













Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 23 / 2023-24

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#### **EXPLORING THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF KYRGYZSTAN**

Our Grade 6 students are exploring the natural resources of the region in Host Country Studies classes to help them work out how to attract investment to Central Asia.

To better understand the natural resources of Kyrgyzstan, they had a field trip to the Geological Museum in Bishkek, where Ms. Zhanyl and Museum staff introduced students to the mineral wealth of the region and use of these minerals in industry and our lives.









#### **CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS**

A huge well done to our award winners:

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

Umar (Grade 1B), Altai (Grade 5B), Dana (Grade 5B), Aisha (Grade 12)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Alima (Grade 1B), Ion (Grade 1B), all Grade 1 Yellow class

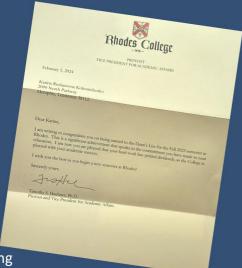
BROC (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator):

Rahaav (Grade 9), Dalila (Grade 11), Eva Aijan (Grade 11)

#### **OUR ALUMNI'S SUCCESS**



We are thrilled to share some outstanding news from our BIS alumni community! We're proud to announce that Karina Kolesnichenko has already distinguished herself as one of the top students at her university during the first semester. This remarkable accomplishment is a testament to Karina's dedication and the solid foundation she cultivated during her time at BIS.



Join us in celebrating Karina's impressive achievement and in sharing our pride for her continued success in her academic pursuits.

Once a Taigan, always a Taigan!

# **GRADE 2 STUDENTS SPARK INSPIRATION THROUGH STORYTELLING**

Grade 2 students created their own stories and were very eager to share their stories with primary students. With infectious enthusiasm, they eagerly shared their narratives with the preschool students, igniting a spark of creativity and wonder in their young minds.















# BIS Snapshot: MYP Valentine's Day Party



# MINDFUL COLORING ECA



IN MINDFUL COLORING ECA, STUDENTS MADE PIGEONS OUT OF CARDBOARD BOXES. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO CULTIVATE STUDENTS TO OBSERVE AND APPRECIATE SMALL THINGS IN LIFE AROUND US.

MS DIDI, ART TEACHER













#### Musical Moments Concert Thursday 7 March at 5pm Small Hall

Musical Moments is a concert for students learning their instrument out of school. Students of any age and any musical ability can sign up to perform to a small and supportive audience in a short after-school concert. Our first Musical Moments will be on Thursday 7 March at 5pm in the Small Hall and will last about 45 minutes. If your child is learning a musical instrument out of school and would like to celebrate their musical progress, please sign them up using this link.

Since the concert will be around 45 mins, the number of students who we can fit into this time will be limited. Please sign your child up by the **deadline Friday 1 March, 5pm**. If more students sign up than we have space for, we will provide an additional performance opportunity.

# Music Academy Concert Wednesday 13 March at 5pm Small Hall

Those learning an instrument with our BIS Music Academy teachers will have an opportunity to perform in a short concert on Wednesday 13 March at 5pm in the Small Hall. This will be arranged by Ms Munara and the Music Academy instrumental teachers. There is no need to sign up for this. You will receive information in due course from Ms Munara.

# **Musical Moments Concert**

# **Thursday 7 March**

### **5pm Small Hall**

This is an opportunity for all students of different musical abilities to perform in an informal concert to a small audience.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Please register using this QR code:



Deadline for entries: Friday 1 March





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** 



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

# **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

#### Join us for school lunches from February 19th to March 15th

If you've ever wondered about the taste and quality of our school lunches, here's your chance to experience it firsthand! From Monday, February 19th to Friday, March 15th, we're offering parents the opportunity to join us for lunch.

To participate, please complete <u>this form</u> to request lunch on a specific day. Once you've submitted the form, you will receive an email confirmation of the date.

On the designated day, please arrive at 13:00 and proceed to the inside reception to pay 100 som for lunch. Afterward, you can enjoy your meal at the cafe.



#### Please take note of the following menu schedule:

- From February 19<sup>th</sup> to February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Menu 'C'
- From February 26<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>: Menu 'D'
- From March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>: Menu 'A'
- From March 11<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>: Menu 'B'

We look forward to welcoming you to our lunch table and hearing your feedback!

#### **LUNCH MENU**

The lunch menu for February  $19^{th} - 22^{nd}$  is **Menu C**.

You can view the <u>School menu</u> 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**

- 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
- 8<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday: International Women's Day (no school)
- 15<sup>th</sup> March, Friday: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- 30<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday: BISMUN Model United Nations (new date)

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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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BIS Facebook - facebook.com/biskgz



Connecting the BIS Community www.bailanysh.com



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Act for Community - @actcom.bis



Parents Association - facebook.com/bis.parents.127



# Preschool Discoveries

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#### **PRESCHOOL 1**

Preschool 1 young learners are growing day by day. They are becoming more active, inquisitive, and good readers. We love playing and learning together. Our students reviewed the classroom "Essential Agreement" and created a new one. This week, we

focused on the sense of touch. We understood that we can feel the cold or warm temperature through our skin and guessed items by touch. Additionally, we had "toilet paper games" and celebrated Valentine's Day.

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





















#### **PRESCHOOL 2**

This week, our little friends in Preschool 2 focused on learning the phonics sound "t" and discovered words such as tennis, tree, tigers, and tent that begin with this sound. They also had fun crafting cute tigers and playing with tents, all while practicing the "t" sound. In our Math lessons, we practiced shapes and introduced the concept of the heart shape, explaining its connection to love. During our Unit of Inquiry lesson,

we discussed the feeling of love, recognizing that love is a special feeling we have for people who are important to us. It's hugging, smiling, and being kind to others. Inspired by this discussion, our little ones created beautiful heart-shaped cards for their families, spreading love and happiness. It has been a week filled with learning, laughter, and love in Preschool 2!

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





















#### **PRESCHOOL 3**

We've been diving into our "How We Organise Ourselves" unit with a focus on the central idea that we need food. This week was busy and exciting, we had a blast with our grocery store dramatic play activity.

In our pretend grocery store, the kids had the opportunity to explore organization and categorization. They sorted items by category, such as fruits, vegetables, and more. This hands-on experience helped them develop important math skills, like sorting and classifying objects.

Not only did the children practice math skills, but they also engaged in language development. As they played and interacted with one another, they used descriptive language to talk about the different items in the store. They also had the chance to practice their communication skills by engaging in conversations during their pretend shopping trips.

Through this activity, the children had the opportunity to count and practice their numeracy skills as they "bought" and "sold" items. They also enhanced their vocabulary and language abilities by describing the various fruits, vegetables, and other products in the store.

It's been incredible to see the kids' enthusiasm and engagement during this activity. They've been learning and having fun at the same time, which is what we strive for here at the preschool.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher













