



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



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10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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





## BISA CROSS COUNTRY

Last Saturday, BIS organized the yearly BISA Cross Country event at Karagachevaya Roscha. Over a hundred students from BIS, QSI, and Oxford schools eagerly took part in the race. It proved to be an enjoyable occasion, providing a positive experience for all attendees. Every runner exhibited remarkable spirit and determination.

To each participant, you all demonstrated the qualities of champions! Additionally, let's applaud the BIS winners of the Cross-Country race for their exceptional performances and well-deserved victories.

### BIS Cross Country winners

#### Under 11 Girls

1<sup>st</sup> – Jessica Hamling  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Nil Mira Savruk  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Neslihan Durna

#### Under 15 Girls

1<sup>st</sup> – Arina Kan  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Natalie Wemhoener-Cuite

#### Under 19 Boys

1<sup>st</sup> – Iskhak Zhumaly uulu

#### Under 11 Boys

1<sup>st</sup> – Alan Jumabaev  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Alan Choibaev

#### Under 15 Boys

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ali Mesaan Hasan

#### Fun Run

1<sup>st</sup> – Alan Jumabaev  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Alan Choibaev





# BIS Snapshot: BISA Cross Country





## PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY SPORTS DAY



The Primary Sports Day at BIS was fantastic! It was incredibly enjoyable witnessing the students showcase teamwork, determination, and a competitive edge across various games and activities.

A heartfelt appreciation goes out to all participants, including students and teachers, for their contributions to making this day both enjoyable and unforgettable.



## GRADE 3B TRIP TO ALA-ARCHA





# BIS Snapshot: Primary Sports Day





# GRADE 0'S FRACTION CIRCLE ART



Fractions are all around us, and can even be used in art. Birds, foxes, fish, butterflies, dogs, grass and the sun. There are many ways to use fractions of circles to create almost anything. In this fun cross-curricular activity, maths was linked with art.

After showing some examples and modelling how they might need to flip or rotate pieces, the students began their creative designs. The children started with circles that they made themselves by drawing around objects, such as water bottles or pencil containers. This was done on different coloured paper. The circles were cut out. We discussed how



many times to fold them in order to get them into the desired sizes. Students folded the circles into halves, quarters and eighths. These were later cut into different fractional parts as pieces to be used in various pictures. The pieces were manoeuvred and combined to make the desired art.

In class, Grade 0 focused on building perseverance - that trial and error would be beneficial to arranging the fractional parts to get the desired effect. For example, pictures of peacocks or dogs were essentially circles cut into pieces, then arranged into peacock or dog forms.

Incorporating maths with art was a great way to engage students in their learning of wholes, halves, quarters and eighths. The children realized that fractions were more fun when practicing them through crafts.





# TREMENDOUS SUCCESS: GRADE 7 LEARNING ABSTRACT ART

Grade 7 experienced tremendous success in painting abstract art! Every student crafted a masterful work of art. After class, Thomas observed a chaotic arrangement of palettes and cups in the sink. He remarked, "This is abstract art!" The entire purpose of this project is for students to view life through the lens of beauty, to perceive poetry and future amidst chaos.

**Ms. Didi, Art Teacher**



## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

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

**Tiana** (Grade 2), **Asiya** (Grade 6), **Lucia** (Grade 7)

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

**Samiya** (Grade 1), **Abbas** (Grade 2)

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

**Izak Roy** (Grade 3)

## CELEBRATING OUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS



We are thrilled to share the remarkable achievements of our outstanding students!

Erica and Sofia Mansurov took part as part of the Karven team in competitions in aesthetic group gymnastics in Jalal-Abad. In the 10-12 years old long program category, their team secured 2nd place in the Jalal-Abad Championship and 1st place in the Jalal-Abad Region Championship.

Last November, Erica and Sofia, as part of the Karven team, participated in the International Championship of Four Continents, earning well-deserved bronze medals.

Our Grade 4 student Darina demonstrated exceptional skill and determination at the Aerial Acrobatics Championship held in Astana where she clinched the FIRST PLACE in the Duet category.

Let's extend our warmest congratulations and unwavering support to Darina, Erica, and Sofia as they continue to excel and set new milestones in their sporting endeavors!







## INTRODUCING THE STUDCO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The High School Student Council is excited to introduce the StudCo Community Development Fund - a loan program designed to help students bring their projects to life by providing financial support.

If you have a project idea but need to find initial funding, you can borrow up to 15,000 soms with our easy and transparent loan process. We will ensure fairness and accountability, as well as a low interest rate.

If you are interested, please follow this [LINK](#) to apply.

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to develop projects and new initiatives!

### 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.

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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:

Ms. Sarah, Head of Performing Arts





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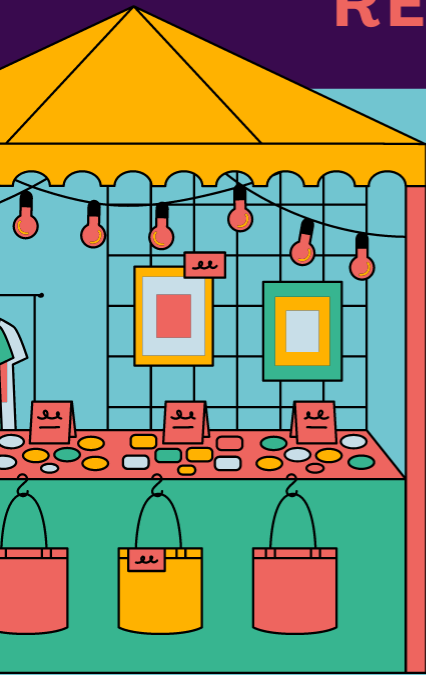
# PAMC GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024 | SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

STALL SET UP FROM 9AM

SALE 10AM - 12PM

BOOKS / TOYS / CLOTHES /  
REFRESHMENTS & MORE



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS CONTACT:  
[PARENTSASSOCIATION@BIS.KG](mailto:PARENTSASSOCIATION@BIS.KG)

500 SOM PER TABLE (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL)  
800 SOM PER TABLE (BUSINESS)





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## GENEROUS BOOK DONATION

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Hamling family for their generous donation of books to our library. Their contribution will enrich the reading experience for all our students. We deeply appreciate their support in fostering a love for reading within our school community. The Hamling family's kindness will leave a lasting impact on the learning journey of our students.



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

- 11<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday: Parents Association Garage Sale
- 17<sup>th</sup> May, Friday: Poetry Evening
- 17<sup>th</sup> May, Friday: BIS Got Talent – Middle & High School
- 18<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday: BIS Got Talent - Primary School
- 25<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday: Africa Day Festival
- 1<sup>st</sup> June, Saturday: High School Prom
- 5<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday: Class of 2024 Reflection Dinner
- 6<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: High School Graduation Ceremony
- 10<sup>th</sup> June, Monday: Graduations for Preschool 3, Grade 5, Grade 8
- 11<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday: Primary School Educational Visits Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 13<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: Last Day of School /All Americas Barbecue
- 14<sup>th</sup> June, Friday: Teacher In-Service Day

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for May 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<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.



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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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Act for Community - [@actcom.bis](https://www.instagram.com/actcom.bis)



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





## PRESCHOOL 1

This week was filled with exciting activities as we finished exploring the wonders of space!

Adding to the excitement, we had Sports Day on our

school playground, complete with bubbles, and took a trip to the main building to admire the captivating art exhibition.

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





## PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we started learning about insects in our Unit of Inquiry lessons. We discovered many insects like ants, butterflies, ladybugs, flies, grasshoppers, fireflies, beetles, and more! We learned that insects have 6 legs and 2 antennae. With magnifying glasses, we explored outside and were excited to find lots of insects, including an anthill in our yard! In math, we sorted insects by colors and practiced making patterns. In art, we created ants and

set up a mini center all about insects. The most exciting part of the week was Sports Day, where our little friends had a great time racing, playing, dancing, and even chasing bubbles! We wrapped up the week with a visit to an art exhibition, where we admired many wonderful artworks. It was a fantastic week, and we're looking forward to continuing our insect adventure next week.

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





### PRESCHOOL 3

What a week it has been at our preschool!

We kicked off with an action-packed Sports Day where our little athletes showcased their skills and had a blast with various activities. It was heartwarming to see them benefit physically and have so much fun together.

But that's not all! We had a great honor to attend the Art exhibition, where our creative minds were shown

at the art exhibition! It was a delight to see different artistic talents on display.

From running on the field to showcasing their artwork, our preschoolers truly had a memorable and exciting week filled with learning, fun and creativity. We are so proud of all their hard work and enthusiasm.

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

