



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 28 / 2023-24

29th March 2024

NOORUZ CELEBRATION

The Nooruz celebration at BIS was truly fantastic! Students and teachers worked hard to prepare a festive concert with songs and dances. Our entire BIS community came together to enjoy traditional Kyrgyz dishes, participate in national games, and engage in various activities.

Huge thanks to everyone involved for making this day an unforgettable success!



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Tamara (Grade 1), **Shuyang** (Grade 4), **Ramiz** (Grade 4),
Begamai, Adiya, Raiana, Javid, Eldar, Muhammad, Sulim (Grade 9)

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

Aruuke (Grade 1), **Diana** (Grade 1), **Chloe** (Grade 5),
Bermet, Aitilek, Anel, Aizirek, Aimir, Cholponai, Alina, Eva Aijan,
Saikal, Saadat (Grade 11), **Aliya, Asiya, Aisha, Elshat** (Grade 12)

GET INVOLVED IN EUROPE DAY FESTIVAL AT BIS ON SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2024 - YOUR HELP NEEDED!

We are very much looking forward to our Europe Day Festival on Saturday 20 April 2024 from 10:00 to 13:00 for a celebration of European culture, fun activities, performances, delicious food, and ice cream!

Europe Day Festival focuses on the rich diversity of the European continent. **If you have a connection to any European country or culture and would like to showcase its special features through a display table or activities, we invite you to participate!**

Please let us know as soon as possible if you're interested in creating a display or leading activities for your country or culture. We will add your country or culture to the postcards for stamp collections, ensuring children can explore and learn as they move around the event.

We encourage all families with European connections to volunteer and share their culture with the school community. If you're interested in representing your country or culture at the Europe Day Festival, please email mosmonova@bis.kg, and we can work together to make it happen!

Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration



Discover Europe!



Travel around Europe with BIS Europe Day Festival celebrations where you can encounter European food, performances, music and much more!

Date: 20th of April 2024
time: 10:00 a.m-13:00 p.m.
Bishkek International School
67A Bronirovannaya St.

BIS Snapshot: Nooruz Celebration





BIS Snapshot: Traditional Costume



BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

In February and March, our UCC team successfully hosted University and College Admissions Representatives from Switzerland, France, Hungary, Cyprus, the United States, Australia, Abu Dhabi, Georgia, Singapore, and Kazakhstan for BIS students, and conducted University application preparation sessions, also known as "College Nights" for high school students and their families.



Admissions team visits to our school are an excellent opportunity for our High School students to learn more about the college application process and get all of the necessary information directly from university admissions and recruitment teams. Students were able to ask questions about every aspect of the admissions process, from academic requirements to extracurricular activities, tuition and scholarship opportunities, campus life, and available resources. This direct interaction provided invaluable insights and clarity, allowing our students to make informed decisions as they begin their journey into higher education.

"College Nights" enable the UCC team to meet parents of our high school students, with the main goal of coming together and supporting our high school students as they begin the university application process. Parents and students need to understand the complexity of this process, where each decision and well-weighted step is crucial. Moreover, it is essential to understand the significance of starting this process early in High School. We would like to encourage the parents to be more involved and proactive in supporting their children in identifying and applying to universities. By aligning our "parent-student-school" forces, we can collectively support our students toward their remarkable achievements.



We are extremely proud of our UCC team's collaborative efforts with students, parents, and the school community to facilitate a successful series of College Nights and admissions team visits. Our work continues!

We also invite you to visit our Instagram page, [@BIS_Alumni](#), to see where our graduates continued their educational journeys at some of the world's top universities. Their accomplishments demonstrate the dedication and resilience instilled in our school community, and we are very proud of their success as they pursue higher education goals.

Ms. Nazira Tursalieva, University and Careers Counselor & Alumni Officer



CREATIVE JOURNEY OF GRADE 2 STUDENTS

Grade 2 students are learning about human-made and animal-made structures around the world. Delving deeper into the inquiry, students learned about different materials that are used for building. In the master class, students used clay to create plates. At the beginning of the activity, the children were given some time to explore the material - squash, flatten, and feel the texture. It was incredible to observe how imagination got into its physical form. The children decorated their plates with patterns and colors - they wrote funny phrases and curved smiley faces.



I liked to work with the clay. ~Ajibek



I liked to create clay. ~Amani



I liked to work with the clay, I want it every week. ~Sabina.



Clay was soft, it felt cold and it was nice to touch it. ~Aliana



I liked the whole process, I liked when I decorated my plate. ~Sayan



I am waiting for the moment when I get my plate. ~Altai



DATE 06 APRIL, TIME 9.30

BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



BIS INTER-SCHOOL TEAM CHESS TOURNAMENT 2024



TEAMS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS, CUPS, AND CASH PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:
1ST PLACE RECEIVES 12,000 KGS.
2ND PLACE RECEIVES 9,000 KGS.
3RD PLACE RECEIVES 7,000 KGS.

SEPARATE PRIZES ARE PROVIDED FOR THE BEST PLAYERS ON THE BOARDS.
ALL PARTICIPANTS GET CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION



TEAMS OF 5 STUDENTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL.



PROGRAM: TOURNAMENT
LUNCH, COFFEE BREAK



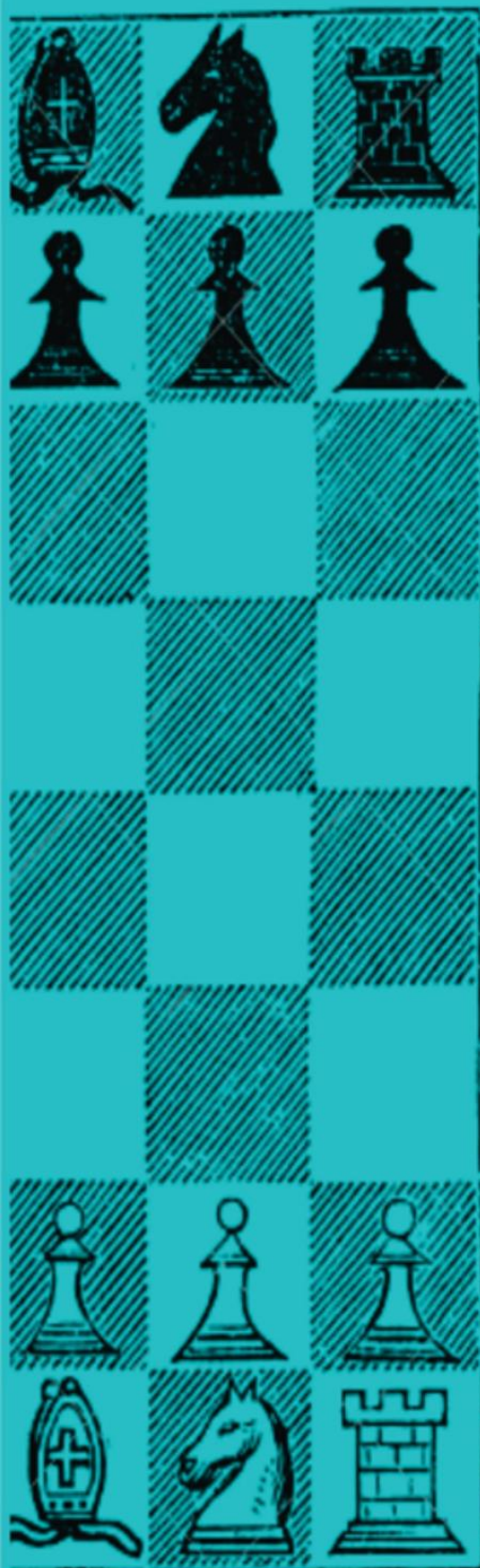
PRE-REGISTRATION BEFORE APRIL 4
PARTICIPATION FEE 2500 KGS FOR EACH TEAM
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SEND YOUR APPLICATION, BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SCHOOL

CERTIFICATES TO: jnamazbekova@bis.kg





**Bishkek
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Art Exhibition

DATE: 10 MAY 2024

LOCATION: BIS BIG HALL

TIME: 15:15

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF A MAGICAL ART SHOW!
FEATURING A LIVE STRING QUARTET PERFORMANCE AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**

Cooking ECA



NUTRITION COMMITTEE NEWS

Dear BIS Community,

We are excited to share some wonderful news with you all! Over the past few weeks, parents have had the unique opportunity to sample our school food from February 19 to March 15, and we have received some fantastic feedback. We are pleased to announce that the feedback is now available for review [here](#). This valuable insight from parents provides us with an opportunity to continuously improve and tailor our culinary offerings to better suit the tastes and preferences of our students. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents for their valuable participation.

Alina Seitalieva, Nutrition Committee Secretary

LUNCH MENU (updated)

The lunch menu for April 1st - 5th 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](#)

- 30th March, Saturday: BISMUN – Model United Nations
- 6th April, Saturday: Interschool Chess Tournament at BIS
- 7th April, Sunday: Revolution Day – holiday on 8 April (Monday) (no school)
- 10th April, Wednesday: Orozo Ait – public holiday (no school)
- 16th April, Tuesday: MYP 3 Community Project Presentations
- 20th April, Saturday: Europe Day Festival
- 25th April, Thursday: PYP Exhibition
- 26th April, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- End of April: IGCSE and IBDP Exam Sessions start
- 10th May, Friday: Art Exhibition (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.



[BIS news \(Eng\)](#) OR [BIS новости \(Рус\)](#)



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Connecting the BIS Community

www.bailanysh.com



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PRESCHOOL 1

Preschool 1 young learners are very excited to see each other and to welcome our new friend, Tara. Students are happy to come back to school.

This week, we made sensory balloons out of rice, buckwheat, lentils, and sugar. We spent a lot of time

playing outdoor games, dancing, singing the “spring is here” song and drawing.

One of the most memorable events for us was our dance performance at the Nooruz festival.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

We've been waiting for spring, and it's finally here! This week, our friends at Preschool 2 had an exciting time all about spring! We learned that in spring, nature changes a lot. Sometimes it rains, but then it's sunny and warm. We see flowers and fruit trees blooming, green grass growing, and birds chirping happily. We even get to wear lighter clothes! In our Kyrgyz lesson, we learned spring-related words. For

math, we counted flower petals to practice our numbers. In literacy, we focused on the "p" sound, exploring words like parrot, panda, pig, pink, and purple. Additionally, we made awesome parrot crafts with colorful feathers! The best part of the week was celebrating the Nooruz Festival, where our little friends performed Kyrgyz traditional dance and had so much fun!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Welcome back to our preschool community!

This week was all about reconnecting and collaborating on exciting activities to brighten up the atmosphere.

The highlight was our Vibrant Nooruz celebration, where our preschool kids lit up the stage with a mesmerizing dance performance. It was truly a memorable moment for all of us.

As we step into this term, get ready for a journey filled with fun, learning, and new discoveries. This term promises to be more fruitful, fun, and educational as we have a lot in store for our little explorers.

Preschool is a magical place where children's creativity blooms, language skills flourish, and a deeper understanding of the world around them unfolds.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

