



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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3rd May 2024

WELCOME TO OUR AFRICA DAY FESTIVAL

The BIS Africa Day Festival is on Saturday, May 25th, 2024, from 10:00 am to 13:00. This colourful event promises fun activities, captivating performances, delicious food, and refreshing ice cream for everyone to enjoy.

We would like to invite you to be part of this celebration by celebrating the unique features of any African country or culture. Whether you have personal connections to Africa or simply appreciate its rich heritage, we welcome your participation. Please share your traditions, cuisine, and stories with our school community! **If you are interested in representing any African country or culture at the Africa Day Festival, please email me mosmonova@bis.kg and we will work together to make this event a memorable and inclusive celebration of the very diverse cultures of Africa.**

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

Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration



HIGHLIGHTS FROM PYP EXHIBITION

Last Thursday we presented our PYPX and had our final PYPX lessons. Nikolaus and I both agree that the process was really fun, especially towards the end where we were printing everything and tested out our PYPX activities.



We had fun learning about our topics which for many of us became even more interesting during the process. During the first week of term four, all of us were excited to find out who our mentors were. They helped us throughout the entire process, and we had weekly or twice-weekly meetings with them. We sent a big thankyou to all of them after PYPX was over. Throughout the entire process, we were always scared for presentation day, but when it came round, we found out everyone lied to us! Ms Rebecca, our teacher, and all the grade six students told us that it wasn't scary, but it absolutely was. The moral of the story is never believe your teachers or grade 6 students. Overall, PYPX was a good experience, and don't forget: Don't believe your teachers, or grade 6.

-- Sasha and Nikolaus



Last week there was a big event for the fifth graders, it was PYPX. During eight weeks we worked hard to get everything ready, researching and doing actions to teach people about how to help or let them learn new things. It was an amazing experience.

Once it was presentation day, the fifth graders were excited but still a little worried. We got everything ready for the grades, like games and posters. There were many questions and we talked throughout it together. Some of the classes were interested in the topics we chose and talked more than the others that just started, it was scary but still very fun.

About an hour after presenting to the students, parents started to arrive which scared everyone. When the teachers were telling all the parents about PYPX, we all came out of nowhere and sang our PYPX song. The parents arrived in the big hall after the presentation. The students in the big hall were all excited for them to come but still nervous like they were before they presented to the other classes. All of the parents came to look at their work.

The PYPX was good, and everyone survived. After eight weeks of preparing we finally got to the day and did such a good job. Everyone was a little scared, but when we started presenting everything went perfectly.

-- Jasmine and Kasen



PYPX is a presentation before MYP, if you do PYPX, you present to the whole PYP and MYP. In PYPX, you present a topic, most topics are about global problems around the world. You work on PYPX for 8 weeks and you can let others see your work such as parents too on the presentation day.

-- Kai and Lemar



Last week on Thursday we had PYPX for Grade 5 where we had to teach people about our topics. We enjoyed our and other people's parents coming to learn about the problems we had decided to teach them. We especially liked when they complimented our topics and our research. When we were researching we learned lots of interesting facts about

our topics. It was nice to learn all about these different things people had learned and spent very long researching. The PYPX was amazing and interesting for everyone and it helped people learn about topics they usually wouldn't be interested in.

-- Mia and Alice

It was so much fun to talk to people and teach them.

-- Jessica



I really liked the PYPX because I really enjoyed presenting to all the people who came to see it.

-- Altai

PYPX was really exciting! I did feel really nervous and horrified at first, but then as more people talked to me and checked out my presentation, my level of confidence started rising up.

-- Safia

PYP Exhibition is not as hard as you think.

-- Alan C.

Researching, doing action, and presenting was fun.

-- Umai



BIS Snapshot: PYP Exhibition



INVITATION TO BIS GOT TALENT!

I am pleased to announce that our annual BIS Got Talent will be held on:

Friday 17 May Middle and High School Students

14:30 to 16:30

Saturday 18 May Primary School Students

10:00 to 12:00

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to perform to our BIS community. All talents are welcome, from music, singing, dancing, poetry and drama to sports skills, magic tricks, language skills. Anything goes! Participants can choose to perform by themselves or as a group.

This event is not a competition. It is a platform for students to express themselves and share their talents in a supportive and encouraging environment.

If your child is interested in participating, please register for the event by clicking [HERE](#). The deadline for entries will be Wednesday 15 May.

Thank you for your support in making this event a success.



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:

Ms. Sarah, Head of Performing Arts

PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



Primary School Sports Day
8th of May, 2024
Wednesday

Preschool will celebrate Sports Day at School with fun activities on the big playground of the main campus.

Primary School will go to Dastan Stadium and participate in fun sports competitions between House Teams.

What should students bring to school on May 8th?

- [Signed Permission Slip](#) from parents for Grade 0-5 students
- Sun protection: a cap and sunscreen
- Activity appropriate clothing
- Water bottle

Primary School students who come to school on May 8th late or without [permission slips](#) will stay in the Primary Library until all the classes come back from the stadium at 12:30.

After 12:30 the school day continues as usual and will not affect ECAs or buses.

Ms. Elina, Primary School Assistant Principal

Celebrating Success: Tree Planting Project



Grade 6 students have successfully raised a total of 14,700 soms in donations for our tree planting project. This remarkable achievement is a testament to your commitment to making a positive impact on our environment.

Grade 6 students have planted 41 trees, including birch, cherry, and aspen. These newly planted trees will not only enhance the beauty of our surroundings but also play a vital role in improving air quality, mitigating climate change, and providing habitat for wildlife.

Your passion for environmental conservation and your proactive approach to addressing environmental challenges are truly inspiring. By coming together and taking action, we have demonstrated the power of unity and the collective impact we can achieve when we work towards a common goal.

Let us continue to nurture and protect our environment for generations to come. Together, we can make a difference!



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Ms Aidana, Dalila (Grade 11)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Salamat (Grade 3), Aaron (Grade 4), Nursultan (Grade 4), Dana (Grade 5), Rahaav (Grade 9)

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

Shirina (Grade 3), Jantai (Grade 3), Emirkhan (Grade 4), Kai (Grade 5), Kasen (Grade 5), Lemar (Grade 5), Mia (Grade 5), Nikolaus (Grade 5), Saina (Grade 5), Jasmine (Grade 5), Sasha (Grade 5), David (Grade 5), Saamik (Grade 5), Zimo (Grade 5)

EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF FRANCE!

Our Grade 9 student, Muhammad, took us on an unforgettable journey through the enchanting world of France for our Europe Day celebration! From the captivating history of the French Revolution to the French art and culture, the presentation provided fascinating facts and insights into France's rich cultural heritage. Let's delve deeper into the beauty and diversity of France (check out [this link](#)).

A huge thank you to Muhammad for sharing his passion and knowledge with us!



The French Revolution

The French Revolution (1789-1799). It began with the storming of the Bastille followed by establishment of the First French Republic, and Reign of Terror. Key figures: Robespierre and Marat. Napoleon Bonaparte seized power in 1799. The start of the Napoleonic era.



WW1 and WW2

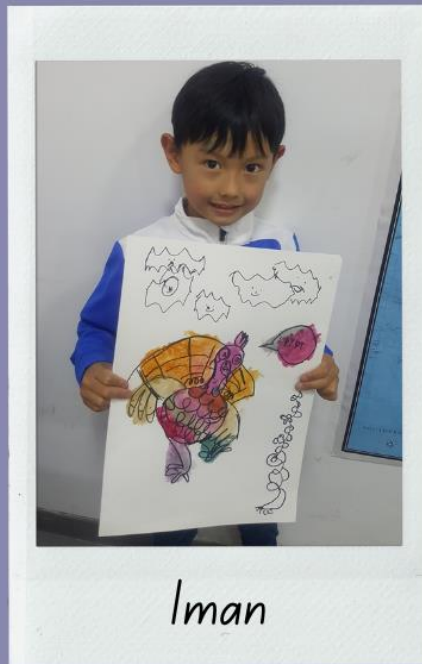
France played key roles in both World Wars. WWI (1914-1918) saw France and allies against the Central Powers. WWII (1939-1945) saw Nazi occupation, resistance led by de Gaulle, and eventual liberation, marking France's post-war reconstruction.



Post-War Period and Modernization:

After World War II, France experienced rapid reconstruction and modernization. The Marshall Plan aided in economic recovery, leading to the "Trente Glorieuses" (thirty glorious years) of economic prosperity and social progress in the post-war era. France became a founding member of the European Union, contributing to its integration and global influence.

Mindful Coloring ECA



In our Mindful Coloring ECA, we study two extreme characters of birds: the elegance of the peacock and the clumsiness of the turkey. Students have mastered expressing these two characters using color.

-- Ms Didi, Art 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

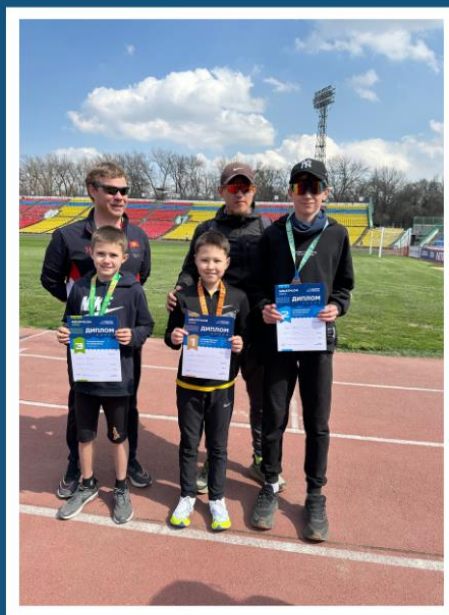
**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF A MAGICAL ART SHOW!
FEATURING A LIVE STRING QUARTET PERFORMANCE AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**

OUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS - ALAN

This week Alan is participating in the yearly swimming training camp which is held at Issyk-Kul.

Additionally, Alan showcased his talent in the recent Aquathlon Open Championship, clinching a gold medal in the 11-12-year-old age group.

Congratulations, Alan, on your outstanding achievements!



ALL PARENTS MEETING

The recent parent meeting, which was held on 26th of April, at BIS was marked by enthusiasm, engagement, and a shared commitment to the school's mission and vision. The meeting served as a platform for meaningful dialogue, strategic updates, and decision-making crucial for the school's continued growth and development. Key highlights included PAMC President, JJ Gurga's overview of PAMC's recent activities and objectives, culminating in the approval of proposed amendments to PAMC regulations. David Grant shared important updates about BIS. These included news about the Governing Board, ISA tests, plans for a new campus, adding two classrooms for the next academic year, road repairs, and the academic calendar for 2024/2025. Afterwards, Financial Director, Ermek Alybekova, presented the Financial Statements for 2022 and 2023. These statements, prepared according to IFRS standards, offered an in-depth analysis of the school's financial performance and stability.

These updates collectively reflect BIS's commitment to excellence, growth, and the overall well-being of its students and staff, showcasing a proactive approach to meeting evolving needs and ensuring a thriving educational environment.

Alina Seitalieva, Governance and Events Officer, PA Secretary



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

- 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 May 6th – 10th is **Menu A**.

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.

BIS CONTACTS

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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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PRESCHOOL 1

This week we had lots of fun learning about space! We practiced using scissors and had a blast doing it. We also spent time in our cozy library, where we read awesome books together.

Mr. Sergei helped us get ready for Sports Day, and we're excited to show off our skills!

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 visited the Rehabilitation Zoo to learn more about farm animals and other creatures we'll study later. During our visit, we saw lots of farm animals we've been learning about: bunnies, peacocks, hens, roosters, sheep, goats, and more! The kids had a great time feeding and playing with them. In our math class, we counted the legs of the farm animals. It was interesting to find out that some

animals have two legs while others have four! We also explored the concept of opposites by comparing the weights of different animals and learning about heavy and light. During art class, we made cute cow crafts, adding some creativity to our learning. It was a great week full of fun experiences and lessons. Next week, we'll talk about insects!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

As we delve deeper into environmental sustainability through recycling, this week at our preschool, we embraced the great outdoors and engaged in fantastic outdoor activities.

DIY Beehive adventure: Our preschool friends had fun creating their very own beehive using recycled materials like egg trays, and small plastic containers. The beehive looked beautiful in our preschool garden, showcasing their artistic talents and environmental awareness.

Outdoor Color Party: We discovered a new way to paint during our outdoor color party. By filling plastic

bags with water and using them as paintbrushes, the kids created stunning prints, showing that creativity knows no bounds when it comes to caring for our planet.

Recycling Relay Race: We wrapped up the topic on recycling with an exciting Recycling Relay Race where the kids raced around the playground, collecting recyclables and sorting them into designated bins for metal, plastic, glass, and paper. This hands-on experience not only reinforced the importance of recycling but also fostered teamwork and environmental stewardship.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

