



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

**VOICES**



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## **PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS DAY**

Last Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had our Preschool and Primary School Winter Sports Day, and it was a great day full of emotions and fun! Primary students from Grade 2 to Grade 5 spent the whole day at the mountains skiing, snowboarding and sledding. While our older students hit the slopes at Chunkurchak Ski Resort, our little explorers from Preschool 2 to Grade 1 enjoyed their day of winter activities in Ala Archa National Park. Meanwhile, our adorable Preschool 1 students had a blast at their very own party at Tommy Mall's playground! It's heartwarming to see our students of all ages embracing the magic of winter in their own special ways.

A big thank you to all who made this day so successful!



## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

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

**Isaac** (Grade 3), **Dameli** (Grade 3), **Ailin** (Grade 4), **Altai** (Grade 5), **Nina** (Grade 8)

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

**Humay**, **Nil Mira**, **Marsel**, **Alisha**, **Ruhaan**, **Zhan**, **Kira**, **Kameliia** (Grade 4),

**Umai** (Grade 5), **Nelya** (Grade 8), **Arina** (Grade 8)

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

**Anika** (Grade 2), **Alima** (Grade 3), **Marua** (Grade 3),

**Izaak Roy** (Grade 3), **Jessica** (Grade 5)

## OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS



In a remarkable display of talent, our Grade 9 student, Deniz Akmatbaeva, recently showcased her swimming prowess at the Asian Aquatics School Championships held in Thailand.



We are delighted to announce her outstanding achievement of securing two medals! Deniz clinched bronze in two thrilling relay races within the 9-11 age category, competing across two disciplines. Her dedication and skill truly shine as she represents our country on the international stage.

Congratulations, Deniz, on this remarkable accomplishment!

# BIS Snapshot: Winter Sports Day

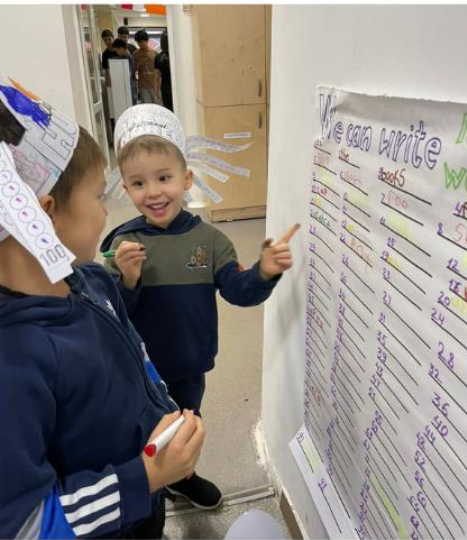


## 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

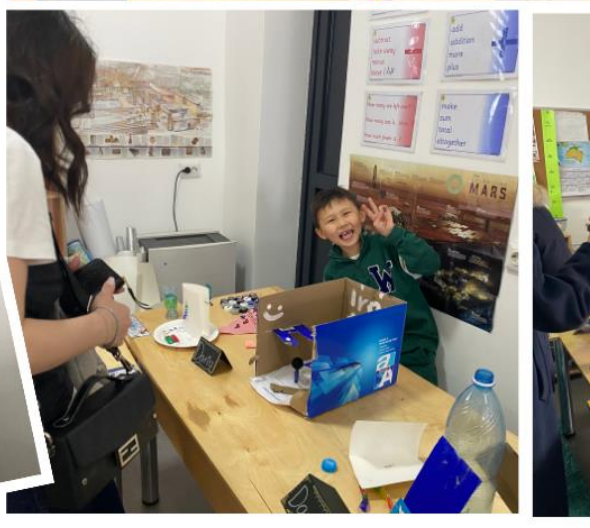
It has become a tradition to celebrate the 100th day of school in Grade 0. This year we celebrated 100 days of school on Tuesday, February 6.

We did loads of 100-themed activities! We counted 100 socks, fish, vitamins, lego blocks, beans, and many other fun things. Some students came to school dressed up as if they were 100 years old, we all made silly hats, wrote 100 words and counted 100 snacks!

We are 100 days smarter now and proud of it!



# GRADE 3 YELLOW'S PLASTIC ART GALLERY



Grade 3 Yellow held an Art Gallery of plastic creations on Wednesday after many weeks of hard work and study. Children used plastic bottles to create jewelry, decorations, and eco-bricks. Eco-bricks are a type of building unit made from a clean bottle and thousands of plastic bags.



Once finished, the bricks can be used to build useful structures. Children learned important lessons about the durability and dangers of plastics, while keeping garbage out of the landfill. They also practised their marketing and sales skills, learning how to produce a memorable and enjoyable event from start to finish. On to the next!



# THE FIRST LEGO LEAGUE 2024



Our amazing students rocked the recent robotics event, snagging awards for 'Enthusiasm and Dedication' and 'The Best Engineering Book'!

It's been an incredible journey in robotic education, empowering them to sharpen their computational skills and explore the wonders of engineering.



Let's keep the momentum going and inspire even more greatness in the future!

# ENGAGING SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS



Quantitative Benedict's test in Grade 11



Benedict's test is a chemical assay used to detect the presence of reducing sugars in a solution.



Grade 6Y students were investigating conditions that causes rusting.



# MINDFUL COLORING ECA



In Mindful Coloring ECA, students tackle abstract painting! I'm surprised by how many different colors, shapes and styles they can come up with.

They are so different and so creative!

**Ms Didi, Art teacher**







# Valentine's Day

**Middle School Student Council is glad to offer you several options for expressing your gratitude/love/respect/sympathy.**

**Please feel free to send cards. The Valentine's box is in the cafeteria.**

**Your cards will be delivered on 14th February last period by Middle School Student Council**

**Send a flower to show how much you care on this special day.**

**The cost of the flower is 250 soms and delivered on 14th February.**

**Wear red, pink or white and get points for your house!**

# LANGUAGES IN OUR LIVES

WEDNESDAY

21ST FEBRUARY 2024



**For Middle school**

**LANGUAGES AT BIS BOARD**

**GUESS THE LANGUAGE**

**LANGUAGE EXCHANGE**

**for Primary school**

**SCAVENGER HUNT**

**MINI LANGUAGE SESSIONS**

**LANGUAGES AT BIS BOARD**

**MULTILINGUAL MORNING SNACKS**

**HAPPY  
LANGUAGES  
DAY!**

你好

**CÓMO  
ESTÁS?**

ТИЛДЕР КҮНҮ  
КУТ БОЛСУН!



**Students and staff can get 10 points for dressing up in a national costume**

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

- 10<sup>th</sup> February: High School Winter Ball
- 14<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday: Valentine’s Day organized by Students
- 16-17 February, Friday-Saturday, Basketball Tournament at Dvorec Sporta, organised by BIS
- 21<sup>st</sup> February, Wednesday: Languages in Our Lives Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Friday: Homeland Defender’s Day (no school)
- 29<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Saturday: Central Asian Basketball Championship in Tashkent
- 1<sup>st</sup> March, Friday: STEM Fair
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Saturday: BISMUN – Model United Nations
- 8<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday: International Women’s Day (no school)
- 15<sup>th</sup> March, Friday: Nooruz Celebration at BIS

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for February 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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

Preschool 1 had its very first field trip to the "SMagic" TommiMall playground. We took the school bus and watched our favorite cartoon, "Helper Cars", on the way. The students loved the playground; they were

very active and brave. Our first field trip went well, and we had a lot of fun. Looking forward to our next adventures.

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



## PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 friends continued to learn about how we express our feelings and ideas through play. We played imaginative games as our friends took on the roles of doctors, showing kindness and care, and police officers, being brave. They even pretended to be grateful patients, expressing thanks to the doctors for their kindness. In our literacy development, we learned the "a" phonics sound and

discovered that Adam's and Ainar's names start with this sound. In Math, we explored patterns by playing with toys and creating patterns with paint dots. Additionally, during this week, we had visitors from Grade 2, Maya and Sabina, who shared their own written books with us. A big thank you to them for making our week more enjoyable with their stories. It's been a really great week of learning and fun!

**Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher**



### PRESCHOOL 3

We had a fantastic week at the preschool, filled with fun and learning!

In our language, we continued exploring farm animals. The kids had a blast learning about different animals and the sounds they make. It was absolutely adorable to see them scream the animal sounds at the top of their voices! We even ended the class with a lively rendition of the "Old MacDonald" song.

In math class, we focused on counting and sorting farm animals. The kids had hands-on experience using toy animal models and a toy farm house. They had so

much fun placing the animals in their proper locations on the farm and sorting them by size and color.

One of the highlights of the week was our hilarious activity of making a cow out of a carton box. The kids got to "milk" the cow 21 times, and it was a joy to watch their laughter and excitement.

To wrap up the week, we got super creative and made our very own farm using a carton box and various beautiful materials. The kids had so much fun remembering where all the animals live on the farm and creating their own little world.

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

