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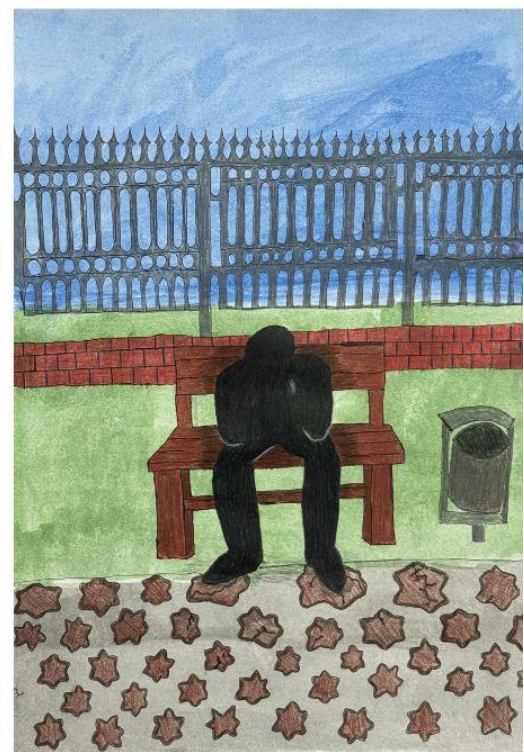
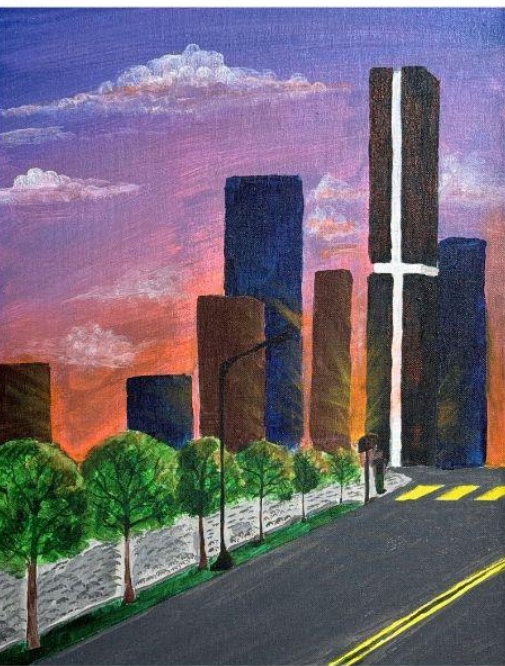
DP ART EXHIBITION

On March 27, the Grade 12 Art Exhibition showcased the exceptional works of Ayan, Alina, and Christopher, highlighting their dedication, creativity, and artistic growth. Each artist explored meaningful themes, using diverse techniques and materials to bring their visions to life.

The exhibition drew students, parents, and teachers who were captivated by the thought-provoking and inspiring pieces on display. It was a memorable celebration of talent and expression, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.



DP Art Exhibition



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A HUGE WELL DONE TO OUR AWARD WINNERS:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Kip (Grade 1), Amir (Grade 1), Alima (Grade 2)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Ljubomir (Preschool 1), Kirill (Grade 1)

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

Nixon (Grade 2), Nika (Grade 2)

Resilient: The path may be difficult, but I will succeed

Rodion (Grade 1)

BIS MUN 2025

On March 16th, our high school students successfully hosted the annual BISMUN Debate Tournament at BIS, welcoming passionate debaters from across Kyrgyzstan. Competing in English, Russian, and Kyrgyz, participants engaged in thought-provoking discussions on global issues, demonstrating impressive public speaking and teamwork. Thanks to our dedicated student volunteers, the event ran smoothly, fostering diplomacy and critical thinking. A huge thank you to everyone who participated. See you at BISMUN 2026!



GRADE 0 BLUE'S FRACTION 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.

Our current Unit of Inquiry is Sharing



the Planet, with its links to the environment. By creating pictures inspired by nature, and aligning them to the theme of sharing that goes with fractions, the teaching of two traditionally separate subjects, maths and art, naturally converged. Equal sharing in fractions involves dividing a number or a collection of objects into smaller and equal groups.

In class, Grade 0 Blue 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 realised that fractions were more fun when practising them through crafts.

Mr. Paul, Grade 0 Blue Homeroom Teacher





Long Live the Snails

Snails have existed long before dinosaurs and humans, with a history of 500 million years. We study their ingenious, built structures to understand their successful survival and learn the intelligent philosophy of slowing down.

Ms. Didi, Clay Sculpture ECA Teacher



EUROPE DAY FESTIVAL AT BIS ON SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2025 – YOUR HELP NEEDED!

Dear BIS Community

We are excited to celebrate our Europe Day Festival on Saturday, April 19, 2025, from 10:00 to 13:00! Join us for a celebration of European culture, fun activities, performances, delicious food, and, of course, ice cream!

This festival highlights the rich diversity of the European continent. If you have a connection to any European country or culture and would like to showcase its special features through a display table or activities, we invite you to participate!

Please let us know if you're interested in creating a display or leading activities for your country or culture. We will add your country or culture to the postcards for stamp collections, ensuring children can explore and learn as they move around the event.

We encourage all families with European connections to volunteer and share their culture with the school community. If you're interested in representing your country or culture at the Europe Day Festival, please [complete this form](#), and we can work together to make it happen!



Discover Europe!

Travel around Europe with BIS Europe day Festival celebrations where you can encounter European food, performances, music and much more!

Saturday, 19th of April, 2025

10:00 - 13:00

Bishkek International School,
67A Bronirovannaya st

Chocolate cake with kefir

In Cooking Club ECA, the students had a delightful baking lesson where they prepared a rich and fluffy chocolate cake with kefir. Excitement filled the kitchen as they measured ingredients, mixed the batter, and carefully melted the chocolate. While the cake was baking, the students discussed different baking techniques and the science behind each ingredient. The aroma of chocolate spread through the room, making everyone eager to taste the final result. When the cake was finally ready, they decorated it with powdered sugar and enjoyed their delicious creation together.

Mr. Mukhametjan, Cooking Club ECA Teacher



Ingredients

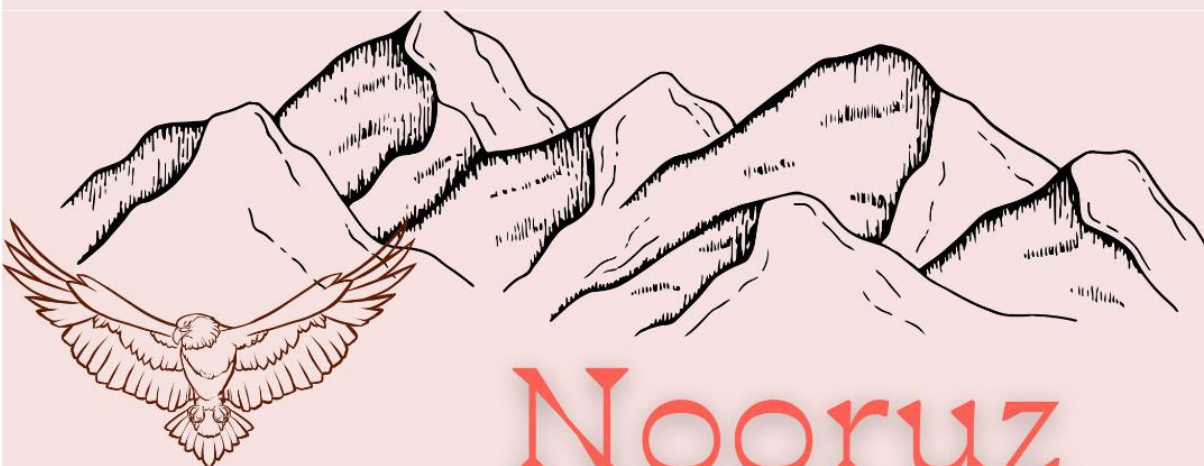
- 2 eggs
- 6 tbsp flour
- 3 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 4 tbsp sugar
- 1 chocolate bar (100 g)
- 200 ml kefir
- 50 ml vegetable oil



Method

1. Beat the eggs with sugar until fluffy.
2. Add kefir and vegetable oil, and mix well.
3. Sift the flour with cocoa powder and baking powder, then add to the wet ingredients.
4. Melt the chocolate in a water bath or microwave, let it cool slightly, and mix it into the batter.
5. Pour the batter into a greased baking dish and bake at 180°C (350°F) for about 30–40 minutes (until a toothpick comes out clean).
6. Let it cool, then optionally decorate with glaze or powdered sugar.





Nooruz Spring Festival

**“Traditions and Culture of Nomads through
Music and Dance”**

-Student performances

-Fashion show

-National food and games

Date: Thursday, 3rd April

Time: 14:30 - 17:00

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

SCHOOL MENU

The lunch menu for April 1st – 4th is **Menu C**. Our [updated school menu](#) (including vegetarian option) approved by the Nutrition committee is available 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 March, Monday: Orozo Ait – public holiday
- 3 April, Thursday: Nooruz celebration at BIS (updated)
- 15 April, Tuesday: MYP Community Project Presentations
- 19 April, Saturday: Europe Day Festival
- 24 April, Thursday: PYP Exhibition
- 25 April, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- 30 April, Wednesday: Primary School Sports Day
- End of April: IGCSE and IBDP Exam Sessions start
- 1-9 May: Public holidays
- 16 May, Friday: Art Exhibition & Poetry Evening
- 17 May, Saturday: Parents Association Garage Sale
- 24 May, Saturday: Africa 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:

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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](#)



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



PRESCHOOL 1

This week in Preschool 1, we are diving into the wonderful world of families—both animal and human! Our focus is on learning about parents and babies in the animal kingdom and comparing them to our own families.

Circle Time Fun. During Circle Time, we explored different baby animals and their parents. The children loved identifying animals and matching them with their babies. From lion cubs to ducklings, we had a great time discovering how animal families care for their young—just like our own families do!

Story Time Spotlight. We read the classic book *Are You My Mother?* by P.D. Eastman. The story follows a little bird searching for its mother, which helped us discuss the importance of families and how parents take care of their babies. The children were engaged and excited to predict what would happen next!

Musical Moments. Music time was extra special this week with the song *Five Little Ducks*. As we sang and counted the ducklings, we talked about how baby animals rely on their parents for care and love. This interactive song made learning fun and helped reinforce counting skills, too!

Art Time Fun! Children had a great time painting! One day, we painted baby giraffes using bright colors. On another day, each child chose their favorite animal and painted it with different colors. It was a fun and creative way to learn about animals and express ourselves through art!

We look forward to another exciting week of learning and discovery. Thank you for being a part of our Preschool 1 family!

Ms. Laura, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, we had a great time learning how animals and people change the environment around them. We learned that animals change their homes by digging, building nests, or looking for food. People also change the environment when building houses and roads or even using paper. We talked about where paper comes from – it comes from trees. Trees are very important because they give homes to many animals. We discussed that if we use too much paper and don't recycle it, we need to cut more trees, and then animals may lose their homes.

To understand better, we used an old paper box and turned it into a car. We learned that this is called recycling – using things again instead of throwing them away.

In Art, we made lions with recycled cups and paper for the lion's fur.

In Math, we sorted animals into wild and pet groups.

In Literacy, we practiced the letter sounds s, a, and t.

It was a fun and meaningful week for all of us.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

We had an **exciting week** back from spring break! The children were **so happy to reconnect with their friends** and settle back into our warm and welcoming classroom environment.

This week, we **revisited our learning on recycling** and expanded our exploration by focusing on **"reuse."** We discussed how we can **find new uses for items instead of throwing them away**, which led to a fun and creative activity—**turning empty playdough containers into bottle planters!** The children enjoyed decorating their planters and learning about how small actions can help care for the environment.

A special highlight of the week was our **visit to the Grade 12 DP Visual Art Exhibition.** The children were fascinated by the incredible artwork created by the older students. They loved **exploring different styles, colors, and materials** and even got to **choose their favorite pieces and share why they mattered to them.** It was a wonderful opportunity for them to **experience art appreciation and creative expression.**

Overall, it was a **calm and joyful week** filled with **love, laughter, and meaningful learning experiences.** We look forward to another exciting week ahead!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

