



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 6 / 2024-25

27th September 2024

ASIA DAY FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER

Our Asia Day Festival is this Saturday 28th September and everyone is welcome to celebrate with us. We have interesting games for children and beautiful performances of Asian culture. Join us and learn more about Asia and our school!

Students will earn points for their houses if they come in the national costume of any country in Asia.

Date: 28 September.

Time: 10:00-13:00.

Place: BIS, 67A, Bronirovannaya St.

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Asia Day Festival

Travel around Asia with BIS Asia Day Festival celebrations where you can encounter Asian food, performances, music, arts and much more!

The poster features a large tree where the branches and leaves are composed of various colorful icons representing Asian culture, such as traditional instruments, food, and art. The background is a light blue sky with soft clouds.

CELEBRATING KYRGYZ LANGUAGE DAY

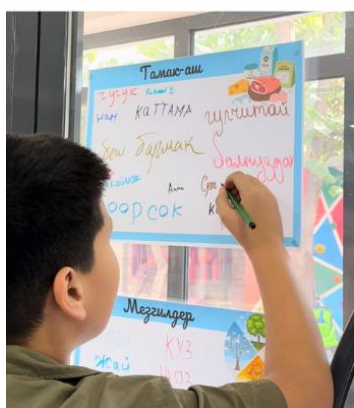
On Monday, we celebrated Kyrgyz Language Day at BIS. Our PYP students played a central role in making the day special, as they participated in a variety of activities that highlighted their growing knowledge of the Kyrgyz language. The students sang traditional Kyrgyz songs, recited poems, showed a fun game and told us a story in Kyrgyz. Many students took the opportunity to practice writing Kyrgyz words on colorful posters that were displayed around the cafeteria. These posters not only brightened the environment but also served as a reminder of the importance of preserving and learning the Kyrgyz language. Throughout the day, students, teachers, and staff members made an effort to greet one another in Kyrgyz. It was fantastic to see everyone, regardless of their fluency level, trying their best to use the language.



The day was a big success, with everyone leaving the event with smiles and a greater appreciation for Kyrgyz language. It was not only fun but also a valuable learning experience for both students and staff. We are incredibly proud of all the participants, especially the PYP students, for their enthusiasm and effort in making the celebration so memorable.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who participated and helped organize the event. Your contributions made this day both enjoyable and educational!

Ms. Marta, Head of Language Acquisition



HOW SUGAR IMPACTS HUMAN TEETH



Grade 2 Yellow learners explored how sugar impacts human teeth. In the experiment, eggshells were left in cola, juice and water for 2 days. The experiment showed that cola and juice changed eggshell's color to black and dirty orange. No changes happened in water - the eggshell stayed clean and fresh. Learners made connections to how daily drinks negatively impact their teeth.



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

All of Grade 3 Yellow, Elima (Grade 4), Kamelia (Grade 5), Erik (Grade 9)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

**Calvin (Grade 4), Isaac (Grade 4), Tenir (Grade 5), Shuyang (Grade 5),
Madelin (Grade 10), Maksim (Grade 11)**

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

**Abbas (Grade 3), Amani (Grade 3), Baitemir (Grade 4), Amir (Grade 5),
Kamilla (Grade 5), Aikhan (Grade 12)**

GRADE 6 STUDENTS EXPLORE SCIENCE WITH FUN EXPERIMENTS



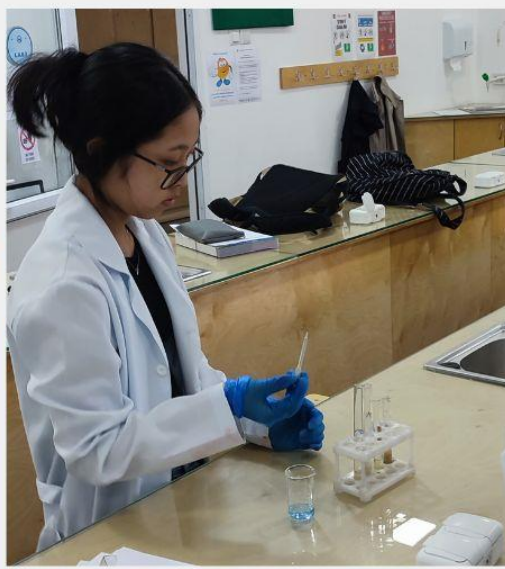
Grade 6 students recently conducted exciting experiments, such as making Oobleck and Elephant Toothpaste. These hands-on activities helped them learn how to ask scientific questions and identify variables, all while having a lot of fun. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to creatively explore the scientific method in an engaging way!



GRADE 8 ARE TESTING FOOD FOR PROTEINS



During a recent science lesson, our Grade 8 students conducted an experiment to test for the presence of proteins in various food samples. They learned how to identify protein molecules by observing color changes, which indicated a positive result. This hands-on activity not only helped students understand the role of proteins in nutrition but also deepened their knowledge of biological molecules in an inspiring way.



Road Safety



This week our primary and middle school students attended an insightful session on road safety. Our guest speaker, Mr. Erkin Checheibaev, former Deputy Minister of Health and an expert in road safety, provided essential guidance on the safe use of personal mobility devices such as scooters, bicycles, skateboards, and roller skates. He also covered the responsibilities of drivers and highlighted potential risks and dangers on the road. The students learned about the importance of wearing helmets and using reflective elements when riding, as well as how to assess the risks and consequences of neglecting road safety rules.



STUDENTS' ARTISTIC GROWTH IN CLAY SULPTURE MAKING ECA



A beautiful work of art requires overcoming many obstacles. Students learned the joy of problem-solving and enjoyed the entire crafting process.

The purpose of swimming is not merely to reach the shore, but to enjoy the sensation of the water.

Ms. Didi, Clay Sculpture Making ECA Teacher



BIS GOVERNING BOARD

BIS Governing Board met on Wednesday September 25th to review a wide range of issues and decide on the school's strategic land acquisitions, changes to the assessment and language Policies, financial management, and accreditation. The board reviewed the Management Board Report for July and August, including the financial report and forecast which provide a clear overview of the school's financial standing. Attention was given to the IB Diploma Programme results from May 2024, where concerns were raised about academic performance and the need for greater parental involvement in supporting student academic culture, starting from the Primary Years Programme. The GB also discussed their recent self-evaluation survey and approved a new non-disclosure agreement (NDA) for Governing Board members and staff.

In preparation for the upcoming NEASC visit from October 1-4, 2024, the board reviewed the NEASC/IB Collaborative Learning Protocol (CLP), along with the BIS Learning Principles and Foundation Standards Reports. Plans for the Governing Board's involvement during this crucial accreditation visit were outlined, underscoring the commitment to engaging fully in the evaluation process. This thorough preparation reflects the school's dedication to upholding high educational standards and foster continuous improvement.

Alina Seitalieva, Governance and Events Officer

"BRING YOUR PARENTS
TO SCHOOL" DAY
YOU ARE INVITED!



For Preschool and Primary school, we have our 'Bring Your Parents To School' days, which started this Thursday and Friday, and will continue next week.

- **Grade 3** – Monday, 30th September - 7:45 - 9:30
- **Grade 2** – Tuesday, 1st October - 7:45 - 9:30
- **Grade 1** – Wednesday, 2nd October - 7:45 - 9:30
- **Grade 0** – Thursday, 3rd October - 7:45 - 9:30

First, parents and guardians will have coffee/snacks and a presentation/discussion about the Primary Years Programme with Maria Corbett, PYP Coordinator.

Next, parents and guardians will join their child's class to observe short sessions in the Homeroom, Library and Music, Dance or PE and reflect on what you've seen in the classes.

Sign up [here](#) to reserve your place as an official guest of your child for their special invite day.

Please note that we need to limit attendance to one parent or guardian per child to make sure we have enough space in the classrooms to fit all the participants comfortably.

Elina Ignatova, Primary School Assistant Principal



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10.00 AM TO 13.00 PM

BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

67A BRONIROVANNAYA ST.

LIBRARY UPDATE: SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

We are happy to announce that our Book Club is up and running!

The Scholastic International School Book Club is a fantastic way to get great value children's books from around the world.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS



**ORDERS ARE DUE
MONDAY,
OCTOBER 14TH,
2024**



**EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR
OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!**

SHOP AT:

<https://eu-shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/bishkekinternationalschool>

THE BOOKS WILL BE DELIVERED TO BIS DIRECTLY FROM THE UK (IN LATE NOVEMBER).

If you have any questions about book ordering please feel free to ask library@bis.kg

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR FOSTERING A LOVE FOR READING IN OUR STUDENTS.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

school cafeteria

Dear Parents

If you've ever wondered about the taste and quality of our school lunches, here's your chance to experience it firsthand! From next week Monday 23 September to Friday 18 October we're inviting parents to join us for lunch and see for themselves.

To try the school lunches, please complete [this form](#) to request lunch on your preferred date. After submitting the form, you'll receive an email confirmation with the details.

On your selected day, please arrive at 13:00 and proceed to the internal reception to pay 100 som for lunch. You can then enjoy your meal in the café.

Please take note of the following menu schedule:

- 30 September-4 October - Menu 'B'
- 7-11 October - Menu 'C'
- 14-18 October - Menu 'D'

Link to [A, B, C, D Menu](#) can be found here

We look forward to welcoming you to our lunch table and hearing your feedback!



OUR CURRICULUM

The curriculum for each level of the school are available online for you to review. Please check the curriculum and let us know if you have any questions.

[Preschool to G5 PYP Curriculum 24/25](#) – any questions, email Maria Corbett, PYP Coordinator, mcorbett@bis.kg

[Grade 6-8 MYP Curriculum 24/25](#) – any questions, email Nadine Lemoine, MYP Coordinator, nlemoine@bis.kg

[Grade 9-10 IGCSE Curriculum 24/25](#) – any questions, email Makiko Inaba, IGCSE Coordinator, minaba@bi.kg

[Grade 11-12 DP Curriculum 24/25](#) – any questions, email Makiko Inaba, DP Coordinator, minaba@bis.kg

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 30th – October 4th 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.

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

- 26 September – 3 October: PYP ‘Bring your Parents to School’ days
- 28 September, Saturday: Asia Day Festival
- 17 October, Thursday: Individual Parents-Teacher Meetings
- 18 October, Friday: UN Day at BIS
- 21-25 October: Autumn/Fall Break

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
Admissions Officers	Gulsara Sheraly kyzy / Begimai Urmanbetova	admissions@bis.kg ; 0706 200 200
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Doctor	Asel Turusbaeva	doctor@bis.kg
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Head of Administration	Mirzat Osmonova	mosmonova@bis.kg
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PYP Coordinator	Maria Corbett	mcorbett@bis.kg
National Curriculum Coordinator	Chynara Abdyraeva	cabdyraeva@bis.kg

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Governing Board Secretary	Alina Seitalieva	gbsec@bis.kg
Parents Association President	JJ Gurga	papres@bis.kg ; pamc@bis.kg
Parents Association Secretary	Alina Seitalieva	pasec@bis.kg

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Grade 5 Yellow	Natalie Small & Sezim Tologonova	nsmall@bis.kg ; stologonova@bis.kg
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Grade 8	Steve Wagenseller & Ann Smirnova	swagenseller@bis.kg ; asmirnova@bis.kg
Grade 9	Lane Spies & Stephen Labanowich	lspies@bis.kg ; slabanowich@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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BIS Alumni Association - [@bis_alumni](#)



[BIS Facebook](#) - facebook.com/biskgz



Act for Community - [@actcom.bis](#)



[Parents Association](#) - facebook.com/bis.parents.127



PRESCHOOL 1

Another fun week has passed!

We congratulated our young learner Alan on receiving his first CPR award for being Caring, Principled, and Reflective.

This week was especially calm and relaxed. The Preschool 1 students are learning teamwork, creating projects, playing together, and taking turns. We made our "Friends" craft and the "My Art" project, where

students explored using crayons, markers, colorful pencils, and paints. We enjoyed both indoor activities and outdoor games, including spying on ladybugs and ants with magnifying glasses in our preschool playground.

With our first unit completed, we're excited to begin a new one!

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we finished our first unit, Who We Are, with the central idea: We create relationships when we care for others. Our little friends reviewed everything we learned during the unit. We talked about families, how we can help our family members, and the ways we take care of each other by spending time together. We also practiced being kind to our friends by helping, sharing toys, and taking turns.

In Math, we focused on the number 3 and the triangle shape. To help us understand better, we made a craft

of the number 3 and created a triangle-shaped autumn tree, along with many other hands-on activities.

The highlight of the week was our "Bring the Parents to School" day! Our little ones were excited to show their families what they do in class. We sang songs and did activities together with families. It was a wonderful way to end our unit, celebrating both families and learning together.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week was packed with excitement and learning as we wrapped up our "Who We Are" unit! We spent time reviewing all the great things we've learned over the past few weeks. The children had a blast revisiting some of their favorite activities, stories, and songs. It was a wonderful way to reflect on how much we've grown in understanding ourselves, our values, and our relationships with others.

In Phonics, we continued exploring the letter "A"—focusing on its sound and how to write it. The children practiced forming the letter and identifying words that start with "A." In Math, we worked on counting from 0 to 8. The kids are making fantastic progress and are becoming more confident in their counting skills.

The highlight of our week was, without a doubt, the "Bring Your Parents to School" event! Parents had the chance to step into their child's shoes and experience a day in Preschool 3. It was amazing to see parents and children learning, playing, and participating in activities together. The joy and laughter filled the room as the kids proudly showed off what they've been learning.

We are so thankful to all the parents who came and made the event a huge success. The children absolutely loved having you there! We look forward to more fun and learning next week!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

