



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 31 / 2023-24

19th April 2024

EUROPE DAY FESTIVAL, TOMORROW, 20TH APRIL

Our Europe Day Festival is this Saturday 20th April and everyone is welcome to celebrate with us.

We have interesting activities for children and beautiful performances of Europe culture. Join us and learn more about Europe and our school!

Date: 20 April, 2024

Time: 10:00-13:00

Place: BIS, 67A, Bronirovannaya St.



Discover Europe

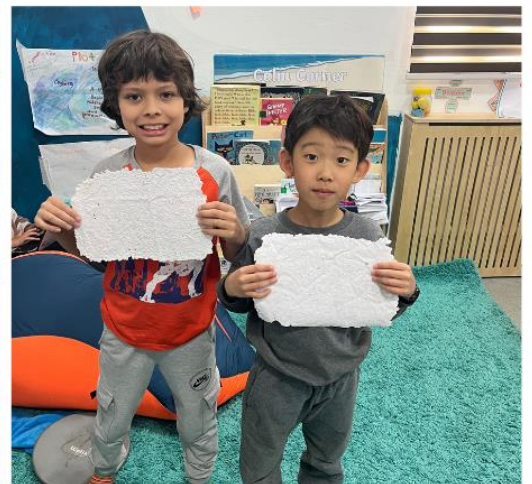
Travel around Europe with BIS Europe day Festival celebrations where you can encounter European food, performances, music and much more!

GRADE 2 BLUE'S SUSTAINABLE CRAFT

Grade 2 Blue made their own homemade paper from recycled paper. They cut the paper into small pieces, soaked it in water for a few days, and then crushed it into pulp. Then, using a wooden frame and screen, they formed the pulp into a thin sheet and let it dry.



After the paper dried, they were amazed by the unique textures and colors that emerged, each piece telling its own story of transformation. It was a challenging but fun process.



GRADE 0'S PERFORMANCE OF SHADOWS



Grade 0 put on a shadow puppetry performance at the assembly last Friday, inspired by the Wayang Kulit art form of Indonesia and Malaysia.

The students are currently studying about forces in science, and how they can cause objects to move or change direction. They learnt that different forces impact objects in their surroundings. The children performed two stories, "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Three Little Pigs." In the latter, students identified the force of the wind (the huffing and puffing of the wolf) and its effects on different types of houses. During Grade 0's re-telling, "Little Red Riding Hood" had a new ending. The pull of an alien spaceship beamed up the wolf to stop it from eating the main character.

Applying the scientific concepts of push and pull linked also to the puppets themselves. In a Wayang Kulit performance, the puppet figures are often rear-projected on a taut linen screen with a coconut oil light. The narrator tells the story and puppeteers use deft hand movement to manoeuvre the puppets. Altogether they tell an entertaining tale, often with the theme of good versus bad. In Grade 0, the students brought the stories to life through teamwork: helping to make the puppets, waiting for the narrator and peers to speak, as well as interacting with the movement of the puppets themselves. The children learned how the figures should be manipulated between the flashlight and paper screen to bring the shadows to life.

Grade 0 had a great time putting on a performance that held the audience's attention with new interpretations of two famous stories.



CHICKEN WING DISSECTION



Grade 8 students diving into the world of biology with chicken wing dissection! Exploring anatomy hands-on, fostering curiosity and scientific inquiry. Learning is fun when you get to dissect and discover together!



CELEBRATING INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY DAYS



At BIS, we're proud of our commitment to diversity and inclusion, which we celebrated in our recent Diversity and Inclusion Days across both the Middle and Primary Schools. These events were filled with activities that educated and inspired our students about our differences and our identities.

Our younger students enjoyed various stories about friends being different and how it is important not to leave anyone behind. As for the upper Primary students, there was a special guest for grade 4 and grade 5, Mia from grade 5 Y, who took this opportunity to act on her upcoming presentation about ADHD. Middle School students participated in impactful presentations on neurodiversity and our brains working in different ways and with different speed.

A major highlight of the outdoor activities was preparing a giant puzzle poster where many students and staff came with ideas about what makes them unique and what could represent them in our big, diverse and multicultural community at BIS.

Encouraged by this success, we are planning to expand these initiatives to include even more community voices next year, continuing to educate our students on the importance of inclusivity and how it is important to celebrate diversity.

Ms. Kyzjibek and Learning, Diversity, Inclusion and Counselling (LDIC) Department



LET'S PLANT TREES



BIS Student: "In our community we need to plant more trees because we have a lot of pollution. The highest rate of air quality in winter 2022 was around 500. Exceeding the 500 scale indicates the situation is terrible. At 500, maximum damage is done so there is no point going beyond that. This number increases every year during winter time. To prevent the dangerous hazards that are happening we need to plant more trees around our community".



BIS Student: "To improve the ecology of Bishkek we need to plant trees. And reduce global warming. You can see that the temperature in the city is hotter than in places with more greens. Places where trees grow have more oxygen than us".

BIS Student: "Our community needs more action in terms of the environment. Caring about the environment is one of our core values, so we have to stand by it. Planting trees has a lot of benefits. It improves the ecology, air quality, water quality and many more. The future generation needs better ecological conditions. The future generation is the generation in schools right now. Kids are the future so we need to plant trees to let them live in a world without smog and with clean air".



Science Day
26.04.2024

**LET'S HELP
SAVE
MOTHER
EARTH**

Let's plant more Trees

**CONTRIBUTE 200 SOMS AND RECEIVE A
CERTIFICATE FOR PLANTING A TREE!**



CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Daana (Grade 11), **Neya** (Preschool 3), **Samira** (Grade 2), **Shutong** (Grade 3),
Maya (Grade 3), **Leni** (Grade 3), **Humay** (Grade 4)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Momoka (Grade 3), **Mikhail** (Grade 3), **Saina** (Grade 5)

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

Guney (Grade 2), **Isaac** (Grade 3), **Nathan** (Grade 3), **Amanbek** (Grade 4), **Lucy** (Grade 5),
Kiharu (Grade 5), **Ayla** (Grade 5), **Asher** (Grade 5), **Alan** (Grade 5), **David** (Grade 5)

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Our volleyball teams competed in the AISB tournament held at UWIS new campus on Friday and Saturday. Our U15 Girls won first place in the tournament, U15 Boys and U19 Girls secured 3rd place, and U19 Boys just missed 3rd. The teams now travel to the Central Asia volleyball tournament in Astana.

Wishing them luck on their journey, may their determination and teamwork lead to further triumphs on the courts of Astana.



BIS Snapshot: Volleyball Tournament



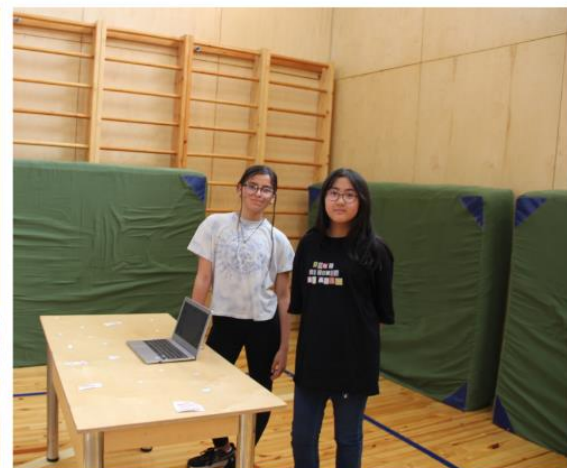
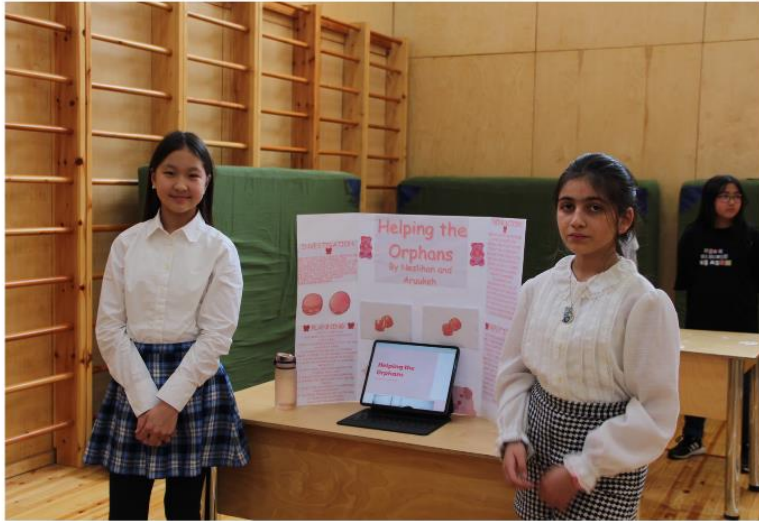


PYPX

Diving deep into inquiry and collaboration, these passionate students are immersed in their PYP Exhibition projects



MYP Community Service Project



GRADE 6 CHERRY BLOSSOM PAINTING



"Plum blossom is not as white as the snow, but the snow is less as fragrant as the plum blossom." This is a poetry about plum blossom. Grade 6 students made a poetry in painting form using Chinese Traditional Ink Style. Beautifully done!

Ms. Didi, Art Teacher



SUPPORTING *the*

HOMELESS COMMUNITY IN BISHKEK



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In the city of Bishkek, there is a homeless population of about 3,500. These people have to live through the tense conditions of this city, from the unending heat of the summer, and unbearable temperatures of the winter. On top of this, they do not receive sufficient amounts of food and water. There is also a lack of organisations that shelter the homeless and hand out food to them. But, there are such organisations, and they need funding.

For our community project, me and my partner Bunne want to make sure that the homeless people living in this city, just like we are, get the food and shelter that they deserve. Some are starving, and others people die on the streets because of inadequate amounts of food and water. Some even die of hypothermia in the winter. None of this would be happening if these people were cared for, simply talked about.

The NGO Пицца для Жизни is a group made up of volunteers who cook and deliver food for the homeless communities of Bishkek, and the greater Chüy Oblast region. NGOs like these rely on outside donations for their funding, and they don't get enough donations. Fundraising for NGOs is one of the most effective ways to support a homeless community. For example, Пицца для Жизни, the NGO we supported, a donation of just 20 som is 1 person fed with a warm meal. Meaning, a donation of 2000 som, or about 22 dollars, would feed 100 people.



In February, we set up a donation box in the cafeteria for a fundraiser for "Пицца для Жизни". This donation box was left up for about a month before all the money was collected and the donation box was taken down. The money totalled 3,811 som, which had to be transferred onto a credit card so that it could be transferred to the NGO digitally as they unfortunately did not accept donations by cash. This meant that we raised enough money to feed 191 people. With the money that we had donated to their cause, they bought ingredients for a batch of food, and delivered it to a group of orphanages in the city of Kara-Balta, a city about 1.5 hours away from Bishkek.

If anyone wants to donate to Пицца для Жизни and their goals, you can transfer them money at their MBank at 0709 108 108, as any amount of money helps. Much thanks to anyone who donates, or anyone who has already donated via the donation box.

Amir Khaldarov, Grade 8B student

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Transaction successfully completed

- 3,811.00 ₸

Transfer by phone number

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Paid from account	1030120272134845
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Константин Х./ от Амира и Буни из школы BIS /
Сумма 3,811.00 KGS

Europe Day & Festival



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Saturday, 20th of April 2024

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

Bishkek International School

67A Bronirovannaya St.

Please complete [Movie ECA form](#) and [Film Club form](#)

FILM CLUB



MONDAYS

3:30 - 4:30

SMALL HALL

Email
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ADMIT ONE

All those from Grade 9 - 12 interested in film or bored with life on Mondays may go to the Small Hall.

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**



- “Let’s plant trees” fund raising activity
- Treasure hunt for MYP
- Dress up as scientists
- Share scientific facts

Earn house points

26th April 2024

Science Day



THE IGCSE SUMMER EXAMINATION
SCHEDULE AVAILABLE NOW

[Check out this link](#)



LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for April 22nd - 26th is **Menu C**.

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](#)

- 18-20 April: Central Asian Volleyball Championship in Astana
- 20th April, Saturday: Europe Day Festival
- 23rd April, Tuesday: Book Character Dress Up Day
- 25th April, Thursday: PYP Exhibition
- 26th April, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- End of April: IGCSE and IBDP Exam Sessions start
- 1st May, Wednesday: Labour Day – public holiday (no school)
- 6th May, Monday: Public Holiday for 5th Constitution Day
- 8th May, Wednesday: Primary School Sports Day
- 9th May, Thursday: Victory Day – public holiday (no school)
- 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.



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Parents Association - [facebook.com/bis.parents.127](https://www.facebook.com/bis.parents.127)



PRESCHOOL 1

This week was Inclusion week at BIS. In our morning circles, we learned the "same" and "different" and listened to a new song, "We Belong." We also read the exciting book "The Same but Different Too" by Karl Newson and Kate Hindley.

In UOI, our salad herb seeds are growing so well. Our Preschool 1 friends love taking care of the plants and watering them. We planted our beans outside because they got too big.

In math, we reviewed shapes with "Pete the Cat" and made numbers 1 and 2 with playdough.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2 was all about farm animals! We had a wonderful time making our mini farm and painting its fence together, just like real farmers. The kids had so much fun pretending to feed and take care of the animals, and they sang the song "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" everywhere after learning it during circle time. In math, we sorted farm animals and pets. In literacy development, we focused on the

phonic sound "n", discovering words like nest, net, neck, and night. We also made a craft - the night sky with a shiny moon and stars - to practice the "n" sound. Towards the end of the week, we celebrated Inclusion and Diversity Day with a special lesson from Ms. Leanne, where we learned that even though we are all different, we are also the same in many ways.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We had an action-packed week at preschool as we continued exploring the world of Community Helpers! Our little ones explored the vital roles of doctors, police officers, firefighters, dentists, and chefs through engaging activities that sparked their creativity and imagination.

"Car Race": Our young ones transformed into mini heroes as they raced around in their homemade fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars. The excitement was palpable as they zoomed around, embodying the spirit of our community's everyday heroes.

"Dental Delight": Learning about dental health was a blast as the children turned brown teeth into pearly whites through their artistic talents. It was a colorful and educational experience that highlighted the importance of oral hygiene.

"Chef's Kitchen Adventure": Wrapping up the week and the topic on a tasty note, our budding chefs whipped up delicious sandwiches, experiencing firsthand the joy of creating culinary delights.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

