



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

**VOICES**



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**LANGUAGES IN OUR LIVES**

Our annual "Languages in Our Lives" day took place on Wednesday, and it was a resounding success!

Our preschool and PYP students enthusiastically embarked on a flag scavenger hunt around the school, further immersing themselves in the rich tapestry of languages at BIS. Additionally, MYP students engaged teachers in conversations, greeting them in their native languages and challenging them to guess the language spoken. It was truly inspiring to witness students attempting to request a cookie in various languages, showcasing their eagerness to embrace linguistic diversity.

At BIS, we are privileged to have such a rich diversity of languages within our community, and it's wonderful to have a day dedicated to celebrating and showcasing our linguistic heritage. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Languages in Our Lives a memorable and enriching experience for all.



## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The AISB Basketball Tournament took place last Friday and Saturday at the Sports Palace. Our girls' teams ended as Champions for both age groups, with U15 Boys securing 3rd place and U19 Boys 4th place.

Congratulations to all the participants! We eagerly anticipate the CAFA Basketball event in Tashkent!



## BUILDING MUSICAL FOUNDATIONS IN GRADE 4 MUSIC CLASS

Students from Grade 4 have started learning the recorder in their music class. The recorder is one of the fundamental musical instruments that enables a transition to more complex wind instruments such as the saxophone, clarinet, and others.

During the learning process, students learn to control their breath, apply basic music theory knowledge in practice, and expand their musical skills.

Ms. Munara, Music Teacher



# BIS Snapshot: Languages in Our Lives



# MANDARIN ADVENTURES AT THE LOCAL CHINESE RESTAURANT!

Our Mandarin students embarked on an epic educational journey delving into the heart of Chinese culture through a visit to a nearby restaurant! From mastering menu items to chatting with native speakers, they embraced every moment, putting their Mandarin skills into action!

This immersive experience not only enriched their language abilities but also sparked a deep appreciation for diverse cultures!



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR PRIMARY ELA CLASSES!

Our dedicated teachers are nurturing a supportive learning environment where every child feels encouraged to express themselves freely and confidently.

With a range of hands-on activities, our primary students are actively engaged in lessons developing essential language skills in a dynamic and inclusive setting.

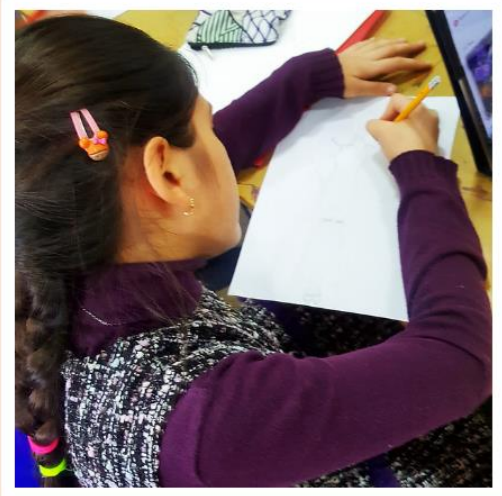
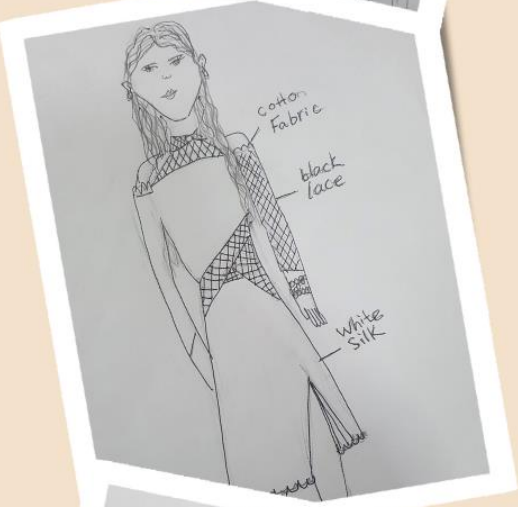




# Fashion Design ECA

In Fashion Design ECA, student design passionately with avant garde thinking, captivating design and cutting edge creativity!

Ms. Didi, Art Teacher



# FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER DRAWING COMPETITION



The library drawing competition has come to a close, and we want to thank everyone who participated. We received a lot of wonderful drawings, making the selection of winners a challenging task. However, we are delighted to announce the results as follows:



## Grades 4-5:



Safiia G5B / Ayla G5Y



Humay G4B



Ailin G4B

## Grades 2-3:



Emilia G2B / Samira G2B



Roy G3B



Adam G2Y

## Grades 0-1:



Rustam G1Y



Alexandra G1Y



Daniel G1B

## Middle school:

- 1st place - Amber (Grade 6)
- 2nd place - Neslihan (Grade 6)

All submitted drawings are currently hanging next to the library wall for everyone to enjoy!



## STEAM FAIR – FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

This year's BIS STEAM Fair will be held on Friday, 1 March for our budding MYP scientists, engineers, and mathematicians to engage in a project of their own design to show off their knowledge and creativity. I would like to invite parents to come and celebrate our student's work in the Big Hall from 15:00 until 15:45.

There will be displays of the student's projects in both Science and DT, a Maths Olympiad for PYP students, and displays exploring the theme of sustainability.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mr. Robert Fenn, Head of Science Department

The poster features a yellow border with decorative molecular and DNA-like structures in blue, orange, and yellow. At the top center is the BIS logo, which includes a mountain peak and the letters 'BIS' inside a circle, surrounded by yellow stars. To the right of the logo is the text 'Bishkek International School'. The main title 'STEAM FAIR' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, an orange banner contains the text 'BIG HALL FROM 15:00 UNTIL 15:45'. To the right, a yellow circle contains the text 'FRIDAY, 1 MARCH'. At the bottom right, there is a blue text box with the message 'Enjoy the best event to improve your science knowledge and spend the day having fun'.

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# 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



## 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 **this form** 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 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 26<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> is **Menu D**. 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](#)

- 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
- 21<sup>st</sup> March: Nooruz Public Holiday
- 18-22 March: Spring Break
- 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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## PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, our friends explored how to spread happiness during playtime in our Unit of Inquiry lessons. We discovered that simple acts like sharing toys, taking turns, and using kind words can make a big difference. In literacy, we reviewed the phonics sounds "s", "a", and "t". During math lessons, we practiced identifying and creating patterns.

We also had guests; grade 5 students came to visit us and read books for our little friends, serving as reading buddies. Our kids liked and enjoyed the experience. Additionally, we celebrated "Languages in our Lives" with an exciting Spanish lesson led by Ms. Dixy. We sang songs, danced, and learned new Spanish words, making it a week full of joy and learning!

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



### PRESCHOOL 3

This week we embarked on an exciting journey to explore the wonders of the ocean! We learned about different types of fish, their habitats, and how they organize themselves in schools.

In Language development, our focus remained on the letter "F" throughout this week's ocean exploration. We explored words that start with "F," such as fish, fin, and fun! The kids have been actively engaging with the letter "F" and have shown great creativity in coming up with words and stories related to the ocean theme.

Our math activity this week revolved around practicing numbers 0-23, providing a solid foundation for numerical understating. The kids have been

actively participating in counting games, number recognition exercises.

In the main activity, we explored the concept of organization by creating our very own ocean scene with colorful fish and sea creatures. It was amazing to watch the kids work together to create a very beautiful ocean and all its habitats.

We are thrilled to announce that the ocean adventure will continue next week, allowing the kids to further explore, learn, and have fun with this captivating theme... Preschool is all about discovering, exploring, and having fun while we learn.

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

