



BIS CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025: A GROWING PASSION AMONG STUDENTS

On December 4th, the BIS Chess Tournament brought together 34 enthusiastic participants for a day of strategic thinking and friendly competition. This year, it was especially exciting to see many PYP students joining the tournament, highlighting the growing popularity of chess among our younger generation.

After intense matches and impressive displays of skill, the winners were:

- 1st place: **Sulim Sakbaev**
- 2nd place: **Aman Jumashukurov**
- 3rd place: **Seytek Turganbaev**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants and partners for staying late and showing such passion and sportsmanship. The tournament was a wonderful reminder of how chess can bring our school community together while fostering critical thinking and perseverance.

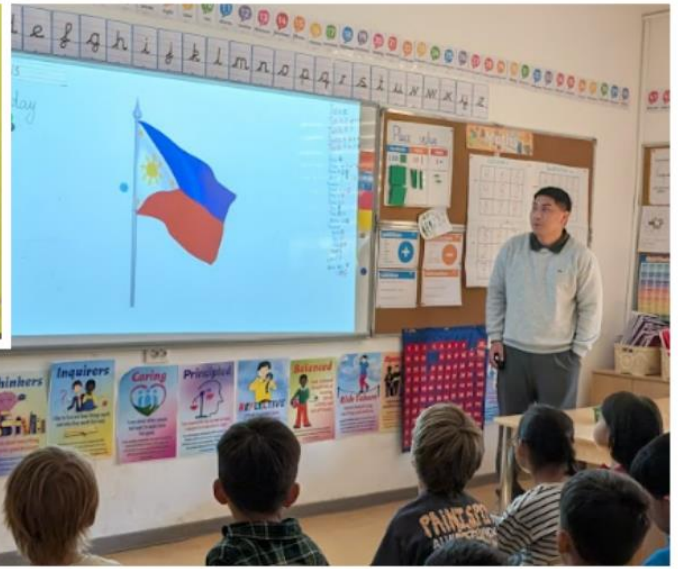
Ms. Janyl, Chess Tournament organizer



TRADITIONAL TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Grade 2 is currently learning about traditional tales from around the world.

The students had a great opportunity to listen to the guest teachers who shared their traditional tales.



Mr. Daniel shared a traditional Filipino story about how nature helped people discover the rice plant and taught them how to grow rice in the fields.

Ms. Megan read a Native American myth "Lelawala" about Niagara Falls.



Mr. Matthew shared a Zimbabwean folktale called "Makoma from Senna", which tells the story of a boy with extraordinary strength and a destiny to become a hero.



Ms. Beldine shared a Kenyan folk tale about a mighty warrior who protected his lands.



Ms. Claudette shared a Filipino folk tale about the pineapple.



EXPLORING THE EPIC MANAS

Our Grade 10 students participated in a special Kyrgyz Literature lesson dedicated to the epic Manas, led by Ms. Nazgul. During the lesson, students read selected excerpts from the epic in front of guest teachers, demonstrating confidence in their performance. They also showcased their knowledge by discussing the themes and characters, and thoughtfully answering questions from the guests. The session highlighted their growing understanding of the epic's significance and their ability to engage with it critically and proudly.



GRADE 6 INVESTIGATES MIXTURE SEPARATION TECHNIQUES

Today our Grade 6 students completed a filtration and separation experiment. They started with a mixture that contained iron filings, sand, and salt.

First, the students used a magnet to separate the iron from the mixture. This helped them understand how magnetic materials can be removed easily using physical properties.

Next, they added water to the remaining mixture of sand and salt. The salt dissolved in the water, but the sand did not. Students then used filter paper to separate the sand from the salt solution. The sand stayed in the filter, while the salty water passed through. Finally, they gently heated the salt solution. As the water evaporated, they observed salt crystals forming in the dish.

Through this process, students learned how different separation techniques—magnetism, filtration, and evaporation—can be used to isolate substances from a mixture.



THIS WEEK IN EPIC INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION



Grade 3 Yellow is learning to harness the power and potential of plastics this term. What makes plastic so versatile? Tamara and Cullen are discovering its tensile strength- plastic bags braided together act as a flexible cord. Alec is using two other properties of plastic- transparency and wind-resistance- to build a winter greenhouse. Alima and Adil would like to prove that recycled bottles have the same capacity for usefulness as containers and vessels we buy in the store. With all this great plastic lying around, why would you ever spend money again?! Well done, G3Y, for showing us the meaning of innovation and sustainability.

Ms. Genevieve, EPIC Coordinator



TICKETS FOR PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN, ANNIVERSARY SHOW, SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 16:00

Our 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' Anniversary Show is on Saturday 13th December at the Philharmonia. Tickets cost 800 som (main hall) or 600 som (balcony). All ticket income is donated to the ['Заманбап Мугалим - Teach for Kyrgyzstan'](#), a nonprofit organisation dedicated to improving education in Kyrgyzstan by supporting educators working in underserved communities. **Saturday 13th December is an official school day for BIS and seats are provided free of charge for all students and staff. There is no need to purchase tickets for BIS students.**

For parents and guests, please buy tickets online [here](#) using Visa, MBank, 24pay, Quickpay, Megapay, Elcart, Optima24, MoiO, Bakai bank payment stations/apps OR pay our cashier at school who will purchase tickets on your behalf. If you do not buy tickets in advance, you may be able to purchase tickets on the day (13th December) at the theatre if seats are still available. Tickets purchased on the day will cost 1,000 som (for the main hall or balcony).

Parents of preschool children should buy tickets at BIS Reception, from cashier Zamira, who will purchase front-section seats to make it easier for you to pick up your children after they are returned by the teachers.

We look forward to seeing everyone from the BIS community on 13th December, to enjoy performances from all grades from Preschool 1 to Grade 7 in the first half of the show, followed by a wonderful performance of the musical 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' by our very talented students after the intermission.



PIRATES of the CURRY BEAN

Anniversary Show

13 DECEMBER 2025

16:00 to 18:30

Kyrgyz National Philharmonic Hall ✕

Buy tickets on ticket.kg or at school external reception

Singing with the Sun, Dancing with the Flower

This week in clay sculpture class, students sculpted sunflower plates. The art room glowed with vitality and fun from the sun; students were inspired by the lively and joyful of the flower.

Ms. Didi

Madiyar



Alexander



Sulaiman



Simeon



Genevieve



Emir



Amy-Jane



Wakaba



Leo



BIS Snapshot: Cozy Pajamas Day



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Marcel (Grade 0)

Astrid, Nina, Emilia (Grade 1)

Alexander, Alua (Grade 2)

Nii Mira (Grade 6)

Ernest, Matteo (Grade 8)



KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Inquirers):

Anzu, Nina, Muhammad, Wakaba (Grade 1)

Guoran, Kirill, Kip, Teo, Alexander, Aruuzat (Grade 2)

Ruhaan (Grade 6)

Maverick (Grade 6)



BROC (Balanced, Risk-Takers, Open-Minded, Communicators):

Arien (Preschool 1)

Amir, Nursultan, Iman, Sasha, Artur, Teo Tenir, Teru (Grade 2)

Asher (Grade 7)



STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES IN PYP, DECEMBER 16TH

Dear Parents & Guardians of Primary School students,

On **December 16th**, we will hold **Student-Led Conferences**, during which your child/ children will present their learning journey from this semester to you in a **15-minute one-to-one session** in their homeroom class.

Please sign up via [SchoolsBuddy](#) for your child(ren)'s presentation. Do not miss this opportunity to let your children guide you through their learning!

The sign-up on [SchoolsBuddy](#) opens today, **December 2nd at 9:00 a.m.** and will remain open **until Wednesday, December 10th, 16:30.**

Booking times (15-minute slots) for Primary School students are as follows:

- **9:45 – 11:15** for Grades 0, 1, and 2
- **11:15 – 12:45** for Grades 3, 4, and 5

We also invite all interested parents to a special informational session, **“How Devices are Changing Your Child's Brain,”** led by Ms. Geniveve (EPIC Coordinator) and Ms. Kyzjibek (LDIC Coordinator). The session will be offered at **09:00** and again at **12:50** in room **S-1**. Sign-up for these sessions is also available in SchoolsBuddy.

Please note that there will not be additional booking slots for meetings with the **LDIC (Learning Diversity, Inclusion, and Counselling) Department**. If the LDIC team ldic@bis.kg supports your child, we encourage you to meet with them **right after** your homeroom session.

If you have any questions about signing up for the event via SchoolsBuddy, please email edildebekov@bis.kg and eignatova@bis.kg.

Elina Ignatova, Primary School Principal

DONATION DRIVE

Our volunteering club Act for Community is planning to make this winter season special for children less fortunate! We are hosting our annual donation drive to collect gifts to then give it to an orphanage.

We need your help to make this happen! It would be greatly appreciated, if you can donate items in good or new condition. It would be amazing if the gifts are wrapped in holiday gift wrapping so the kids have fun opening them!

This time around, kids would love to receive some clothes, books, toys, arts & crafts materials and more. The age varies from newborns to 17 year olds, both genders.

When donating, we kindly ask you to provide description of the items on a paper attached to the gift like:

- Size of clothes
- What gender clothes
- Type of item (If wrapped)
- Age category
- Type of book (preferably Russian or Kyrgyz, age category, type of literature)

You can drop off the gifts at the outside reception in labeled boxes under the New Years tree!

Donations will be collected until **16th of December**, so don't forget to spread joy this week!

Let's work together to make a meaningful impact and share the magic of giving! Every small act of kindness counts!



GIVE THE GIFT OF JOY TO CHILDREN!

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Deadline

16th of December

AI ASSISTANT FOR BIS POLICIES & HANDBOOKS

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[Student Handbook](#)

LUNCH MENU (UPDATED)

The lunch menu for December 8th – 12th is **Menu C**. You can view the updated [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 – 2025/26 Calendar is [here](#)

- 13th December, Saturday: BIS Anniversary Show – Official School Day
- 16th December, Tuesday: PYP Student led Conferences
- 19th December, Friday: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz
- 22nd December – 9th January: Winter break
- 5th January, Monday: BIS Alumni Reunion Dinner
- 7th January, Wednesday: Orthodox Christmas
- 12th January, Monday: Staff In-Service Training
- 13th January, Tuesday: First Day of Second Semester

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 2025/26 are given below:

Position	Name	Contact
BIS Reception	Albina / Meerim / Madina	info@bis.kg ; 0312 214 406, 0770 214 406
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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 Alumni Association - [@bis_alumni](https://www.instagram.com/bis_alumni)



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Act for Community - [@actcom.bis](https://www.instagram.com/actcom.bis)



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



PRESCHOOL 1

This week, the children explored how we can use our bodies to move, create, and express ourselves. They had a joyful time discovering what their hands, feet, and whole bodies can do.

Movement Fun. We practiced clapping, stomping, jumping, and wiggling. The children enjoyed moving their bodies in different ways and noticed how each movement felt.

Body Prints. We made handprints and footprints, and the children were excited to see their prints turn into cute little animals. If a child didn't want to use their feet, they chose to use their hands instead-everyone joined in comfortably.

Story & Art. We read a lovely story about a bear (by Holly

Surplice). After the story, the children colored their own bears, added googly eyes, and chose if their bear looked happy or sad.

Sensory Play. The children explored mud play safely and with close supervision. They also helped decorate a friendly snowman with pompoms and a scarf. Now he stands at our entrance, greeting everyone with warm, happy hugs.

Birthday Celebration. We also celebrated Tamerlane's birthday this week. The children worked together to decorate his birthday card using stickers. It was a simple but joyful moment for the whole class.

Ms. Laura, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we explored how we can express our feelings using our bodies, voices, colors, and movement. Each day, our little friends practiced showing emotions in different ways and had many opportunities to try, play, and discover.

We began the week with emotion role-play. The children acted out feelings like happy, sad, angry, and scared using their faces and bodies, and they enjoyed guessing each other's expressions. We also explored how our bodies move with different feelings. The children jumped when they felt happy, walked slowly for sad, stomped for angry, and took tiny steps when they felt scared.

In Phonics, we learned that feelings can sound different. The children listened to various sounds, guessed the emotion, and tried making the sounds themselves. We practiced clapping fast, slow, loud, and soft to match different feelings.

On Thursday, we read *The Color Monster* and talked about colors and feelings. The children chose special colors to represent each feeling. In math, we counted how many friends felt happy, sad, or sleepy each morning and practiced slow counting during our lessons.

We had a joyful week together in Preschool 2!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week in Preschool 3 was full of fun, learning, and colorful emotions. We began by celebrating our classmate Aijan's birthday, a joyful start that lifted everyone's spirits.

Throughout the week, we explored how stories have different parts and how each part can make us feel something new. The children discovered feelings such as happiness, sadness, anger, calmness, sleepiness, and even silliness through the stories we read.

Our hands-on activities were a big highlight as we created beautiful, color-themed crafts to represent

the emotions in our stories. The children loved expressing themselves through art, and our classroom walls are now filled with bright, meaningful creations.

In phonics, we added the sounds **m** and **d** to the letters we already know. In math, we continued counting and matching numbers to quantities through engaging activities.

We ended the week with a cozy Pajama Day—warm, calm, and relaxing. We can't wait for more fun next week!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

