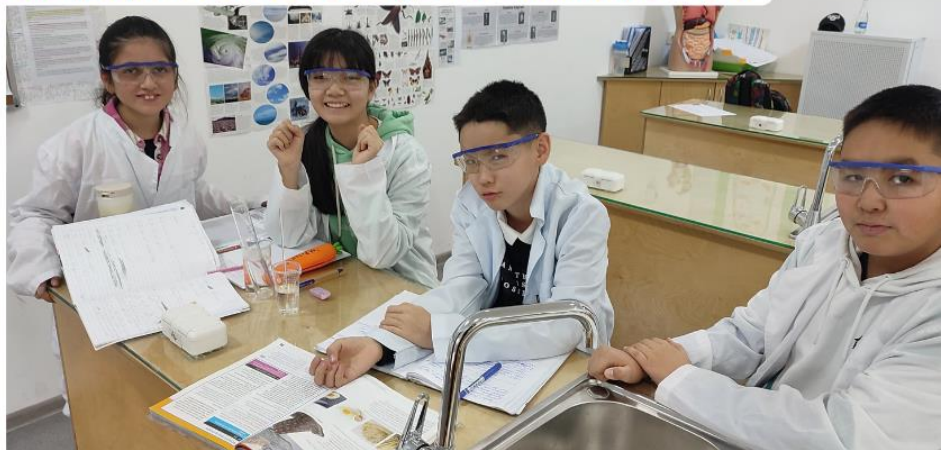
WITNESSING THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE IN ACTION!



Grade 6Y students are investigating the solubility of the different ingredients of Chocodrinks



Our Grade 6 students dive into the captivating world of changing states, from solid to liquid, with a mesmerizing candle wax experiment.



Mindful Coloring ECA from Primary School Students!



Instead of using markers, students had hands on experience, cutting and glueing, using color paper to render these well drawn elephants! They did such a great job!

Ms Didi, Art Teacher





Secondary School Winter Sports Day

26th January, Friday

**CHUNKURCHAK
SKI BASE**

Further Information will be provided

GOVERNING BOARD DECISIONS

On Thursday, January 18th, 2024, the BIS Governing Board (GB) gathered for its second meeting of the academic year, delving into critical matters shaping BIS strategy, policy and governance. The GB welcomed Alex Straus as a new member, elected by the Advisory Council to join the Governing Board.

One of the primary focal points of the meeting was the exploration of land options for a new large campus. The Governing Board examined various factors, including financial feasibility and strategic alignment. The GB turned its attention to the Management Board Report for the month of December, the thorough review provided the board with insights into the current state of the BIS, ensuring informed decisions on areas for attention and improvement. In a bid to uphold and strengthen academic integrity, the Governing Board reviewed and approved amendments to key school policies: the Academic Honesty Policy, Assessment Policy, and the Student Handbook. The Governing Board also agreed to have no fee increase for the 2023/24 Academic Year, despite significant inflation in the country over the last two years

Alina Seitalieva, Governance and Events Officer

THE IGCSE MOCK EXAMINATION SCHEDULE AVAILABLE NOW

[Check out this link](#)



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 22nd – 26th is **Menu C.**

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
- 14th February, Wednesday: Valentine’s Day organized by Students
- 16-17 February, Friday-Saturday, Basketball Tournament at Dvorec Sporta, organised by BIS
- 21st February, Wednesday: Languages in Our Lives Day
- 23rd February, Friday: Homeland Defender’s Day (no school)
- 29th February, Thursday – 2nd March, Saturday: Central Asian Basketball Championship in Tashkent

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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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Connecting the BIS Community

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BIS Alumni Association - [@bis_alumni](https://www.instagram.com/bis_alumni)



BIS Facebook - [facebook.com/biskgz](https://www.facebook.com/biskgz)



Act for Community - [@actcom.bis](https://www.instagram.com/actcom.bis)



Parents Association - [facebook.com/bis.parents.127](https://www.facebook.com/bis.parents.127)



PRESCHOOL 1

Healthy body, healthy mind. To be productive in learning, we need to take care of our bodies. Eat healthy food, sleep on time, and exercise. Preschool 1

wishes you strong health and a good mood. Have a nice weekend.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, our Preschool 2 students started learning about "How we express ourselves." We began by talking about different feelings, like when we're happy, sad, excited, sleepy, or tired. Every morning, our little friends shared how they felt, and we made a chart called "How do you feel today?" to see all the

different emotions. We looked at pictures of kids doing things like playing with friends or eating ice cream with family to understand these feelings better. Our friends practiced saying if someone is happy, sad, or sleepy. It's been an exciting week of learning and creativity!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Our second week at preschool was absolutely fantastic. We started off with an awesome unit of inquiry "how we organise ourselves" with an exciting central idea of " we need food " .

In math, we had a blast exploring different sizes of fruits, from small to big, our little ones did an amazing job separating the small fruits from big ones, and were able to understand the quantity of fruits we used.

In language class, we learned different names of fruits and vegetables, and with G as our letter of the week,

we learned new words like, Garden, Grains, Guava, Grapes.

For outdoor activity, we had an epic scavenger hunt in the snow, searching for fruits and vegetables. It was so exciting to see the kids running around, finding all those delicious treasures hidden in the snow.

To top it all off, we had the kids make mouthwatering sandwiches using tomatoes, cucumbers, and lettuce. It was a hands-on experience that made everyone's taste buds tingle with delight!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

