



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 20 / 2025-26

30th January 2026

GRADE 5 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO THE NATIONAL KYRGYZ MUSEUM

On January 22nd, Grade 5 students visited the National Kyrgyz Museum in Bishkek, where they had the opportunity to connect Kyrgyz History to our unit of inquiry: evidence of past movement and adaptation connects civilizations, their heritage, and today's world. The students explored a variety of artefacts, timelines, and maps that demonstrated the components of civilization, such as culture, economy, and governance. As they examined ancient tools and clothing, they inquired on how these items reflect daily life in the past and connect to their own experiences today.

The visit highlighted the relevance of cultural heritage, inspiring them to appreciate the stories that have shaped a community.



Preschool & Primary School

Winter Sports Day

6 February,
Friday

Grade 2 - Grade 5
Chunkurchak Ski Base

Preschool 2 - Grade 1
Arhar Resort

Preschool 1
SMagic playground

Permission slips and payment
by Tuesday, 3rd February



GRADE 7 EXPLORES REAL-LIFE MARKETING STRATEGIES AT ASIA MALL



On Mon January 26th, Grade 7 Y&B ELA class went on Field trip to Asia mall. This educational trip was arranged in the frame of the Lesson "Marketing". The aim of the trip for student was to research "In-store product placement marketing strategies" including: Endcaps, Free sample stations, Large "Bulk Buy" bins, Digital screens/Video advertisements etc., practice marketing collocations, also while walking through the aisles of the supermarket they were completing their Questionnaire survey forms. The last task was to buy something they wanted, and then reflect on "Why they bought this certain product". The students were very excited and cheerfully wandered from one to other of the product shelves. Though they were divided into two pairs, they worked as one team showing team work and self-organization.

Ms. Nargiza K., ELA Teacher



TIGER SCIENCE



This week in Art Studio class, we made a paper tiger using a cylinder as the base form. It was a perfect exercise for developing spatial thinking and simplification skills. Students were excited to craft every detail of the tiger using basic geometric forms. This project helped students break down a complicated form into familiar shapes.

Ms. Didi



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):
Koki, Amina, Zere (Grade 1)
Kirill, Guoran (Mary), Martha (Grade 2)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Inquirers):
Muhammad, Bulat (Grade 1)
Elias, Alexander (Grade 2)

BROC (Balanced, Risk-Takers, Open-Minded, Communicators):
Musa (Grade 1)
Alen, Akmal, Rodion (Grade 2)



COOKING ECA

During Cooking ECA students baked their own cookies and enjoyed tasting the delicious results. The activity was full of fun, teamwork, and hands-on learning.



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-27

Visit our website at [this link](#)

PLAN AHEAD WITH
IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027							
■ School Vacation ■ Public Holiday in KR – School Closed ■ Teacher In-Service Day ■ Sports Events ■ Events ■ Meetings or Off Timetable							
August 2026							
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12-21 August: Teacher In-Service Orientation 21 – August: New Students & Families Event 16-30 24 August: First Day of School 28 August: Meet the Teachers 31 August: Independence Day – School Day							
September 2026							
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1-11 Sept: G6-12 Overnight Trips & MYP Experiential Week 19 Sept: Asia Day Festival 24 Sept-2 Oct: PYP 'Bring your Parents to School' days 25 Sept: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association 30 Sept: Sports Day in Spartak Stadium: Grade 4-12							
October 2026							
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14 Oct: Mental Health Awareness Day 15 Oct: Parents-Teacher Meetings 16 Oct: UN Day at BIS 19-26 Oct: Autumn/Fall Break 30 Oct: Fall Festival/31 Oct: Friendsgiving Dinner							
November 2026							
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6 Nov: Future Careers Day 7-8 Nov: Days of History & Memory of Ancestors 16 Oct: UN Day at BIS 21 Nov: BIS Annual Debate Tournament							
December 2026							
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12 Dec: BIS Anniversary Show – Official School Day 15 Dec: PYP Student led Conferences 18 Dec: Last Day of First Semester / Ded Moroz 21 Dec - 8 Jan – Winter break							
January 2027							
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5 Jan: BIS Alumni Reunion Dinner 7 Jan: Orthodox Christmas 11 Jan: Staff In-Service Training 12 Jan: First Day of Second Semester 21 Jan: Parent-Teacher Meetings 29 Jan: Secondary Winter Sports Day							
February 2027							
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5 Feb: Primary Winter Sports Day 12 Feb: Valentine's Day organized by Students 18 Feb: Languages in Our Lives Day 25 Feb: Science Fair 27 Feb: BISMUN – Model United Nations							
March 2027							
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5 March: G12 CAS/G11 TOK Exploration 8-16 March: Spring Break 8 March: International Women's Day 10 March: Orozo Ait – public holiday 20 March: Inter-school Chess Tournament 21 March: Nooruz holiday 25 March: Nooruz Celebration at BIS & G12 VA ex.							
April 2027							
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9 April: Poetry Slam 13 April: MYP Community Project Presentations 15 April: Inclusion Day 17 April: Europe Day Festival 22 April: PYP Exhibition 23 April: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association 26-29 April: MYP IDU 28 April: Primary School Sports Day End of April: IGCSE and IBDP Exam Sessions start							
May 2027							
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1 May: Labour Day – public holiday 1-3 May: May holidays 5 May: Constitution Day – public holiday 9 May: Victory Day – public holiday 14 May: Art Exhibition 15 May: Parents Association Garage Sale 17 May: Kurman Ait – public holiday 22 May: Africa Day Festival							
June 2027							
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4 June: PYP Student led Conferences 5 June: High School Prom 9 June: Class of 2026 Reflection Dinner 9 June: High School Graduation Ceremony 14 June: Graduations for Preschool 3, Grade 5, Grade 8 15 June: Primary School Educational Visits Day 16 June: Parent-Teacher Meetings 17 June: Last Day of School /All Americas Barbecue 18 June: Teacher In-Service Day							
July 2027							
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July: Vacation First day of school 2027/28: Monday August 23 rd							



RUSSIAN FOR PARENTS: BEGINNER LEVEL

We are happy to announce the start of the **Russian language lessons for parents** on Tuesday, February 10th! These sessions are for beginners and led by Mr. Leonid, will be held on **Tuesdays from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm** at BIS, **room T4** (this room is on the third floor of the main building).

If you would like to join, please fill out [the form](#) to register **before February 8th**.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Tuesday, February 10th
4:30 pm to 5:15



Room T4 (3rd Floor,
Main Building)



LOST & FOUND

We displayed the Lost & Found collection during the Parent-Teacher Meetings.

However, many items remain unclaimed.



Please collect your belongings before **Friday, February 20th**.
Unclaimed Lost & Found items will be donated to a local charity.
If you have any questions, please contact the reception.

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[Student Handbook](#)

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for February 2nd – 6th is **Menu D**. 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](#)

- 31st January – 1st February: AISB Basketball Tournament
- 6th February, Friday: Primary School Winter Sports Day
- 5-7 February: CAFA U19 Basketball Tournament (Almaty)
- 12-14 February: CAFA U15 Basketball Tournament (Astana)
- 13th February, Friday: Valentine’s Day organized by Student Council
- 19th February, Thursday: Languages in our Lives Day
- 26th February, Thursday: Science 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 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 Instagram - [@bis.kg](https://www.instagram.com/bis.kg)



BIS Alumni Association - [@bis_alumni](https://www.instagram.com/bis_alumni)



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



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 in Preschool 1, our learning focus was **“Sharing Our Space.”** The children explored how we use shared areas kindly and respectfully, and why rules and routines help everyone feel safe and happy in our classroom.

During **circle time**, we talked about our classroom rules and why they are important when we learn and play together. The children shared ideas about taking turns, using gentle hands, and caring for our environment and each other.

In **literacy**, we read the book *Hands Are Not for Hitting* by Martine Agassi. This story helped the children understand how to use their hands for kind and helpful

actions, and how to express their feelings in positive ways.

This week was also full of exciting role play!

The children became **hairdressers**, carefully using scissors to give their “customers” unusual and stylish hairstyles. Everyone worked together, took turns, and the customers were very satisfied!

By the end of the week, we turned into **real bakers**. Each child baked their own cookie, which was not only fun but also a great way to practice sharing tools, space, and helping one another.

We are very proud of how the children are learning to respect shared spaces and play kindly with their friends.

Ms. Laura, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, children continued exploring ideas about growing and change in different ways. We looked at more baby photos and talked about how babies and children can do different things as they grow.

During circle time, children focused on helping and responsibility. Through sorting activities, they practiced deciding which items are for babies and which are for children, and talked about how we can take care of younger ones.

In math, we began exploring shapes, focusing on circles and squares. Children looked for these shapes in objects around the classroom and practiced recognizing them through hands-on activities. In phonics, we continued working on the /s/ sound during center time.

It was an engaging week with lots of observation and learning through play.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week in **Preschool 3**, our learning took off as we explored **air transport**. The children learned why people use air transport and discovered different types of air vehicles, such as airplanes and helicopters. To make learning exciting and meaningful, we transformed our classroom into a **pretend airport**. The children worked together to build a large airplane out of cardboard, painted it, and proudly named it “**Fly Preschool 3.**”

Through imaginative play, the children enjoyed a full airport experience, pretending to travel and visit places of their dreams. It was wonderful to see their

creativity, teamwork, and communication skills in action.

In **Math**, we introduced **AB patterns** alongside counting activities. In **Phonics**, we revised previously learned sounds and were introduced to the new sounds **d** and **g**.

It was a joyful and engaging week, and we look forward to more adventures ahead as we begin learning about **land transport** next week!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

