



**Bishkek
International
School**

VoICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 2 / 2026-27

28th August 2026

WELCOME BACK – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The new school year at BIS began with smiles, laughter, and the excitement of seeing familiar faces again. Returning students reunited with friends and teachers, while our new students were warmly welcomed into the BIS community and began making new connections. Classrooms were filled with energy as students explored their new learning environments, met their teachers, and settled into the rhythm of a fresh school year.

We are excited for the journey ahead and look forward to a year filled with learning, discovery, achievements, and wonderful memories!



BIS Snapshot: Welcome Back to School



COUNSELLING TEAM

A warm welcome from the BIS School Counselling team. This year, the wonderful Ms. Zhamal has joined the LDIC department as High School Counsellor. Ms. Asmana continues as MYP Counsellor, and Ms. Zhibek as PYP Counsellor.

The counselling team will continue to work hard to support student wellbeing, provide individual and group counselling sessions, and collaborate with teachers for SEL.

Contact the Counselling Team: counsellors@bis.kg



EPIC IS BACK

The Enrichment Programme for Innovative Challengers serves students who are working at above-grade level. If your child has an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and enjoys advanced instruction, EPIC may be the place for them. EPIC offers small-group instruction, opportunities for Olympiads, and tailored curriculum. Besides math, science, and English, we also offer enrichment in art, drama, ICT, and design (high school only). If your child loves to be challenged, please fill out [this form](#). Please remember, while we value parent input, a desire for enrichment must come primarily from your child.



We are Genevieve and Nazira, long-time teachers. Genevieve is a dedicated knowledge-seeker who spends her free time acquiring university degrees. Most recently, she finished a Master's in Gifted Education. Nazira speaks and teaches various languages after completing her Master's in Business and Economics in Beijing. She is continuing her education in AI Data Analytics. Both of us have travelled, lived, and learned in different countries.

We would love to hear from you, and will welcome any referrals you make via [the form](#). Contact us Genevieve at gmaser@bis.kg or Nazira at nverger@bis.kg.

Get to know our dedicated staff better by visiting the Staff Team section on [our school website](#). Each profile highlights the unique talents, qualifications, and experiences of our staff.

- [Specialist Explorer & Guide Team](#)
- [PYP Homeroom Team](#)
- [Middle and High School Form Teachers](#)
- [Academic Division Leaders](#)
- [Learning Diversity and Inclusion Counseling Team](#)
- [Administration Team](#)
- [Management Board](#)

STAFF
PROFILES

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION AND SAFETY PRACTICE PROCEDURES

Dear Parents and Guardians

In case we need to contact you during any emergency, we must have your up-to-date contact information, so please complete this [Emergency Contact Survey](#).

In the event of an emergency, students will normally be kept at school until they are picked up by you or another adult you have identified and is listed in your emergency contact information.

Also, in accordance with our [Health and Safety Policy](#), we hold practices every term for Fire, Earthquake and Armed Intruder. Every semester we also have an Evacuation Practice. The 'Armed Intruder' practice is played as a 'Hide & Seek' game, to hide from the 'Wolf'. This game is played so that younger students learn to stay quiet without being scared.

The exact day and time of practices is not announced in advance, as they happen without warning. This email to you is just so that you are aware that practices will happen and you may discuss them with your child if you wish to do so. Preschool and Primary Homeroom teachers also go over the practice requirements with their class once a term, so that students are not afraid when a practice is announced.

For **Fire Practice**, the fire alarm will sound, as it would in a real fire. We exit the building in an orderly fashion as quickly as possible and go to the outside assembly area.

For **Earthquake Practice**, the 'earthquake' is announced via the PA system. We follow the earthquake procedure to 'Drop, Cover, Hold', then count to 60 after the end of shaking. We evacuate only after counting to 60 and checking that exit routes are clear.

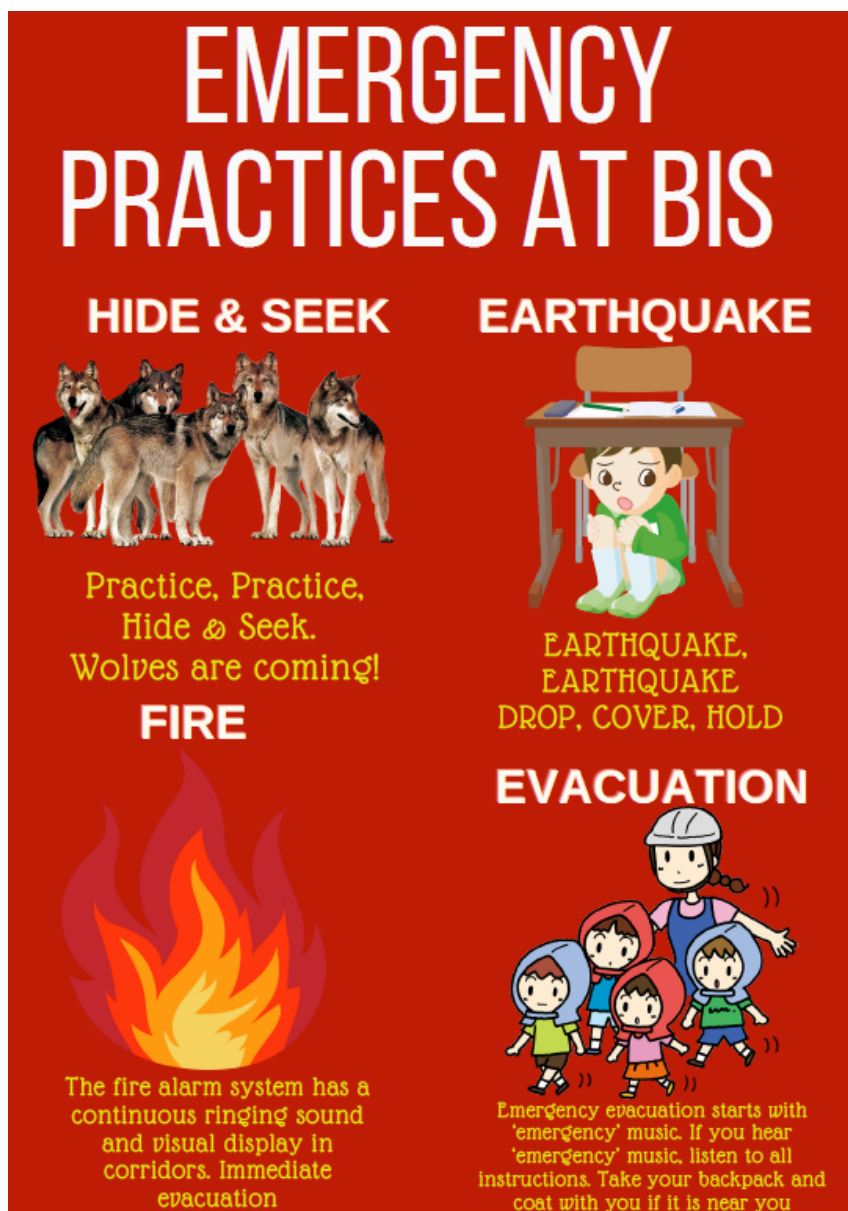
The **Hide & Seek – Wolf practice** is announced via the PA system, as "Practice, Practice, Hide & Seek, Wolves Are Coming". Students and staff lock down where they are and hide. Pizza for snack is the reward for all classes who do not have any students caught.

The **Evacuation Practice** is announced via the PA system and starts with an emergency music with further instructions about evacuation.

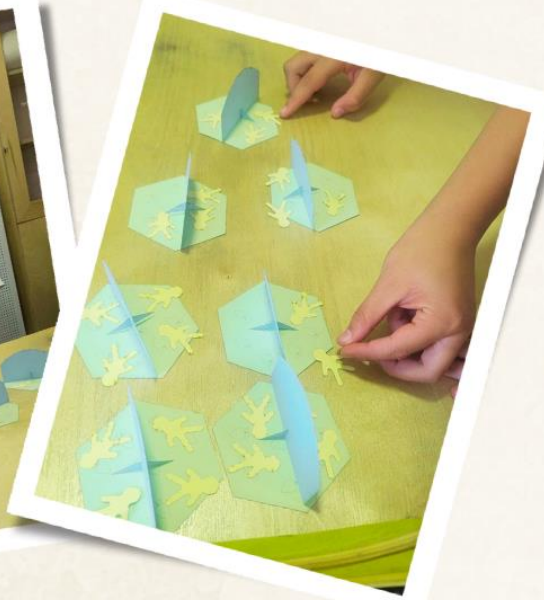
The PA system is only used for lesson bells and emergency situations or practices during the school day. This means that if anyone is speaking on the PA system during the day, we listen carefully and respond appropriately.

Thank you for your support to ensure the safety and well-being of all children. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration, Deputy Head of School



LEARNING BUSINESS THROUGH PLAY



During business class on Friday, Grade 9 played the Strawberry Fields game – a hands-on way into the factors of production and how a business gets going.

It was a fun and engaging way for students to put business concepts into practice and see how different factors come together to create a successful business.

Mr. Ivan, Business Studies Teacher

Meet Our Parents Association Members



We are pleased to introduce the members of our Parents Association, who play an important role in strengthening our school community and fostering collaboration between parents and the school. They are always happy to hear your ideas, suggestions, and feedback and to help make our community even more connected and supportive.

All BIS parents are automatically members of the Parents Association, and we encourage everyone to get involved, share ideas, and contribute to our school community.

If you would like to get in touch with the Parents Association, please contact them at pamc@bis.kg.



ANNIE JR. AUDITIONS ARE COMPLETE!

Annie JR.



This week, we successfully completed the auditions for our upcoming school musical, Annie JR. We are excited to announce that students from Grade 3 to Grade 12 have been selected to take part in the production. Starting next week, we will begin rehearsals! There is lots of exciting work ahead, including acting, singing, dancing, and learning to work together as a team.

We wish all our participants success, inspiration, and lots of enthusiasm as we begin this exciting journey together. We can't wait to see the show come to life!

The Performing Arts Department Team

BIS HOUSE LEADERS 2026-2027

At BIS, the House System brings students and staff together through teamwork, inclusion, leadership, and healthy competition. All students, from Preschool to High School, belong to one of three Houses: Phoenix, Piranhas, or Snow Leopards. Throughout the year, Houses earn points through events and challenges, working together toward the House Cup! You can check which House you belong to [here](#).

We are excited to introduce this year's House Leaders, who will guide, support, and inspire their Houses. They will also organize elections for House Captains and Vice-Captains. Students will be able to nominate themselves or another student, with nomination and election details shared next week. **Your voice. Your choice. Your House!**



PHOENIXES

Mr. Daniel
Ms. Morgan
Ms. Datkaiym



PIRANHAS

Ms. Deniz
Mr. Geoffrey
Ms. Mira



SNOW LEOPARDS

Mr. Matthew
Mr. Bolotbek
Ms. Erkeayim



DANCE AUDITIONS: SPAIN DESTINATION!

**DANCE
IN
SPAIN!**

*Spring
2027*

*Dance
Festival*



During ECA Hours

**FOR STUDENTS:
GRADES 5-12**

- ✱ Intense Choreography
- ✱ Technical Refinement
- ✱ Stage Presence & Confidence
- ✱ International Competition Prep



LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE! SIGN UP TODAY!

CELEBRATE ASIA AT BIS ASIA DAY FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, 19TH OF SEPTEMBER, 10:00-13:00

The BIS Asia Day Festival is on Saturday 19th September, 10:00 am to 13:00, as a celebration event for the wider community. If you are interested in creating a display table or activities to celebrate the special features of any Asian country or culture, please [complete this form](#), so that we can add your country or culture to the postcards for stamp collections as children move around the event.



You are invited!

Asia Day Festival



Travel around Asia with BIS Asia Day Festival celebrations
where you can encounter Asian food, performances, music and
much more!

Saturday, 19th of September 2026

10:00 to 13:00

Bishkek International School
67 A Bronirovannaya st

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 2nd – 4th is **Menu B**. You can view the [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 – 2026/27 Calendar is [here](#)

- 31st August - 1st September: School holidays
- 2nd – 11th September: G6-12 Overnight Trips & MYP Experiential Week
- 19th September, Saturday: Asia Day Festival
- 22nd September, Tuesday: Dinosaur Day – no screen day
- 24th September – 2nd October: PYP ‘Bring your Parents to School’ days
- 25th September, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association

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 2026/27 are given below:

Position	Name	Contact
BIS Reception	Aidana / Gulaiym / Aimira	info@bis.kg ; 0312 214 406, 0770 214 406
School Bus enquiries	Burmakan Birnazarova	bus@bis.kg
ECA (extra-curricular activities) enquiries	Bojana Askovic / Nazira Almasbekova	eca@bis.kg
ManageBac & SchoolsBuddy Administration	Esentur Dildebekov	edildebekov@bis.kg
Admissions Officers	Gulsara Sheraly kyzy / Begimai Urmanbetova	admissions@bis.kg ; 0706 200 200
Registrar	Nurbek Chagataev	nchagataev@bis.kg
Doctor	Asel Turusbaeva	doctor@bis.kg
Head of School	David Grant	dgrant@bis.kg
Head of Administration / Deputy Head of School	Mirzat Osmonova	mosmonova@bis.kg
High School Principal	Nurbek Chagataev	nchagataev@bis.kg
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Primary School Principal	Elina Ignatova	eignatova@bis.kg
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MYP Coordinator	Claire Berger	cberger@bis.kg
PYP Coordinator	Daniel Bilog	dbilog@bis.kg
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Learning Diversity, Inclusion and Counselling (LDIC) Coordinator	Kyzjibek Tekenova	ktekenova@bis.kg
EPIC Coordinator	Genevieve Maser	gmaser@bis.kg
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Parents Association President	Seetha Malik	papres@bis.kg ; pamc@bis.kg
Parents Association Secretary	Secretary	pasec@bis.kg

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Grade 12	Alexander Sheyerman & Lane Spies	asheyerman@bis.kg ; lspies@bis.kg

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)



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



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



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



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Preschool Discoveries

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PRESCHOOL 1

Our first week in Preschool 1 has been a time of new beginnings, gentle introductions, and getting to know one another.

The children have been exploring their new classroom, discovering where things belong, learning simple daily routines, and becoming familiar with their teachers and classmates. We enjoyed stories, songs, art, sensory activities, movement, and plenty of time for free play and exploration.

There have been many little moments along the way — discovering a new toy, joining an activity, sitting

beside a friend, trying something independently, or simply becoming more comfortable in the classroom.

We understand that starting preschool is a big change for little ones. We are taking each day as it comes, offering patience, comfort, encouragement, and plenty of care as the children find their own rhythm.

Thank you, dear families, for trusting us with your little ones and for supporting them through this important first step. We are looking forward to growing together, one small step at a time.

Ms. Laura, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

We are happy to begin the new school year together in Preschool 2! It was wonderful to welcome the children back and see them settling into their new classroom, reconnecting with old friends, and getting to know new friends and routines.

This week, we focused on helping the children feel comfortable and confident in their new classroom. We explored our learning areas, practiced our daily

routines, and spent time getting to know one another through play, conversations, and shared experiences.

The children enjoyed exploring different learning centers, including sensory play, creative activities, construction, and imaginative play. It has been a lovely start to the school year, and we are looking forward to all the learning, playing, and exploring ahead!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Our first week of the new academic year went even better than we planned! We were delighted to welcome our new families and excited to see our familiar faces again.

This week, we had lots of fun getting to know one another, learning our friends' names, exploring our classroom through a classroom tour, and making colourful bracelets and necklaces. We also created special first-day handprints using our favourite colours.

Our outdoor adventures were just as exciting! The children enjoyed swinging, sliding, playing in the sand,

making mud cookies, and watering our plants. We also had wonderful experiences in Art, P.E., Music, and Dance.

We visited the library, where we enjoyed exploring and reading picture books together.

The transition is going well, and with a little more time, we will settle into our routines perfectly. It has been a fantastic first week, and we look forward to many more adventures ahead!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

