



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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EUROPE DAY FESTIVAL

Last Saturday we celebrated our Europe Day Festival with the whole BIS Community. Parents, students and guests were delighted with the performances, which included dances, music and songs. Interactive activities, displays and stands provided an opportunity for everyone to participate and learn about the cultural aspects of different European countries.

The festival was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the school staff, parents, and volunteers. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who helped make this event such a great success!



CACV TOURNAMENT

The Central Asian Volleyball Tournament held in Astana from April 18-20 was a thrilling showcase of athleticism and camaraderie, with teams from across the region converging to compete at the highest level. The tournament showcased exceptional talent, with all teams displaying impressive levels of skill, passion, and teamwork.

[WATCH VIDEO HERE](#)

U15 Girls



Under-15 girls lost in the third-place match with a score of 2-1. There's no reason for them to be disappointed. They've had a great tournament and they are no longer the same players or people as they were before Wednesday. A great result at their first CAVC tournament.

GOLD MEDAL

Under-15 boys are heroes. They sweated for every point, nothing was given to them. They played for each other and covered for their teammates' mistakes. After three sets, they finally won their first gold at CAFA tournaments. Now our ninth graders can calmly move up to the U19 division.



U15 Boys

SILVER MEDAL

Under-19 girls won the first set more easily than expected. In the second set, they faced the sun shining directly into their eyes. After some poor serves, they struggled to win points. They quickly lost that set 25-13. The third set determined the 2024 champion. Halfway through the third set, the sides change, so the conditions were the same for both teams. The score remained close throughout. In the end, two points decided the winner. It was 15-13 in the third set for Haileybury. Congratulations to both teams on a great sports performance.

U19 Girls



SILVER MEDAL

The last match of the day was played by our oldest boys. They lost the first set 26-24. It was an epic battle. The second set was equally tense, and with a three-point difference, AIS players won. It was a great performance where the players shined and the audience enjoyed.

U19 Boys



Mr. Zeljko, Athletics Director

BIS Snapshot: Europe Day



BIS Snapshot: Taigans in Astana



BIS Snapshot: Book Character Dress Up



BUILDING WINDMILLS IN GRADE 1 BLUE



Grade 1B has been completely immersed in the fascinating realm of energy research. They've been fascinated by the concept of energy and its numerous forms, resulting in the hands-on construction of windmills.

Seeing their innovation and delight as they created these sustainable energy models was very motivating. As they continue on their educational journey, we look forward to the new discoveries and learning opportunities that await them.





Fashion Editor Diana Vreeland once said "You got to have a style. It helps you get down the stairs. It helps you get up in the morning. It's a way of life." In Europe Day we celebrating each person's style with Fancy British Hat!

Ms. Didi, Art Teacher



Grade 4 Educational Trip



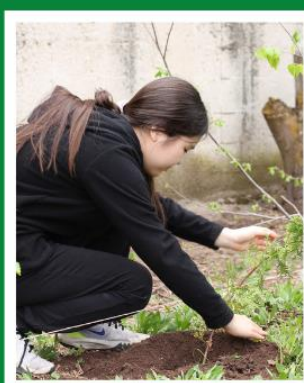
Grade 7's Earth Day Celebration



Planting Trees, Connecting with Nature, and Taking Action for the Planet

Grade 7 embarked on a meaningful Earth Day celebration by visiting the KAFLU demonstration land. Their mission was clear: take action for the planet. With shovels in hand and determination in their hearts, they planted trees, symbolizing their commitment to environmental stewardship.

But their day wasn't just about planting; it was also about reconnecting with nature in a primal way. Gathering around open fires, they cooked their meals, experiencing the simp-



licity and sustainability of outdoor cooking.

Through these activities, Grade 7 not only celebrated Earth Day but also learned firsthand the importance of taking tangible steps to care for our planet. Their actions echoed a powerful message: every effort, no matter how small, contributes to a greener, more sustainable future.

Ms. Asel, Grade 7 Homeroom Teacher

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



On Tuesday, Grade 1 students met a special guest, Chinara Sultanalieva, the founder of the “Upkel” project. Together with Ms. Chinara, we learned more about plastic and other recyclable materials. We learned that not all plastic things are recyclable in Kyrgyzstan, and only some types are recyclable. We discussed the new things we could make from recyclable plastic materials. For example, we can make rings, toys, and clocks from plastic lids. We can make clothes, mats, and more things from plastic bags. The learners used their knowledge and creativity to create new items out of recyclable materials.



Science Day at BIS



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Amira (Grade 7)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Juby (Grade 1), Alessandro (Grade 1), Dameli (Grade 3),

Altai (Grade 5), Lemar (Grade 5), Alan C (Grade 5), Eric (Grade 8)

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

Tara (Preschool 1), Emilia (Grade 2), Momoka (Grade 3), all grade 5 Blue

OUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS



SANDRO'S GLOBAL ASCENT: FROM NATIONAL CHAMPION TO INTERNATIONAL CONTENDER

In an extraordinary demonstration of academic excellence, Sandro has once again proven his mettle by securing the 1st spot in the National Economics Olympiad. This prestigious competition began with a regional round that saw participation from over 2800 students representing 260 schools across the Kyrgyz Republic. The intensity of competition was further amplified in the second national round, which included the top 40 students from across the nation. Sandro's achievement is a testament to his dedication, hard work, and exceptional grasp of economics. We extend our heartiest congratulations to him on this incredible success. As he prepares for the final international stage, where he will be among the top 5 students representing the Kyrgyz

Republic in Europe, we wish him all the best. His journey is an inspiration to us all, and we are confident that he will continue to make us proud.

Mr. Azamat, Economics Teacher

WRITING CENTRE COMPETITION

1 Poetry (students only)
Anything you want!

2 Creative Writing
"You can't run forever"

3 Creative Writing
Mysterious letter



Prizes:

- House points
- Gift baskets
- Printed in the literary magazine

Email submissions to:
writing@bis.kg

Deadlines:

- May 3rd (poetry)
- May 6th (writing)
- Perform poems on May 17 (BIS got talent)

AISB 2024

CROSS COUNTRY

U11 1K/ U15 3K/U19 4K

FUN RUN FOR EVERYONE 1K OR 3K



DATE: SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024

TIME: 8:30 - 13:00

VENUE: KARAGACHOVAYA ROSHCHA

LET'S REGISTER NOW





**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**



BIS GOT TALENT

For Middle and High school Students
Friday, May 17, 2024, 14:30-16:30

For Primary school Students
Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10:00-12:00



Calling all talents! Join us for our talent show and showcase your skills. Whether it's music, singing, dancing, poetry, theatre, sports skills, magic tricks, language skills, or anything else, we're open to it all! Perform solo or in a group, it's up to you. If you're keen on performing, please sign up using this QR:





Travel around Africa with BIS

Africa Day Festival celebrations

where you can encounter:

-African food

-performances

-music and much more



Day: 25th of May, 2024
from 10:00 to 13:00
Bishkek International School
67 A Bronirovannaya st

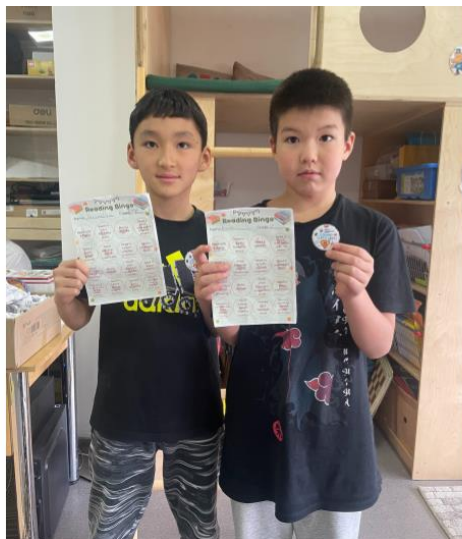
READING BINGO CHALLENGE

Last week, our primary students had a blast with Reading Bingo Week! They did fun reading tasks like reading with friends or finding cozy spots to read. They earned house points for each task completed. Check out the scores below! And let's give a big shoutout to our top three readers, our "Library Superheroes"!

Phoenixes – 108

Piranhas – 151

Snow Leopards – 197



TOTAL HOUSE POINTS SCORE:



Phoenixes

11,676



PIRANHAS

16,441



SNOW LEOPARDS

16,842

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

- End of April: IGCSE and IBDP Exam Sessions start
- 1st May, Wednesday: Labour Day – public holiday (no school)
- 4th May, Saturday: AISB Cross Country (Karagachevaya Roshcha)
- 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
- 11th May, Saturday: Parents Association Garage Sale
- 17th May, Friday: Poetry Evening
- 17th May, Friday: BIS Got Talent – Middle & High School
- 18th May, Saturday: BIS Got Talent - Primary School
- 25th May, Saturday: Africa Day Festival

LUNCH MENU (updated)

The lunch menu for April 29th – May 3rd 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.

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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

This week, we learned about space. We read a very interesting book called 'Solar System.' Preschool 1 students enjoyed painting and drawing. We painted a poster and created our solar system. In English class, we talked about

clothes and sang a song called 'I Love My White Shoes, I Love My Blue Socks.' In Math, we are practicing numbers 2 and 3.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we continued our exploration of farm animals. We talked about what they eat, like hay for horses, corn for pigs, and grains for ducks and hens. Sheep and cows munch on grass. We had fun pretending to feed our toy animals. Additionally, we pretended to milk a cow to understand where milk comes from. During our art lesson, we crafted sheep using cotton balls and found

out they're fluffy. In our math lesson, we learned about the diamond shape, inspired by the story "Curious George Flies a Kite," where we saw that kites can look like diamonds. To wrap up our week, we made our kites, using watercolors to paint them and adding shiny stickers to make them sparkle like diamonds. It was a really enjoyable and exciting week of learning new things!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We are excited to share the latest updates from our preschool!

This week, our little learners have been diving into the world of recycling as part of our Unit Of Inquiry. Through engaging activities, we explored the concept of garbage and the importance of recycling. The kids actively participated in sorting recyclables into categories like Metal, Paper, Plastic, and Glass. Our classroom Recycling center has been a hub of creativity and learning, with kids bringing in recyclable materials to sort into the designated bins.

In math, the kids have been counting and sorting recyclables, enhancing their numerical skills. They have also been learning about different shapes and sizes while organizing the materials.

In Language class, we incorporated vocabulary related to recycling, encouraging language development and communication skills.

This hands-on experience has laid a strong foundation for the children to understand the importance of recycling and caring for our planet. We are proud of their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

