



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



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24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## CELEBRATING THE IB LEARNER PROFILE: BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE!

This week, we celebrated the IB Learner Profile with a focus on Being Knowledgeable! The IB Learner Profile embodies ten key attributes that nurture well-rounded, lifelong learners who contribute positively to the world. Throughout the week, students, parents, and staff participated in different activities such as quizzes and interactive ga-



mes, all designed to highlight the importance of knowledge in understanding the world and making informed decisions.

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate curiosity and a shared love of learning!



# MODERNITY MEETS TRADITION - AI LINKS UP WITH SHADOW PUPPETRY

Grade 0 Blue combined the old with the new last Friday at the lower elementary assembly. Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) alongside a one thousand years old art form, we recreated two famous fairytales, "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Three Little Pigs."

Our current Unit of Inquiry is, "Where we are in place and time." Grade 0 is studying how people's lives have changed over time. We presented the fairytales in their traditional forms. Then we used AI to prompt it to make a cartoon of an alternative version of "Little Red Riding Hood." In this,

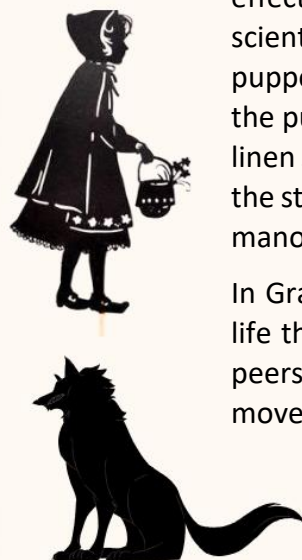


the wolf is kind and is friends with the other main character. The students at the assembly were asked how the original and new versions differed. Then Grade 0 Blue performed, "The Three Little Pigs" from the viewpoint of the wolf.

This was done using Wayang Kulit, a shadow puppetry art form heralding from Indonesia and Malaysia. In this version the wolf is misunderstood, and is blowing the houses down because he asked his neighbours, the pigs, for sugar to make a birthday cake for his own grandmother. He sneezes every time he receives the sugar.

The students are also currently studying about forces in science, and how they can cause objects to move or change direction. They are learning that different forces impact objects in their surroundings. In the latter, students identified the force of the wind (the sneezing, huffing and puffing of the wolf) and its effects on different types of houses. Applying the scientific concepts of push and pull linked also to the puppets themselves. In a Wayang Kulit performance, the puppet figures are often rear projected on a taut linen screen with a coconut oil light. The narrator tells the story and puppeteers use deft hand movement to manoeuvre the puppets.

In Grade 0 Blue, the students brought the stories to life through teamwork: waiting for the narrator and peers to speak, as well as interacting with the movement of the puppets themselves.



The children learned how the figures should be manipulated between the flashlight and paper screen to bring the shadows to life.

Grade 0 Blue had a great time putting on a performance that held the audience's attention with new interpretations of two famous stories.

**Mr. Paul, Grade 0 Blue Homeroom Teacher**



## CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

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

**Almanbet** (Preschool 1), **Sayan** (Grade 3), **Amelia** (Grade 3), **Zhan** (Grade 5)

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

**Altai** (Grade 3), **Safiia** (Grade 3), **Samira** (Grade 3), **Amani** (Grade 3),  
**Izak Roy** (Grade 4), **Akyl** (Grade 11)

### BROCC (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator):

**Eren** (Grade 3), **Tabiiat** (Grade 3), **Amir** (Grade 5)

### RESILIENT (The path may be difficult, but I will succeed):

**Saliya** (Grade 3), **Larysa** (Grade 3), **Josiah** (Grade 4)



## THINKERS: 2ND WEEK OF IB LEARNER PROFILE JANUARY 27-31, 2025

**THINK CRITICALLY AND CREATIVELY!  
ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK:**

1. Brain games week at BIS!  
☀️ Join the Fun During Lunchtime at the Café  
🕒 When: Every lunchtime this week
2. Word Search in the Primary Library. Find the hidden words and test your focus!
3. Riddles of the Day! Solve a new riddle every day to boost your thinking skills and earn points!  
✏️ Submit your answers to the Jar  
🕒 When: Every lunchtime this week



# SECONDARY SCHOOL WINTER *Sports Day*

Join us for an exciting Winter Sports Day at BIS, exclusively for Secondary School students—fun, teamwork, and sports await!

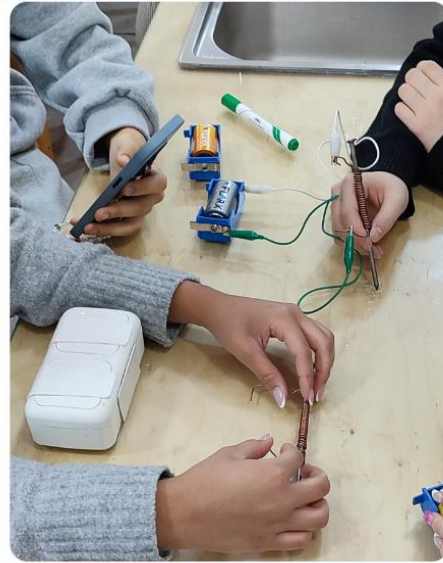
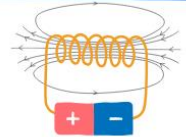
**31 JANUARY, FRIDAY**

Chunkurchak Ski Base



**PERMISSION SLIPS AND PAYMENT BY TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY**

GRADE 8 YELLOW STUDENTS WERE EXPLORING THE PRINCIPLES OF ELECTROMAGNETISM BY CONSTRUCTING AN ELECTROMAGNET USING A SOLENOID COIL



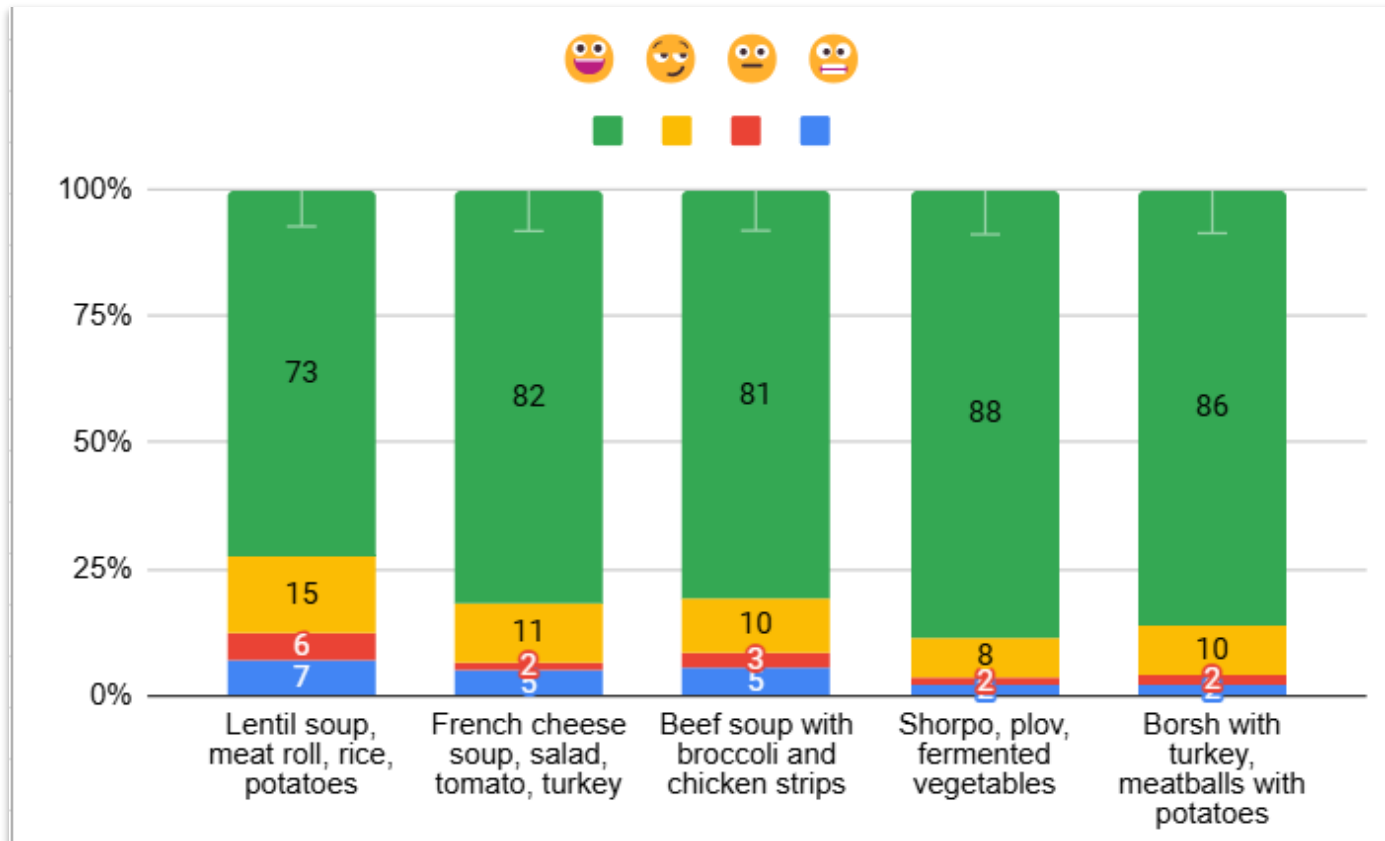
GRADE 7 SKATING ADVENTURE



## SCHOOL FOOD – STUDENT FEEDBACK & NEW MENU

Starting Monday, 13 January 2025, we introduced a [new menu](#) designed by a professional nutrition specialist. Parents were also invited to try this new menu, and they have been sampling the lunches and providing immediate feedback by selecting smiley or unsmiling faces on the café screen based on their satisfaction with the food each day. We have also been surveying students from G0–G12 and staff using the same system since Monday. The results of these surveys for Menu B can be found below.

Green bars represent the % who gave the full smiley, orange bars the almost happy smiley.



If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email our Nutrition Committee [nutrition@bis.kg](mailto:nutrition@bis.kg).

**Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration, Deputy Head of School**

## JANUARY SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



### OUR JANUARY BOOK CLUB IS HERE!

The deadline for orders is **Monday, February 3, 2025**.

The books will be delivered directly to BIS from the UK at the beginning of March.

This time, to reduce paper usage, we are not providing paper leaflets. Instead, you can browse the selection and place your order online using the following link:

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

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

## 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](mailto:mcorbett@bis.kg)

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

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

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

## NEW SCHOOL MENU

The lunch menu for January 27-31 is **Menu C**. You can view the [new 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](#)

- 31 January, Friday: Winter Sports Day – Secondary
- 7 February, Friday: Winter Sports Day – Primary
- 8 February, Saturday: Interschool Chess Tournament
- 8-9 February, Saturday-Sunday: AISB Basketball Tournament
- 14 February, Friday: Valentine’s Day organized by Students
- 19-22 February: CAFA Basketball, Astana
- 20 February, Thursday: Languages in Our Lives Day
- 23 February, Sunday: Homeland Defender’s Day
- 27 February, Thursday: STEM Fair

## 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](mailto:info@bis.kg) and our Reception will forward your email to the right person. Homeroom and Form Teachers for 2024/25 are given below:

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



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



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



## PRESCHOOL 1

This week has been vibrant and engaging, with the main theme being 'Community Helpers.'

We worked collaboratively in groups, learning how to cooperate and act as a team.

Additionally, we had the privilege of meeting the Community Helpers in our school!

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



## PRESCHOOL 2

This week, we started our new unit **Where We Are in Place and Time** with the central idea: **We change over time.**

We talked about how **people look different over time** and enjoyed comparing baby photos to how we look now. The children were excited to share stories about when they were babies and how they've grown. We also learned that all living things, like trees, cats, and flowers, grow and change.

In math, we revised shapes, and in art, we made adorable baby bears. It was a wonderful week of learning and fun!

In the coming weeks, we will continue to explore this unit further, focusing on how humans have different needs as they grow and the new things we learn over time. We look forward to sharing more exciting activities with the children!

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



## PRESCHOOL 3

This week in preschool, we continued our exciting unit on *Transport* by exploring **Air Transport!** The children were curious and engaged as we learned about airplanes, helicopters, and hot air balloons. Through stories, songs, hands-on experiments, and creative activities, we uncovered how air transportation works, how it helps us travel, and what we can see and feel when flying.

Our little scientists had a blast experimenting with air and lift, using a hairdryer and ping pong balls to understand how airplanes stay in the sky. They also explored how helicopters and hot air balloons are different from airplanes by watching pictures, having discussions, and building their own models with paper cups and other materials. Creativity soared as the

children crafted paper airplanes and imagined what they might see through an airplane window, creating beautiful artwork inspired by their ideas.

In math, we practiced counting from 0 to 13 and had fun learning, copying, and continuing AB and ABB patterns. These activities helped sharpen our observation and sequencing skills. In phonics, we focused on the letter “e,” learning how to form it, practicing its two sounds, and discovering new words like *earth, egg, elephant, and envelope*.

Our week was filled with imaginative play, creativity and lots of learning. We ended the week with a reflection circle, sharing all the fascinating things we learned about air transportation.

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

