



LEARNING FRACTIONS AND EXPLORING THE WORLD OF INSECTS

This week, Grade 1 Yellow students enhanced their learning about fractions and joined in tangible activities. The students made a pizza by mixing the ingredients and adding mozzarella cheese. We divided it into slices and discussed fractions. We also cut an apple, kiwi, pineapple, and orange into some parts and completed an activity with fractions.



This week, we also had a special guest in the class. Arseny from Grade 9 visited us and shared his knowledge about insects. He showed his ants and

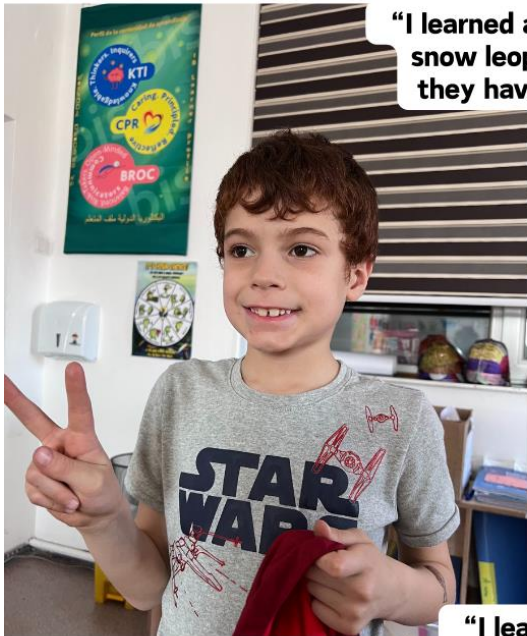
bugs to our students. Our students observed these tiny creatures, learned about their life cycles, and fed them. We thank Arseny for his time and willingness to share his knowledge with our class.



EXPLORING THE WORLD OF SNOW LEOPARDS

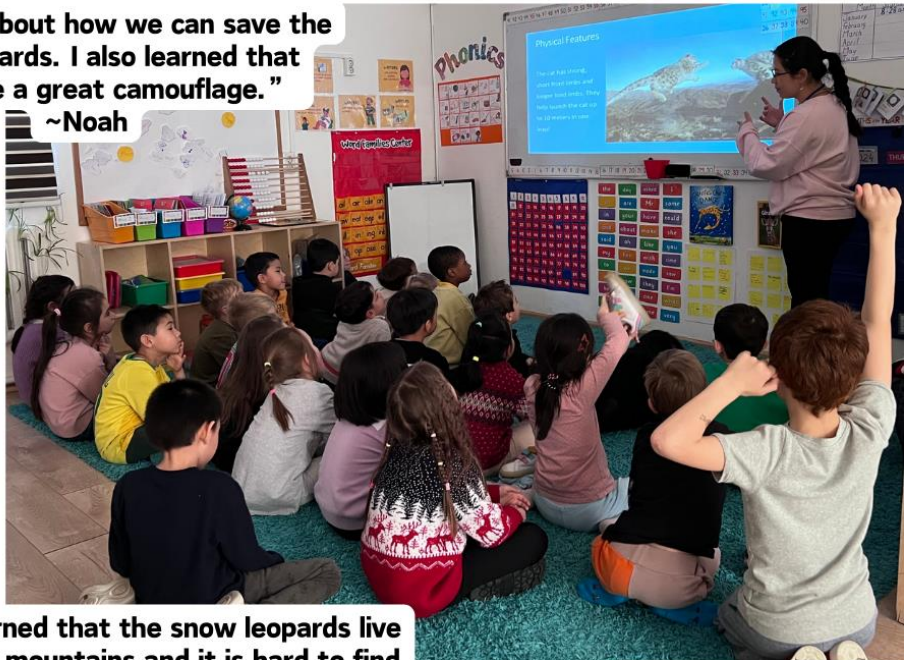
On Thursday, February 22nd, the first-grade students had a special visitor, Ms. Benazir Kabaeva, Project Assistant from the Snow Leopard Trust. She shared information about the snow leopard's life cycle, habitat, adaptations, and the threats this mysterious creature faces, as the number of individuals of this species has dropped. Snow leopards are challenging to study, yet the organization has set up cameras to gather evidence of their behaviors. First-graders saw footage of these fantastic creatures in the wild.

Some connections with our Unit of Inquiry, "How the World Works," where we are exploring life cycles, were:



"I learned about how we can save the snow leopards. I also learned that they have a great camouflage."

~Noah



"I learned that snow leopard cubs go to another place when they are 2 years old."

~Adil

"I learned that the snow leopards live in high mountains and it is hard to find them. We can also call them mountain ghosts. They use their tail to balance."

~Rustam

"I learned they have long tails."

~Misha



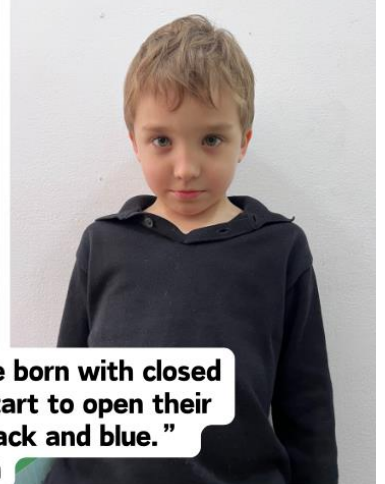
"I learned that there aren't many snow leopards these days and that they sat up cameras on the mountain to save them."

~Ian



"I learned that they are born with closed eyes, and when they start to open their eyes, the eyes are black and blue."

~Maya



"They can run so fast and jump so long."

~Deniz

By learning about the snow leopard, students could see how their knowledge of life cycles can be applied to real-world situations and the importance of protecting endangered species.

The visit was a valuable addition to our student's education, and we thank Ms. Kabaeva for sharing her expertise and passion for these incredible creatures with us.

Grade 1 Yellow Team

CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Jun Chen (Grade 3), Ludmy (Grade 3)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Dariy (Grade 3), Nikolaus (Grade 5), Saamik (Grade 5), Sasha (Grade 5)

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

Calvin (Grade 3), Jonathan (Grade 3), Arsen (Grade 4),

Platon (Grade 4), whole of Grade 5Y

TRIUMPH IN ECONOMICS: LAURA AND SANDRO ADVANCE TO THE NATIONAL STAGE

In a remarkable display of knowledge and skill, our very own Laura Piana (Grade 11) and Sandro Kvatchadze (Grade 10) have successfully secured their spots in the second national round of the prestigious Economics International Olympiad. This achievement not only highlights their exceptional grasp of economics but also sets a new benchmark of academic excellence for our school.

This year's Olympiad was more competitive than ever, with over 2800 participants from 260 schools across the Kyrgyz Republic vying for top honors. Our school was represented by 15 talented students. Amidst



rigorous competition and a display of near-professional prowess, Laura and Sandro distinguished themselves by being among the top 40 students advancing to the subsequent round.

We congratulate them on this incredible success and wish them all the best as they prepare to represent our school at the national level. Well done, Laura and Sandro!

Mr. Azamat, Economics Teacher



OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS



We are thrilled to share some exciting news from our Grade 5 student, Alan! At the prestigious Asia Open School Invitational Championship held in Bangkok this February, Alan won the gold medal in the challenging 4x50m complex relay race alongside three teammates from the Kyrgyz Republic national team, showcasing exceptional butterfly skills.

Additionally, Alan showcased his prowess at the Athletic Winter Championship in Bishkek on February 21-22, where he secured a well-deserved bronze medal in the 300m running event, competing in the "2011 and younger" category.

Congratulations to Alan on his outstanding achievements!



HIGH SCHOOL WINTER BALL

On February 10th, our high school students enjoyed the annual Winter Ball at Bellagio Premium, where they had a fantastic time dancing, socializing, and relaxing before refocusing on their studies.



BIS Snapshot: High School Winter Ball



Reading Buddies



Last Thursday our teacher took us to visit Preschool 2 class in the morning. We walked across the road to their classroom. We read poems and rhyming stories for children because we have been learning about poetry in Extended Literacy. It was difficult because preschoolers cannot sit for a long time and some students do not know English. We had to make sure that we showed the pictures and got their attention.

It was really fun and we want to go back and read to Preschool 2 again.

Chloe, Jessica, Altai, Umair, Alan J., Alsou, and Safia
Grade 5 Blue Extended Literacy Class



TRANSFORMING TRASH INTO WONDERLAND: MYP STUDENTS' SUSTAINABLE SCULPTURES



For sustainability, MYP students turn trash into treasures by making Alice in Wonderland themed sculptures. They are taking us for a journey in this magical land of wonder.

Ms. Didi, Art Teacher



TASTER MANDARIN CLASS FOR GRADE 1

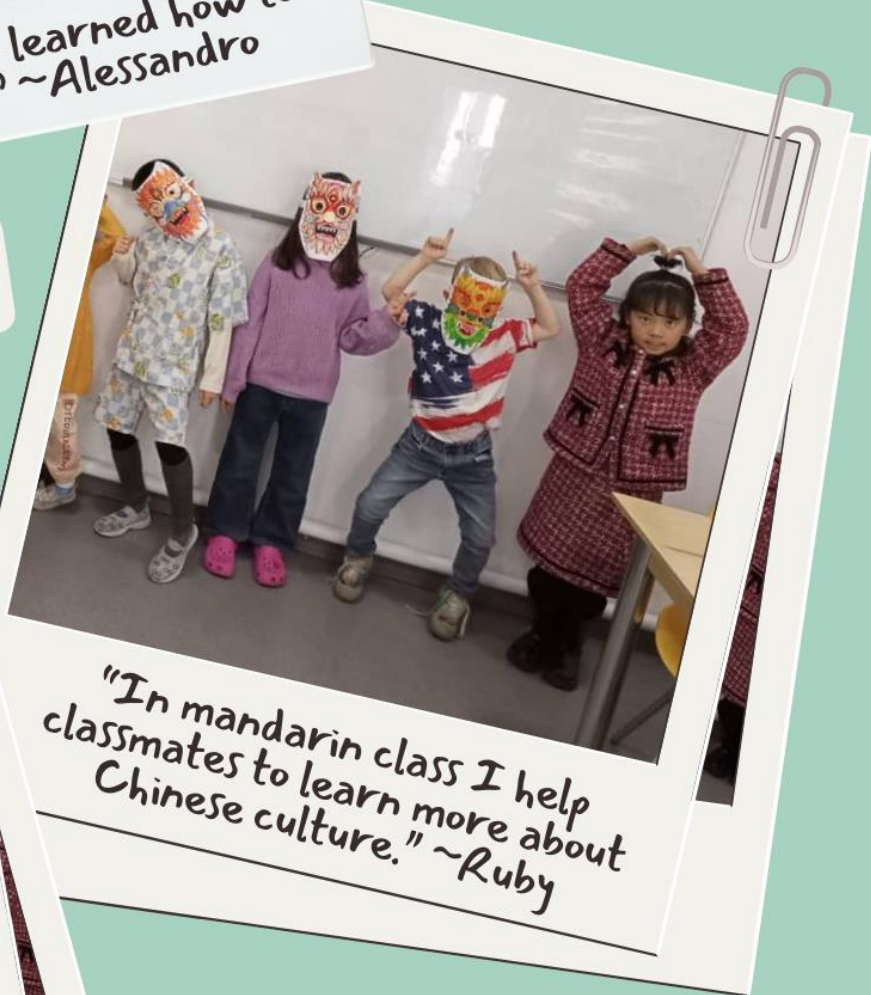
Discover the vibrant world of Mandarin class activities through the words of our Grade 1 students:



"I think mandarin is fun. I learned how to write Chinese numbers." ~Alessandro

"In mandarin I learned about nian story." ~Sasha

"I like mandarin." ~Ion



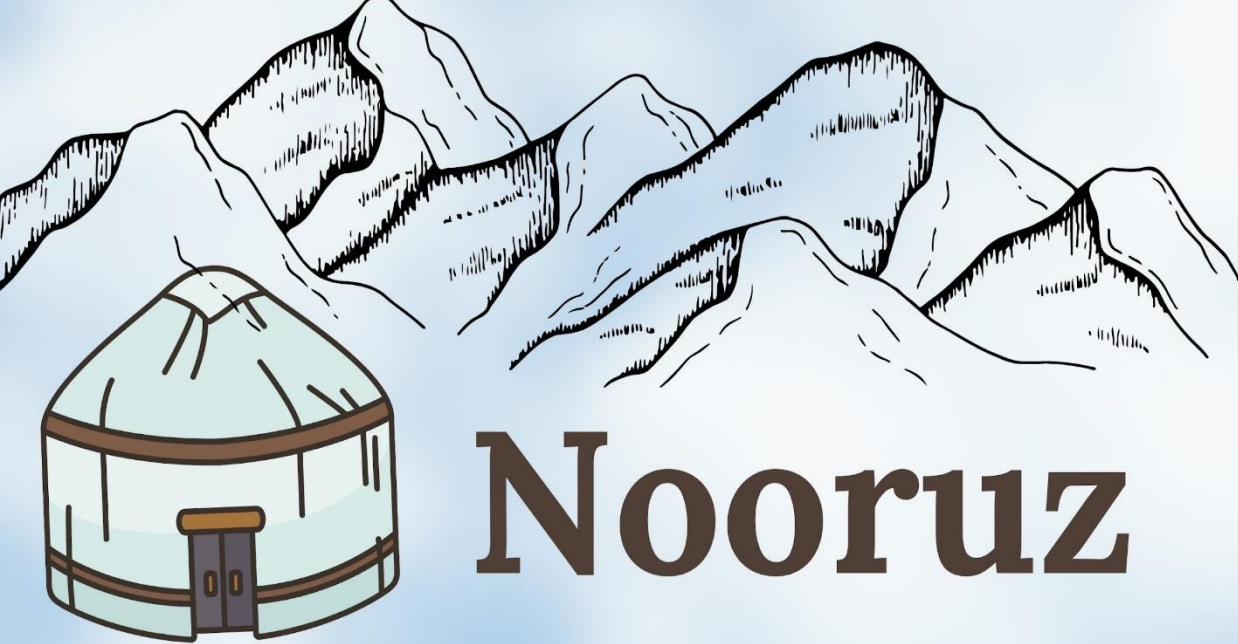
"In mandarin class I help classmates to learn more about Chinese culture." ~Ruby

"Mandarin is fun!" ~Noah

"I learned how to write Chinese numbers." ~Samiya



"I learned how to write Chinese numbers." ~Ian



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Spring Festival

- Student performances
- “Bis Kurak-2024” fashion show
- National food and games

Date: Friday, 15th of March

Time: 14:30-17:00 p.m.

Location: Basketball court

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT - JJ GURGA - AND NEW PAMC MEMBERS

The Parents Association elections have drawn to a close, and we are delighted to announce JJ Gurga's election as the President of PAMC. She will officially assume her role on Monday, March 11th, succeeding Robert Hamling, whose tenure as President has been distinguished by notable accomplishments. We extend our sincere gratitude to Robert for his dedicated service to the BIS Community.



As JJ Gurga prepares to take the helm, she inherits a legacy of excellence, and we have every confidence in her ability to build upon the foundation laid by her predecessor. If you need to contact Robert before March 11th or JJ thereafter, please use the email address papres@bis.kg.



In addition to JJ's election, we are pleased to welcome four new members to the Parents Association Management Committee (PAMC): Meerim Askarova, Elena Sherbakova, Ainura Emilbekova, and Arkady Rogalsky. Their dedication and hard work will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of BIS.

If you wish to contact all PAMC members collectively, please use the email pamc@bis.kg. For specific inquiries, you can email the President at papres@bis.kg or the Secretary at pasec@bis.kg.

Alina Seitalieva, Governance and Events Officer

SAVE THE DATE – TOK, CAS, AND VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION



2024
DP Exhibition
TOK, CAS, and Visual Arts

Wednesday, 13 March
11:45 DP Intro Session / 13:00 Exhibition

High School students and parents are invited.
More information to follow!

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 March 4th to March 7th: Menu 'A'
- From March 11th to March 15th: Menu 'B'

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

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for March 4th-7th 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.

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

- 29th February, Thursday – 2nd March, Saturday: Central Asian Basketball Championship in Tashkent
- 8th March, Thursday: International Women’s Day (no school)
- 15th March, Friday: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- 21st March: Nooruz Public Holiday
- 18-22 March: Spring Break
- 30th March, Saturday: BISMUN – Model United Nations (new date)

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PRESCHOOL 1

This week was calm and nice for all of us. We were able to spend some time playing with snow, drawing many creative artworks, learning new songs like "Community Helpers" and playing many fun active

games. Preschool 1, especially enjoyed making community helper cars. We made a police car and an ambulance for now. Next week, we will make a fire engine, a racing car, and a taxi.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher

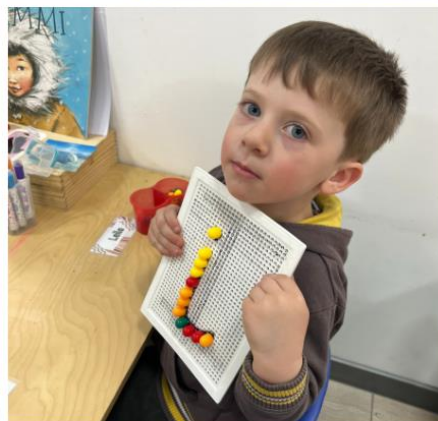


PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 friends talked about story characters and their feelings. We read the "Rainbow Fish" book and had discussions about what each character was feeling and why. We discovered how tricky sharing can be and how it affects our friendships. We learned that sharing not only makes us happy but also brings joy to those around us. The highlight of our week was our puppet show inspired by

"Rainbow Fish." Our friends had a wonderful time expressing themselves through the puppets! In math, we reviewed our numbers, and in literacy development, we learned about the phonic sound "i". We found words like igloo, ink, and insects that start with this sound. We had a great week full of learning and fun, and we're excited for more adventures next week!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We had an incredible week at our preschool as we continued our journey on the ocean and its fascinating habitats!

In our language class, we focused on the sounds of vowels and the letter "B." The kids had a blast coming up with sounds like Ba, Be, Bo, Bi, Bu. These letter sounds are so important as they lay the foundation for word recognition and reading skills. We also learned new words, like "waves," "coral," "Seashells," and "seaweed". We read ocean-themed books, stories and sang ocean-themed songs. For our language activity, we used colored ice to color our ocean animals. It was such a cool and creative experience!

In our Math class, we practiced counting from 0-25, and we integrated this into our ocean-themed

activities. The kids counted the ocean animals in the ocean we created, reinforcing their counting skills while exploring the wonders of the ocean.

One of the highlights of the week was our activity on ocean conservation. We simulated a polluted ocean by placing sea animal toys in dirty water with trash. The kids became little heroes as they fished out the sea animals and transferred them to clean, fresh water. It was a powerful lesson on the importance of taking care of our oceans and their habitats.

To wrap up our ocean topic, we embarked on a pretend boat journey, imagining ourselves on the vast ocean, spotting and catching all the sea animals we could see. The kids truly heard, saw, and felt the magic of the ocean.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

