



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

**VOICES**



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## NOORUZ CELEBRATION

The Nooruz celebration at BIS was a truly joyful and unforgettable event, bringing our community together to welcome spring with music, dance, and cultural traditions. Students from Preschool 1 to Grade 12 showcased their talents in a vibrant concert, while national games, a stunning fashion show, and beautifully crafted decorations added to the festive spirit. Families and friends enjoyed traditional Kyrgyz cuisine thanks to our dedicated kitchen staff.

A huge thank you to the Performing Arts team, event organizers, teachers, and everyone who contributed their time and effort to make this celebration such a success.



# BIS Snapshot: Nooruz Celebration

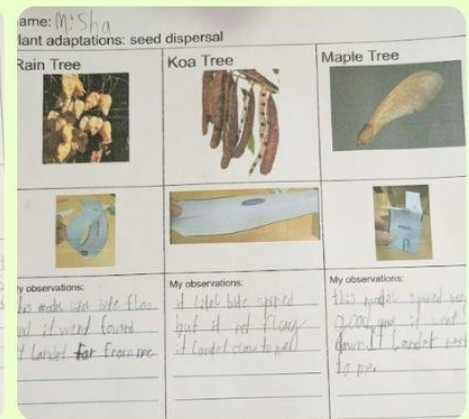
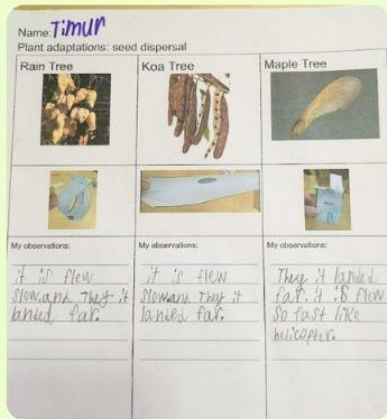


# EXPLORING SEED SHAPES: GRADE 2 YELLOW'S PLANT SCIENCE

Grade 2 Yellow students explored why plants have seeds of different shapes and sizes.

To investigate, students created seed models of three different trees: Koa tree, Maple tree, and Rain tree. After crafting their models, they role-played as trees, launching their seeds into the air and carefully observing how they moved. Some seeds spun and landed nearby, while others glided like parachutes and traveled farther.

Following the experiment, students documented their observations and shared their thoughts. Through discussion, they concluded that a seed's



shape influences how it disperses, and that plants adapt their seeds to ensure better spread and survival.

To extend the activity, students brought various seeds from home to observe and reflect on their differences in shape and size, deepening their understanding of plant adaptations.

**Ms. Oksana, Grade 2 Yellow Homeroom Teacher**



## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A HUGE WELL DONE TO OUR AWARD WINNERS:

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

**Jonathan** (Grade 4), **James** (Grade 4)

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

**Alan** (Preschool 1), **Amina** (Grade 3), **Alisha** (Grade 4), **Ailina** (Grade 5), **Arseny** (Grade 10),  
**Amir** (Grade 10), **Maksim** (Grade 11), **Miko** (Grade 11)

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

**Sabina** (Grade 3), **Tabiiat** (Grade 3), **Maya** (Grade 3), **Mark** (Grade 3), **Saliya** (Grade 3), **Ayar**  
(Grade 5), **Eva-Sofia** (Grade 5)

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

**Amani** (Grade 3), **Alina** (Grade 4), **Shirina** (Grade 4)

## 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

# Colorful Beetles



Many people fear beetles. In this week's Art Studio class, we paint beetles in a colorful and beautiful way. In life, there are always unpleasant things, so why not see them as colorful and beautiful?

**Ms. Didi, Art Studio ECA Teacher**



## 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)

## SCHOOL MENU

The lunch menu for April 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

- 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](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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## PRESCHOOL 1

This week, our theme was all about caring for the environment and protecting animal homes. The children were curious, thoughtful, and full of energy as we explored ways to help animals and keep our world clean.

During Circle Time, we had meaningful conversations about keeping nature clean. The children shared ideas on how we can take care of the environment—like not littering, picking up trash, and being gentle with animals.

For our activity, we practiced sorting toys into groups: plastic, iron, and wood. This hands-on experience

helped the children understand different materials and how they relate to our environment.

In Sensory Play, the children enjoyed washing toys, feeding a toy dog, and gently treating it—a great way to practice care, empathy, and responsibility.

We also read the beloved story "Harry the Dirty Dog" by Gene Zion, which sparked fun discussions about pets, cleanliness, and how we can take care of animals.

The highlight of the week was our joyful celebration of Nooruz! The children worked hard to prepare and gave a fantastic performance. They were truly at their best, and we congratulate them on a job well done!

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



## PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we began exploring the fascinating world of ocean animals! Our little friends learned that the ocean is so big and blue, and many different animals live there. We talked about sharks, dolphins, fish, lobsters, crabs, octopuses, and many more sea creatures.

In Math, we counted ocean animals and the octopus' arms. The children also practiced fine motor skills by placing beads on an octopus. In Literacy, we worked

on the s, a, t phonic sounds. For Art, our little friends painted the ocean using blue color.

The highlight of the week was our Nooruz celebration! The children looked wonderful in their traditional Kyrgyz costumes and performed a beautiful dance on stage. It was such a joy to see them dancing so confidently and happily!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

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



## PRESCHOOL 3

This week in Preschool 3 was truly enlightening! We accomplished so much while having loads of fun. Our young learners continued exploring the concept of **reuse**—a key part of our ongoing unit on sustainability. We discussed how many everyday items, both at school and at home, can be reused in creative and practical ways. The children shared great ideas and took pride in finding new purposes for old things.

In **math**, our focus shifted to **measuring weight**. The children enjoyed hands-on activities using scales to compare how heavy or light different classroom toys were. This sparked some fantastic conversations and teamwork as they sorted and measured items together.

In **phonics**, we practiced **blending by 3**, revisiting some of the Phase 2 sounds we've already learned. Through playful games and sound hunts, the children grew more confident in recognizing and blending sounds to form simple words.

The highlight of our week was the **Nooruz celebration!** Our little stars lit up the stage in their beautiful traditional outfits. With pride and excitement, they performed energetic dance routines, painting the stage in joy and culture. It was heartwarming to see their confidence shine through as they celebrated together with friends and family.

We are incredibly proud of all that our little ones accomplished this week. It's been a week full of learning, laughter, and cultural joy.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

