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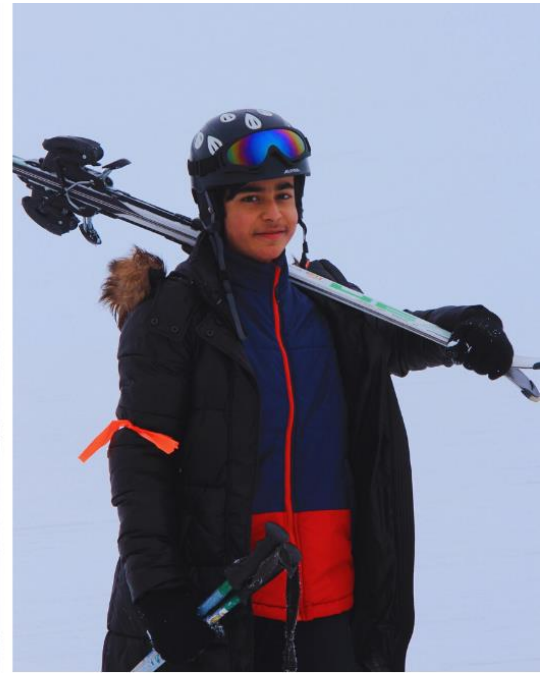
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2nd February 2024

SECONDARY SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS DAY

Last Friday, January 25th, we had our Secondary School Winter Sports Day, and it was super fun! Our students got to ski, snowboard, and sled all day in the mountains.

It was a great chance for everyone to hang out, get better at sports, enjoy the snowy weather, and make awesome memories. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day awesome, especially the teachers who helped out on the slopes and ensured a safe and enjoyable experience for all.



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Javid (Grade 9)

Ruslan (Grade 9)

Nathan (Grade 11)

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS



Our Grade 9 student Sultan Karachalov showcased his brilliance on the international stage at the Science and Astronomy International Olympiad held in Houston, Texas. We are proud to share that Sultan's dedication and hard work have earned him the prestigious third place in this esteemed competition.

Participating in such a competitive event demonstrates Sultan's exceptional talent and serves as an inspiration to his peers.

Please join us in congratulating Sultan on this remarkable accomplishment.

BIS Snapshot: Winter Sports Day



BAKING FOR THE FEAST OF SADA



This week Grade 0 marked the Feast of Sada, a Tajik festival that celebrates light over darkness and warmth over cold. With the help of some of our parents, we learned that special foods eaten at this time include a dish called dalda, which is made of wheat, Tajik bread called kulcha, and sambusa (samsa), made with meat or mashed potatoes, or with pumpkin. The students made kulcha, which linked to food chains, currently being taught in our Unit of Inquiry. As the students already knew by making braided bread, the dough they kneaded to make kulcha was made from flour, and flour comes from a plant – wheat. All plants use the sun to create their own food, and therefore wheat is a producer. Producers are the base of food chains. Wheat is eaten by other animals, including humans, who are consumers. Grade 0 not only consumed and made the bread, but enjoyed it as a tasting and cultural experience.



YAHYA CHOCOLATE MASTERCLASS

Grade 3 Yellow has been studying the Mayans and all their wonderful innovations. The Mayans were particularly fond of chocolate, both as a drink and as a sign of wealth. They did not add sugar to cacao like us, but added chili peppers and cinnamon.

We stayed away from the spices and enjoyed creating white, milk, and dark chocolates.

Children also learned the history of cacao and the fascinating process of turning cacao beans into a sweet treat.



SCIENCE ADVENTURES: HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTS IN THE CLASSROOM

In Grade 7, our students delved into the captivating world of chemistry, uncovering secrets hidden within humble kitchen ingredients. Using red cabbage and beetroot, they crafted their own pH indicators, immersing themselves in a colorful exploration of natural chemistry.

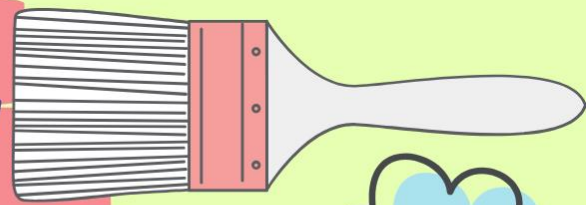
This hands-on experiment unveiled the acidity and alkalinity of everyday vegetables, inviting others to join us in unlocking the potential of red cabbage and beetroot for understanding pH levels.



Through further experimentation, they explored the acidic and alkaline properties of various liquids like HCl and NaOH, deepening their understanding of chemical reactions. Their immersive learning experience honed laboratory skills and sparked a lasting passion for scientific inquiry.



BIS LIBRARY
INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN
OUR ANNUAL



DRAWING COMPETITION

1. Choose your favourite book character

2. Draw it on A4 paper sheet

3. Bring your drawing to the primary library no later than

5 p.m. 14th of February

4. Get house points!

Drawings should include:

Name of your book and author

Your name and grade

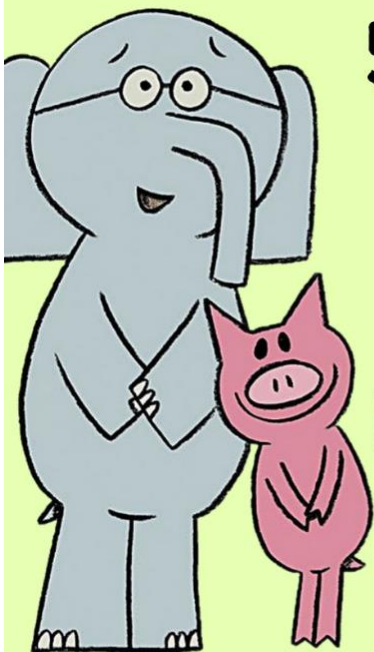
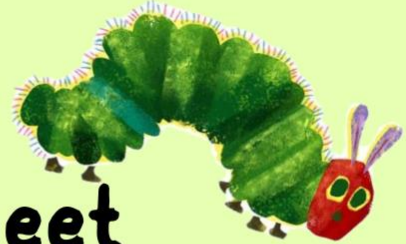
Prizes:

1st place - 100 house points

2nd place - 70 house points

3rd place - 50 house points

Each participant gets 10 house points



We want to say **THANK YOU**
for all that you do!



Staff
Appreciation breakfast

February 9 • 2024 • Friday • 8-9 AM • School Cafeteria

Dear parents, please drop off or send in your food donations
with your children in the morning of 9th.



Dear Primary Students,

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and the Primary Student Council is excited to invite you to a special Valentine's Day celebration. The Primary Student Council is glad to offer several options to celebrate this lovely day.



Decorate your classroom doors with Valentine's themed decorations.



Dress up in Valentine's themed costumes on 14th of February.



Complete the kind acts bingo card throughout the week, and once completed, drop it in the Kind Monster Box to receive love bites from him.



Make lovely and kind Valentine Cards for your friends and drop it in the Valentine's Box at the Primary Library from 5th till 13th of February. Your cards will be delivered on 14th of February last period by the Primary Student Council.

Give somebody a smile on Valentine's Day and drop them inspiring messages to brighten up their day.

♥♥ Let's Celebrate Valentine's Day Together! ♥♥

Primary School Student Council





UPCOMING EVENTS – 2023/24 Calendar is [here](#)

- 10th February: High School Winter Ball
- 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
- 1st March, Friday: STEM Fair
- 2nd March, Saturday: BISMUN – Model United Nations
- 8th March, Thursday: International Women's Day (no school)
- 15th March, Friday: Nooruz Celebration at BIS

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for February 5th – 9th is **Menu A**.

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.

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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

This week was very productive, and our students were able to learn many things while enjoying playtime. We initiated our exploration of the five senses (sight, smell, touch, hearing, taste). So far, we have covered hearing, practiced the sounds of various animals, musical instruments, and weather conditions.

Additionally, we focused on developing our sense of smell, with Preschool 1 students discovering that different things have different scents. One remarkable highlight was our visit to Grade 0 Y, where we had a wonderful time. Thank you to the teachers and Grade 0 Y students for hosting us.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we continued our exploration of feelings. We sang songs about emotions and read many interesting books about different feelings. We also learned about opposites, such as sink and float, by playing with toys to discover which ones sink and which ones float. Additionally, we learned that the word 'sink' starts with the letter 'S'. In our art class, we had fun painting with our favorite colors and

creating cute cats that expressed various feelings. The most memorable part of the week was celebrating Winter Sports Day at Ala-Archa National Park. The kids had so much fun feeding birds, playing in the snow, making snow angels, and going for walks in the beautiful park. It was a great week full of learning, fun, and good times!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week, we explored farm animals and learned their names. We also discovered how they help us.

In math, we had a blast counting the farm animals. We used farm animal toys to make counting even more fun and interactive. The kids had the chance to see, feel, and get to know the animals up close. We practiced counting from 0-21 and even did some number tracing. It was a great hands-on experience for everyone.

In Language class, we delved into what farm animals eat to survive, where they live, and why. We

discovered amazing words like, Grass, Vegetables, Stable, Hay etc. With "U" as the letter of the week, we had a fun activity where we made a unicorn using paper!

And the highlight of the week was our Winter Sports Day! We took a trip to Ala Archa National park, where we played in the snow, saw beautiful birds, and made incredible snow shapes. The view of the mountains was breathtaking.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

