



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 1 / 2024-25

23rd August 2024

WELCOME TO 2024/25 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 7:45 MONDAY 26th AUGUST



The joys of summer travels are soon forgotten as we enjoy the inspiration of learning together with children returning to school or arriving for the first time. Each new year brings over 100 new students, as families come and go, a few new teachers arrive, and a few more classrooms to explore.

We eagerly await you on Monday, August 26th, with students arriving between 7:40 and 8:00 am, including those who come by school bus.

All Homeroom Teachers, Co-Teachers and Form Teachers will be waiting outside on the basketball court with a sign for their class, so that children can meet up with their class group. At 8:00 we will have a brief welcome, then students are taken to their Homeroom or Form class.

The Parents Association will have coffee and snacks for anyone who would like to stay and chat after their children have gone inside.

Each class should have an email from their Homeroom or Form Teacher, providing timetables and essential information for the first week. More information for new families [is here](#) and [here](#). Staff profiles for all staff will be sent out with Voices at the end of the first week.

As teachers will be busy with students on Monday, you can **‘Meet the Teachers’ on Friday 30th August from 15:30 to 16:30** to see your child’s classroom, and meet Homeroom & Co-Teachers, and Form Teachers. This is an opportunity to ask any questions, and learn more about educational programmes and the BIS community.

Let’s work together to make 2024/25 a wonderful year of learning for all of our children!

David Grant, Head of School

WELCOME BACK, TEACHERS!

We were thrilled to welcome our teachers back to school on August 19! This week, our educators were busy with team-building activities, professional development, and planning for the new year.

We're excited to introduce some new faces to our staff! These new team members bring a wealth of experience and fresh ideas. Keep an eye out for photos and bios on our website soon.

Get ready for a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and inspiration! Don't miss our new "New Faces of BIS" feature in the next editions of Voices, where we'll highlight a different staff member each week.

Welcome back, and let's make this year amazing!



BIS staff in Koi Tash are engaging in exciting team-building activities to strengthen their bonds and collaborate effectively.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ECAS) AND MUSIC ACADEMY TERM 1 SIGN-UP

ECAs and Music Academy lessons start on Monday, 2nd September, and finish on Friday, 18th October.

ECA and Music Academy Sign-up starts on [SchoolsBuddy](#) on Wednesday, 28th August and finishes on Friday, 30th August.

All information regarding ECA and Music Academy including the ECA list for Term 1 will be sent out to the BIS community on Tuesday, 27th August.

ECA and Music Academy sign-up will be a preference-system, meaning that parents will select first, second and third choice for each child on each day, and the system will automatically allocate ECAs and Music Academy spots fairly and objectively to each student based on preferences and the number of spaces available. This means that there is no need to rush to sign up as soon as it opens, meaning it is a much more convenient process for you.



SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS AND DROP-OFF GUIDELINES

SCHOOL BUS



School buses operate from Monday August 26th.

If you have not already signed up for a school bus, contact Burmakan Birnazarova as soon as possible bbirnazarova@bis.kg

Morning buses arrive at the school around 7:45. Afternoon buses leave at 15:20 and 16:40. Please make clear which afternoon bus option you require.

The bus costs 150 som per journey.

ARRIVING BY CAR



If you deliver children to school by car, please avoid congestion near the school gates.

Entry to the drop-off area for school buses is only allowed for cars with Preschool and Grade 0-1 students, as space is very limited.

Please follow directions from our security guards to keep the area around school safe for children!

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for August 26th to August 30th 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS – 2024/25 Calendar is [here](#)

- **26th August, Monday: First Day of School**
- 30th August, Friday: Meet the Teachers
- **31st August, Saturday: Independence Day - Public Holiday**
- 2-14 September: Grades 6-12 Overnight Trips & MYP Adventure
- 13 September, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- 26 September - 4 October: PYP 'Bring your Parents to School' days
- 28 September, Saturday: Asia Day Festival

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have anything you want to discuss or suggestions for the school, please contact your child's Homeroom or Form Teacher and they will either answer directly or pass the message on to the right person. Messages can be sent in English or Russian, or in your own language. If you do not know the correct email address for the person you want to write to, please write to info@bis.kg and our Reception will forward your email to the right person. Homeroom and Form Teachers for 2024/25 are given below:

Position	Name	Contact
BIS Reception	Albina / Meerim / Medina	info@bis.kg ; 0312 214 406, 0770 214 406
School Bus enquiries	Burmakan Birnazarova	bus@bis.kg
ECA (extra-curricular activities) enquiries	Bojana Askovic / Nazira Almasbekova	eca@bis.kg
ManageBac & SchoolsBuddy Admin	Esentur Dildebekov	edildebekov@bis.kg
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MYP Coordinator	Nadine Lemoine	nlemoine@bis.kg
PYP Coordinator	Maria Corbett	mcorbett@bis.kg
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Grade 4 Yellow	Ana Marie Alcala & Aizirek Dzhakypbekova	aalcala@bis.kg ; adzhakypbekova@bis.kg
Grade 5 Blue	Rona Butler & Zharkynai Ilebaeva	rbutler@bis.kg ; zhilebaeva@bis.kg
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Grade 11	Jan Scott & Nazira Abakirova	jscott@bis.kg ; nabakirova@bis.kg
Grade 12	Andrew Wheeler & Claire Berger	awheeler@bis.kg ; cberger@bis.kg

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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