



TAIGANS IN TASHKENT

BIS' basketball teams did really well at the CABC 2024 tournament. They showed great skill and determination during the five days, including three days of tough games and two days of travel. All four of our teams improved significantly from last year.



U15 Boys

The **U15 boys'** team did a good job and secured 3rd place, demonstrating great teamwork and skills. Eight players will move up next year, bringing their quality to the U19 boys.

U15 Girls

The **U15 girls'** team also earned 3rd place, proving they are just as competitive and dedicated to the game. This team will also lose its best players as they join the U19 team next year.



U19 Girls

The **U19 girls'** team performed even better, achieving an impressive 2nd place and contributing to our school's success. The most important thing is that we gained many players ready to share the burden on their backs instead of expecting it from just one player.

U19 Boys

The **U19 boys'** team faced tough competition but still finished 4th, showing resilience and sportsmanship. Last year, they were 8th.



In total, our school's basketball teams played 26 games and won 14 of them. This puts our school among the **top three schools** overall, along with TSIS and TIS.

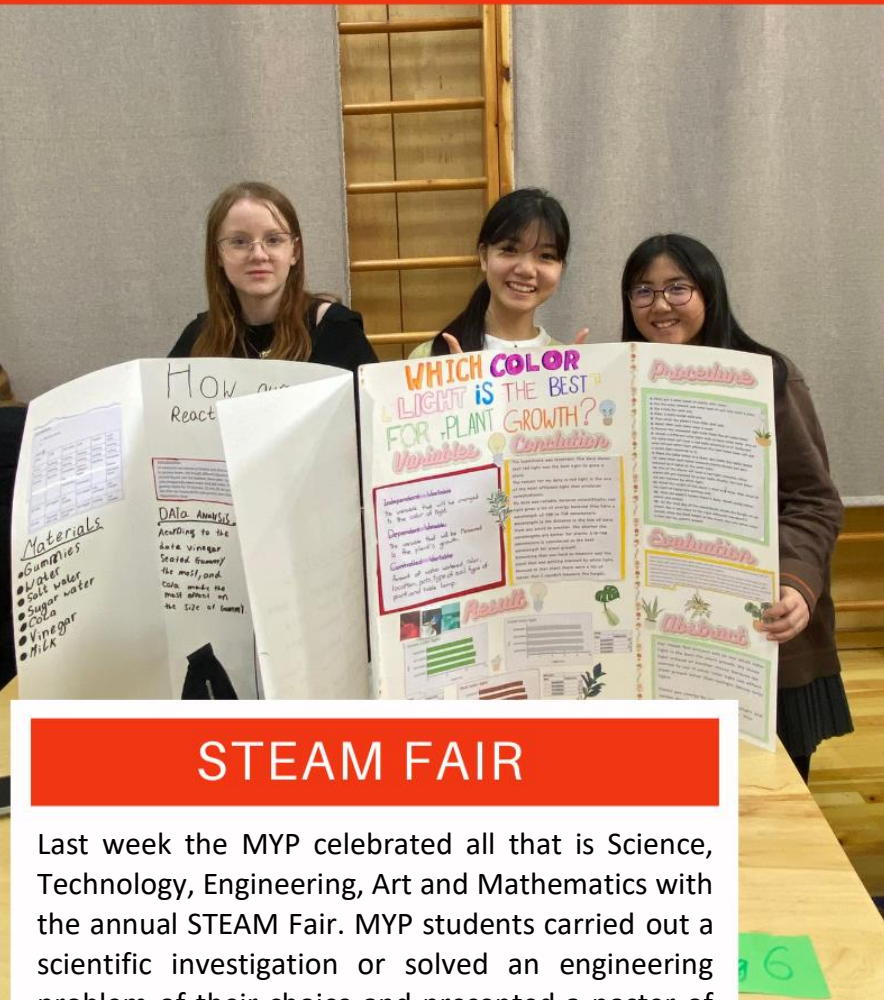
Not only did our teams perform well on the court, but they also showed **great discipline** off the court, both in games and at the hotel. This information came from the hotel receptionist on our last day.

It reflects positively on the character and values of our athletes.

Overall, BIS' basketball teams made us really proud at CABC 2024. Their dedication, sportsmanship, and improvement from last year show the hard work of both players and coaches. Congratulations to everyone involved for their excellent performance!

Mr. Zeljko, Head of PE Department





Grade 6

- 1st Place - Amelie, Taisiya, Salikha
- 2nd Place - Amber and Maiko
- 3rd Place - Matteo, Ayn

Grade 7

- 1st Place - Lucia and Bilim
- 2nd Place - Ali and Petr
- 3rd Place - Erica and Lia

Grade 8

- 1st Place - Nelia and Kanykei
- 2nd Place - Abai and Bunne
- 3rd Place - Erkeaiym and Arina

STEAM FAIR

Last week the MYP celebrated all that is Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics with the annual STEAM Fair. MYP students carried out a scientific investigation or solved an engineering problem of their choice and presented a poster of their work to judges who quizzed them on their methods and conclusions before awarding prizes for the best work.

In addition to these projects there were exhibitions of electronics projects from the DT Department, Sustainable sculptures from the Art Department, a Mathematics Olympiad organised by the Maths Department and a guest speaker who gave us an insight into the importance of engineering and the exciting careers available in the STEAM field. We were also pleased to welcome some budding scientists from G3Y who shared their informative research posters with us.

Students learn a great deal from taking part in an event like this. Not only do they gain insight into the scientific process, but it is an opportunity for them to experience first-hand the difficulties of undertaking scientific research or engineering projects. By encountering problems and solving them as part of a team, students are able to develop problem solving skills, resilience, creativity and teamwork.

Mr. Robert Fenn, Head of Science



OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS



We are thrilled to announce that our Grade 11 student David Mars has secured the 1st place in the American Mathematics Olympiad among all participants from Kyrgyzstan, proudly representing BIS. As a testament to his remarkable accomplishment, he has been awarded scholarship support for universities in the United States.

Let's extend our warmest congratulations to David for his remarkable success!

TOK, CAS, AND VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION – WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH

2024

DP Exhibition

TOK, CAS, and Visual Arts

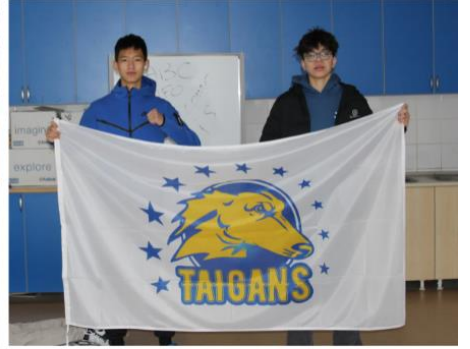
Wednesday, 13 March

12:20 DP Intro Session / 13:00 Exhibition

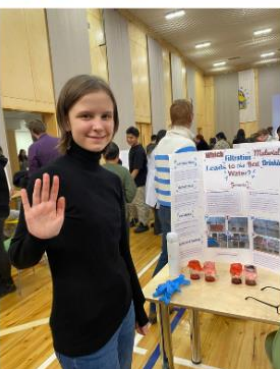
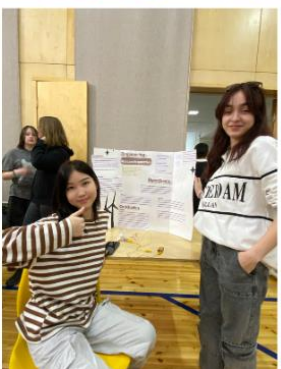
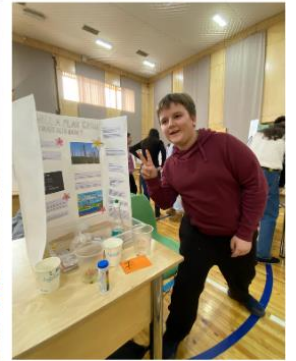
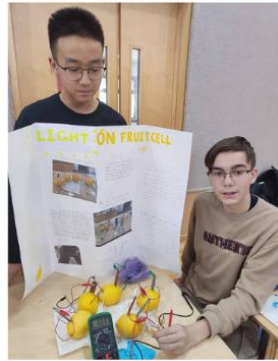
High School students and parents are invited.
More information to follow by email!

Save the Date

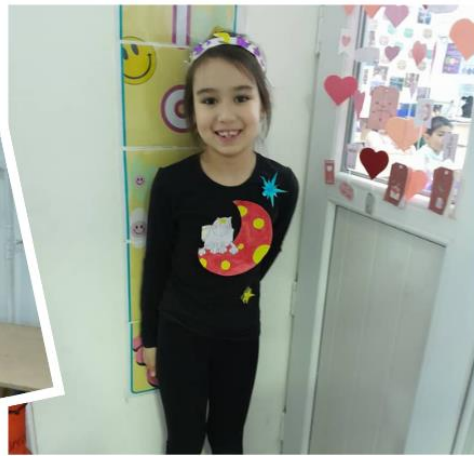
BIS Snapshot: CABC Tournament



BIS Snapshot: STEAM Fair



BIS Snapshot: STEAM Costume



GRADE ZERO'S STEAM DAY



Grade Zero celebrated STEAM day by building traditional Kyrgyz nomads' house - yurt! Students were provided different materials and did great! Enjoy the photos of creative yurts from Grade Zero.



Grade 1 Yellow's Journey into Storytelling and Learning



This week, Grade 1 Yellow students talked about fiction and non-fiction books, stories, the elements of the stories, character traits, story inferences, and making predictions. Our class used their knowledge to create their fiction and non-fiction books. They also connected their books with the UOI topic. We had books about frogs, pandas, falcons, penguins, snakes, giraffes, and other living creatures. Our learners also visited preschool friends to share their own stories with them. It was a great experience.

Ms. Begimai, Grade 1Y Homeroom Teacher



Grade 2 Build Tall Towers with Paper



In the science lesson grade 2 learnt about how large structures like houses are built from smaller pieces. Then, in the activity students designed their own structures using unconventional building material - paper. The idea of the activity was to build tall and strong towers by changing paper's property - its flexibility.

Grade 2 Team



GRADE 5 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO VODOKANAL



“ It was a very educational trip, and we enjoyed it. We wish it was warmer because it was snowing when we were there. The man who taught us was kind and smart. We found out that they add chlorine to our water to make it clean. We wish we could have stayed longer.

~ Mia, Jazzy, Saamik ”

“ Our trip was amazing, even though it was freezing cold. On our trip we saw the pipe that gives water to our city, and we learnt that it gives 15,000 cubic meters of water per hour!

~ Ayla, Kasen, Saina ”

“ On our field trip to Vodokanal we learned a lot about how our water is filtered. The water comes from an aquifer 100-250m below ground. The people who work there make sure our water is clean to drink and then the water is taken to the city through pipes.

~ David & Camilla ”

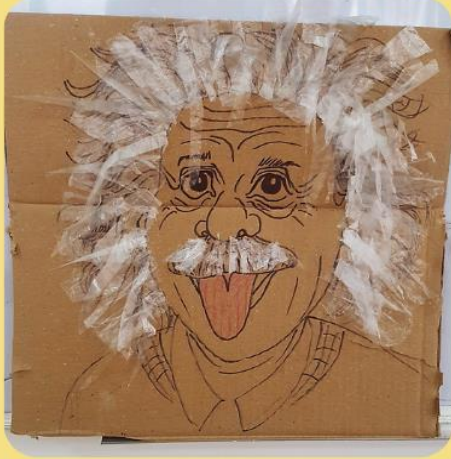


“ When we arrived at Vodokanal, we noticed it was really cold, but this didn't stop us from learning and exploring the fascinating water system of Bishkek. First we explored the pipes that send water to Bishkek, and we learned that in 1 hour 15,000 cubic meters of water is sent to Bishkek. Wow! Then we went inside the water filtration building and learnt how Bishkek's water is filtered. Did you know that the water comes from great reservoirs up to 250m underground? We had a fun time on our trip to Vodokanal.

~ Sasha, Niko, Lemar ”



Art and Science Fusion



In MYP Art class, students look at science through art. Thinking out of any textbook and beyond convention. Students created avant-garde, scientific art works that celebrate the best combination of art and science. Our theme this year is sustainability, and art works were made from trash.

Ms. Didi, Art Teacher



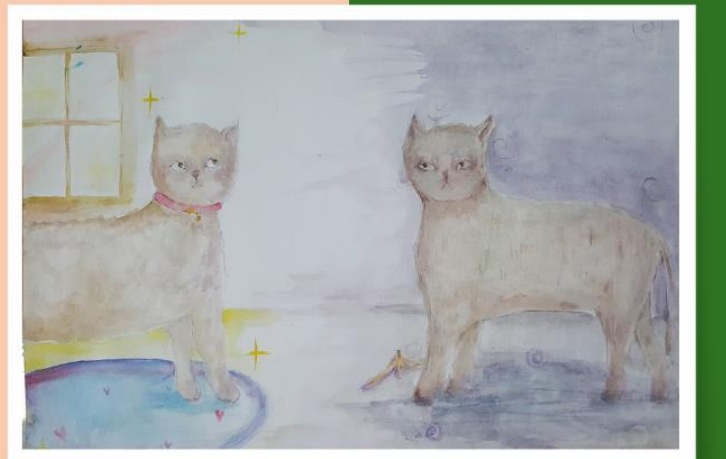


Expressing Real World Issues Through Art

Grade 8 students, inspired by street artists like Banksy, expressed as if on the street walls about real world issues.

They convey their message loudly through art.

Ms. Didi, Art Teacher





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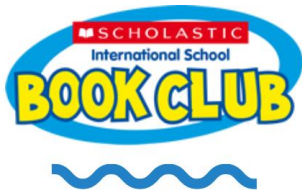
Spring Festival

- 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

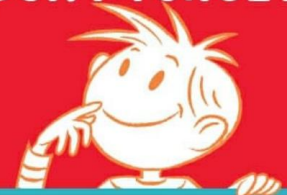


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THE BOOKS WILL BE DELIVERED TO BIS DIRECTLY FROM THE UK (IN APRIL).

If you have any questions about book ordering please feel free to ask library@bis.kg

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR FOSTERING A LOVE FOR READING IN OUR STUDENTS.

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 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 11th-15th 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.

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

- 8th March, Thursday: International Women’s Day (no school)
- 13th March, Wednesday: TOK, CAS, and Visual Arts Exhibition
- 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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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

Happy International Women's Day! We wish you to shine like a diamond and always be happy! Thank you to the Preschool 1 Parents Association for the wonderful flowers. Here are some updates on what happened this week. We invited young writers from Grade 1 Y. Students read their books about 'Snake' and 'Unicorn' and displayed great pictures. Preschool 1

students loved the stories; thank you. Additionally, we made friendship bracelets with our names. In the first week of spring, we started an experiment with beans. We placed them in plastic bags and are observing how they will grow. Preschool 1 students took responsibility to water them every day.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week at Preschool 2, our friends continued their exploration of emotions. We know that everyone experiences different feelings, and it's okay to feel them all. However, sometimes we might feel angry or overwhelmed, which can lead to unintentionally hurting others or feeling upset ourselves. To address this, we discussed strategies for managing these emotions without causing harm. We practiced counting backward from 10 to 1 and taking deep breaths, as well as trying out rainbow breathing. Additionally, we created sensory bottles to help us

calm down when we're feeling anxious or overwhelmed. It was a valuable learning experience for everyone. In literacy, we focused on the phonic sound "i" and crafted igloos. In math, we reviewed patterns, and during our art lesson, we made expressive feelings and faces. We also had guests; Grade 1 Yellow students came and read their own books, which we thoroughly enjoyed. Overall, it was a fantastic week filled with growth and exploration.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We kicked off the month with a bang at our mini preschool 3 STEAM fair on March 1st. Our little scientists had a blast conducting experiments like volcanic eruptions and creating raindrops with shaving foam. It was incredible to see their curiosity and enthusiasm in action!

This week, we embarked on an amazing journey through the wonders of the jungle as part of our unit of inquiry on "How We Organize Ourselves." We transformed our classroom into a jungle-themed oasis and delved into the world of wild animals. Our little ones learned about different jungle animals and where they can be found in the wild. It's incredible how much they already know!

In our Language class, we expanded our vocabulary with words like tusks, stripes, spots, cub... We also encouraged the kids to share their favorite jungle animal stories, allowing them to practice their speech and storytelling skills.

Math became an adventure as we practiced counting skills. The kids amazed us by counting from 1-26 with their jungle animal toys! We also had fun sorting animals into different categories, distinguishing jungle animals from others like water and farm animals.

We are so proud of all the learning and growth happening in our preschool. Watch out for more updates on our jungle exploration and the amazing discoveries our little explorers make.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

