



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 30 / 2023-24

12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## 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](mailto:mosmonova@bis.kg), and we can work together to make it happen!**



Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration





# GRADE 3 YELLOW EMBRACES THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES!



Grade 3 Yellow got into the true spirit of Yellow last week with an assembly about bees! Students shared how important bees are to our ecosystem; without them, we would not have nearly as many plants and animals. They presented information about hive life, bee jobs, and the life cycle of bees. Paired with some exceptional visuals, the assembly was a great success.

**Ms Genevieve, Grade 3Y Homeroom Teacher**



## BIS MUN 2024



Grade 11 students - Bermet, Cholponai, Churek and Laura - organised a very professional BIS Model United Nations for students from several schools in Bishkek at BIS on Saturday 30 March.

Participants showcased their diplomacy and critical thinking as they debated global issues and crafted solutions. MUN at BIS is a platform for fostering future leaders, promoting collaboration, and igniting a passion for global change. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding contributions to this enriching experience!





# INTERSCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT AT BIS



The Chess tournament was a resounding success with 27 teams hailing from various schools, including 2 from Kara-Balta, one from Voенно-Antonovka, and three chess teams with disabilities.

The tournament results are now accessible on the [ChessResults.com](https://www.chessresults.com) page: School #70 clinched the first-place victory, followed by School #61 in second place, and School Voенно-Antonovka securing third place.



Two teams from our school participated, BIS 1 (Sandro Kvatchadze, Nurislam Nurbaev, Aman Jumshukurov, Roy Bensinyor, Daira Kudainazarova) and BIS 2 - David Mars, Sulim Sakbaev, Seytek Turganbaev, Alan Choibaev, Alsou Bekeshova). The BIS 1 chess team came 8th among the 27 teams. Our chess team received an invitation to the Chui region chess tournament. Their performance showcased unwavering dedication, hard work, and a profound passion for the game, evident in the spirited efforts of each team member throughout every match.





# GRADE 0 EMBARKS ON A JOURNEY TO THE STONE AGE!



Grade 0 has started the history learning journey from the Stone Age period. We did some cave drawings and imagined what we would look like if we were Stone Age people.





# Mindful Coloring ECA

In Mindful Coloring ECA, students watched documentaries to observe how real animals behave, hunt, and entertain themselves. And we come up with breathtakingly beautiful artworks that capture the magic of the animal kingdom!

**Ms Didi, Art Teacher**

Iman



Umar



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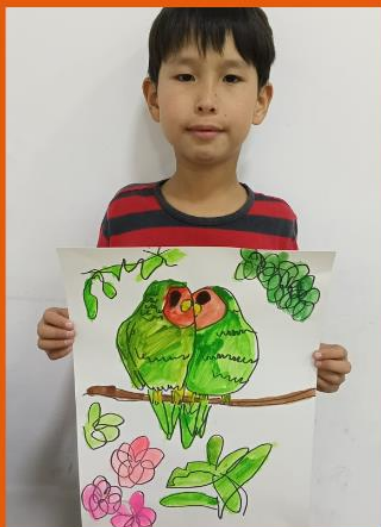
Zahra



Momoka



Ajibek



Diana



Umar





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

A huge well done to our award winners:

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

**Yeseo** (Preschool 1), **Nika** (Grade 1), **Aman** (Grade 6), **Alikhan** (Grade 7)

### **KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):**

**Neslihan** (Grade 6)

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

**Artur** (Grade 2)

# JOIN US IN TACKLING LITTER

CALLING ALL BIS  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
FOR PYPX PHOTO  
GALLERY PROJECT!

Don't you agree that there is too much litter in Kyrgyzstan? As you may know, in Grade 5 there is an exhibition called PYPX. For our PYPX, Umair and I would like to create a photo gallery so we NEED YOUR HELP.

Please take a photo of any plastic or other littering you see and send it to both [davidko@bis.kg](mailto:davidko@bis.kg) and [umair@bis.kg](mailto:umair@bis.kg).

**There might be a prize for the person who sends in the most photos.**

**David Kolesnichenko, Grade 5 Student**



# Europe Day & Festival



## Discover Europe!

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

Saturday, 20th of April 2024

10:00 a.m-13:00 p.m.

Bishkek International School

67A Bronirovannaya St.



# Book Character Dress Up Day!

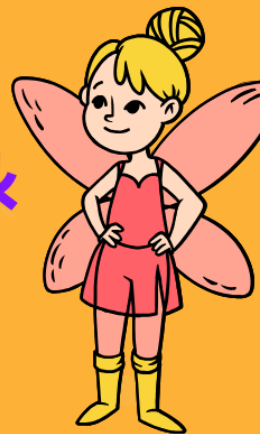
Tuesday 23rd April

-Choose a book character

-Have a rummage in your wardrobe and use your imagination to create a fantastic costume

-Dress up as your favourite book character

-Get 10 housepoints!







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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**



## DIAGNOSTIC TESTS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL - APRIL 22 - MAY 3RD



Primary school students will have their third and final set of diagnostic tests for Math and English for 2023/24, between 22nd of April and 3rd of May. These tests provide a consistent approach to testing in September, December and April, to measure progress over the year. Individual student test results are provided in end of semester reports.

No specific preparation is required for these tests which are designed to help teachers understand their students' maths and reading comprehension abilities and to track student's progress over the academic year.

**Elina Ignatova, Primary School Assistant Principal**

## LUNCH MENU (updated)

The lunch menu for April 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

- 12-13 April: BISA Volleyball Tournament at UWIS
- 16<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday: MYP 3 Community Project Presentations
- 18-20 April: Central Asian Volleyball Championship in Astana
- 20<sup>th</sup> April, Saturday: Europe Day Festival
- 25<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday: PYP Exhibition
- 26<sup>th</sup> April, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- End of April: IGCSE and IBDP Exam Sessions start
- 1<sup>st</sup> May, Wednesday: Labour Day – public holiday (no school)
- 6<sup>th</sup> May, Monday: Public Holiday for 5th Constitution Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday: Primary School Sports Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday: Victory Day – public holiday (no school)
- 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## PRESCHOOL 1

Preschool 1 went to the Botanical Garden named after E.Z. Gareeva. We had a very good time there. We observed different kinds of plants, flowers, trees, birds, and insects. Students especially loved a blue tractor. Preschool 1 students used their magnifying

glasses to find small insects: ants and ladybugs. We saw beautiful flowers and butterflies. There was fresh air and a breathtaking view. In the OUI lesson, we planted some seeds in cups and are watering them daily. We hope nice and green leaves will grow.

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





## PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we talked more about pets and what it means to be responsible pet owners. We discussed giving them good food, clean water, a cozy place to stay, keeping them clean, letting them exercise, and showing them love. Our friend Genrih even brought in cute pictures of his cats and told us how he takes care of them. Additionally, Mr.

Chyntemir demonstrated how he feeds the fish in the aquarium near our cafeteria, showing us their unique diet of special worms. Inspired by our underwater friends, we crafted colorful paper plate fish aquarium crafts. It was a fun week learning about pets and being kind to animals!

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





### PRESCHOOL 3

This week at our preschool, we delved into the world of community helpers as part of our Unit of Inquiry on "How the World Works." The children had fun learning about the important roles of doctors, farmers, police officers, teachers, and many more professionals who make our communities better.

One of the highlights was the engaging role-play activities where the kids dressed up as their favorite community helpers. It was heartwarming to see them immerse themselves in their roles with such

enthusiasm and creativity. Through these activities, the children not only had fun but also gained a deeper understanding of the valuable contributions these helpers make to our community.

By exploring the world of community helpers, the children are not only learning about different professions but also developing empathy and appreciation for the people who work hard to make our world a better place.

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

