



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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ART EXHIBITION

Last Friday, both students and parents enjoyed a wonderful evening viewing the outstanding art created by our students over the academic year. The exhibition highlighted the creative talents of students from all grades, showcasing an impressive range of artwork from foil sculptures to vibrant acrylic paintings. The evening was further enriched by the beautiful classical music performed by a professional string quartet.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Visual Arts team and everyone involved in making this event a success!





GRADE 3 YELLOW MAKING PRESENTATIONS ABOUT THEIR FAMILIES



Our Grade 3 Yellow students showcased their creativity by making vibrant posters and informative brochures about their families. These projects were presented to their family members during a special event held on Wednesday. The presentations were a delightful success, highlighting the students' hard work and the strong support from their families.



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.



Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS – ASHER

Mental Arithmetics ECA

Asher, our fifth-grade student, has secured first place in the Mental Arithmetic ECA contest by successfully completing a challenging counting task.

Congratulations, Asher, on a job well done!





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GRADE 1 STUDENTS EXPLORE TRADITIONAL HOUSING AT SUPARA ETHNO COMPLEX



On Monday, Grade 1 students visited the Supara Ethno Complex to learn about different types of houses. They learned about homes built of rocks, sticks, metal, wood, and clay. They also visited the museum, where they learned about the nomadic Kyrgyz house 'yurt'; and the different sides of the yurt, divided into a kitchen, closet, and sleeping part. They also inquired about the Kyrgyz people's lives, from the dishes that they used, to the handmade carpets. Our students also ate boorsok and had fun in this beautiful place.



BIS Snapshot: Recess Time



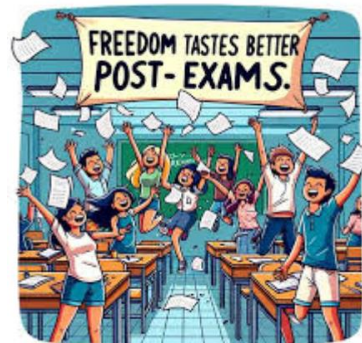
MAY 2024 IB DP EXAMS COMPLETED!

As of 17 May, Grade 12 students have completed the final examinations of the IB Diploma Programme. It has been a long journey with a lot of ups and downs. I sincerely congratulate them for their end of the biggest pressure for the full 2 years.

Information received about possible leaks of IB exam papers added extra stress for all candidates around the world. There has also been a rumour about the possible raise of grade boundaries for the M24 session. Some of our G12 students were panicking and seemed to have spent some amount of time trying to learn more about the leak.

Despite the distractions this caused it is always good to remind ourselves of the classical TOK question "How do we know?" and then focus on our own exams while leaving the leak investigation job to the IB. It is always best to keep calm and patiently wait for [the latest official information](#) until the results come out.

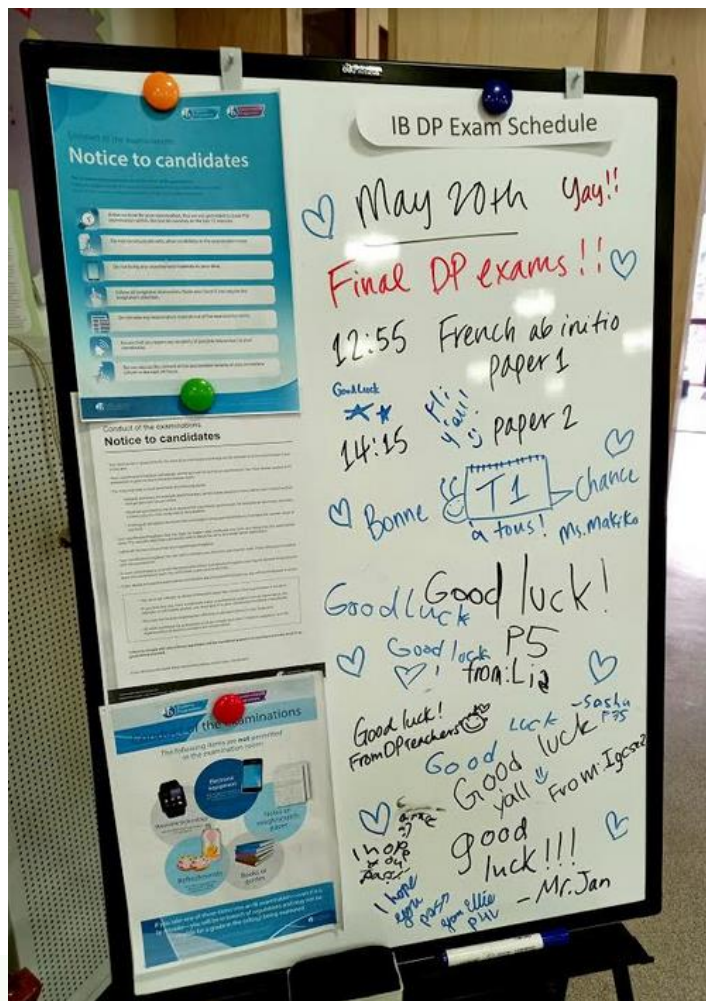
The bomb threat at the Manas Airport just before the final day of the IB examinations also created some tension for invigilators, but fortunately our school did not receive any threats.



HAPPINESS IS



...finishing exams.



We are now preparing for our graduation events and we look forward to seeing our lovely Grade 12 students being proud of themselves!

Ms. Makiko, DP coordinator



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Mika (Grade 3), Amir (Grade 9)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Dastan (Preschool 1), Niel (Grade 3), Kasen (Grade 5), Aymir (Grade 11)

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

Ludmy (Grade 3), Shutong (Grade 3), all grade 3 Blue

EXPLORATION OF DIGESTION SYSTEM IN GRADE 9 BIOLOGY CLASS



In our recent grade 9 biology lesson, grade 9 students engaged in a captivating exploration of the digestive system through a hands-on practical session. Guided by our Biology teacher Ms Meerim, students delved into the intricate workings of digestion, from mouth to intestine. This immersive experience made learning about the digestive system both engaging and memorable for our budding young scientists.





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

Mindful Coloring ECA

In our Mindful Coloring ECA, we paint ourselves as lobsters. It's a fun way to spark our creativity and express ourselves. Additionally, it's the first time we're tackling more complex structures, which improves students' 3D construction skills. Hopefully, this can help with their spatial planning and maybe even assist them in building better Halloween costumes!

-- Ms Didi, Art Teacher

Umar



Iman



Diana



Zahra



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 18th May, Saturday: BIS Got Talent - Primary School
- 25th May, Saturday: Africa Day Festival
- 1st June, Saturday: High School Prom
- 5th June, Wednesday: Class of 2024 Reflection Dinner
- 6th June, Thursday: High School Graduation Ceremony
- 7th June, Friday: PYP Student Led Conferences
- 10th June, Monday: Graduations for Preschool 3, Grade 5, Grade 8
- 11th June, Tuesday: Primary School Educational Visits Day
- 12th June, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 13th June, Thursday: Last Day of School /All Americas Barbecue
- 14th June, Friday: Teacher In-Service Day

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for May 20th – 24th 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.

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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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www.bailanysh.com



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BIS Alumni Association - [@bis_alumni](https://www.instagram.com/bis_alumni)



BIS Facebook - [facebook.com/biskgz](https://www.facebook.com/biskgz)



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



PRESCHOOL 1

This has been a busy and productive week. We have had lots of games, fun, and learning. We enjoyed having the whole class together. Preschool 1 has been

reading a lot and learning the new song 'Five Little Birds'.

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, we continued learning about insects. We talked about how insects are just like us, alive and with feelings too. We discussed being kind to them, just like we want others to be kind to us, treating all living things with respect. We learned about the important roles insects play in nature, like helping plants grow. Reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" showed us the

magic of caterpillars becoming butterflies. In math, we made hungry pattern caterpillars with beads to practice patterns. We also learned about big, medium, and small, sorting insects accordingly. We had fun painting a big, beautiful butterfly. It was an interesting week full of learning!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

It has been an exciting week at our preschool as we continued to explore the theme of "reuse" and learned about the importance of taking care of our planet.

We delved into the world of recycling by focusing on

different materials such as metal, paper, plastic, and glass. Through interactive discussions and engaging storybooks, we learned how these materials can be reused in creative ways to reduce waste and protect our environment.

Our young artists unleashed their creativity by making various crafts using recycled materials. They transformed paper into small containers, boxes, balls, and hats, showcasing their imagination and resourcefulness. It was truly inspiring to see their unique creations!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher



BIS Snapshot: Recess Time in Preschool

