



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

**VOICES**



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## GRADE 0 YELLOW EXPLORES KYRGYZ CULTURE ON A TRIP TO SUPARA

Grade 0 Yellow recently enjoyed a wonderful educational trip to the ethno-complex Supara, where the students had the opportunity to explore nature and learn outside the classroom. Students explored aspects of Kyrgyz culture and history by observing traditional artefacts in the interactive museum and comparing them with modern-day items, helping them understand how life has changed over time.

The trip was not only educational but also a great opportunity for the children to build friendships and develop confidence in a new environment. Grade 0 Yellow returned to school with many happy memories and new experiences to share.



## From London to Our Playground

Did you know we have some pieces of London on our playground? On Friday (Feb 27), the **Grade 6 ELA** class had an exciting journey into English culture during their lesson on “*What to do in London at different times of the year,*” as their special guest was Simon Tottman from London. This lesson was held as part of the Community Engagement program.

The students shared their knowledge about London and asked questions based on their research, which made the experience meaningful and engaging. Simon really liked the speeches they prepared and praised their speaking and pronunciation skills, saying that he cannot speak another language like the students do. Their conversation made learning more real and exposed the students to another culture and accent. One student was greatly surprised to find that Simon’s accent was exactly the same as the speaker’s accent in their Listening tasks, and she kept asking, “Hasn’t Mr. Simon voiced our audio tasks?”

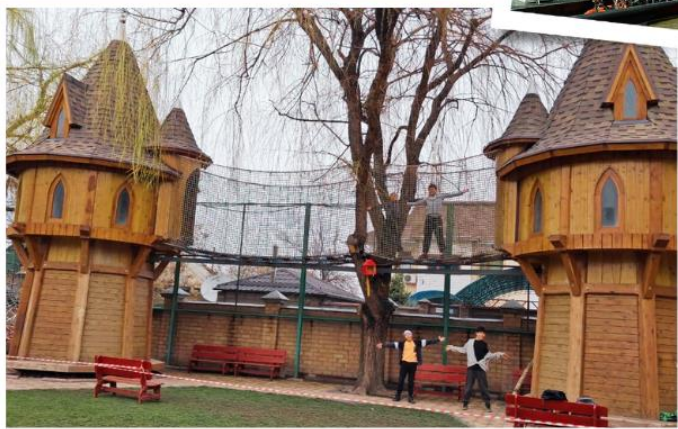
While Ms. Nargiza was showing a slide presentation with amazing pictures and a video of places in London provided by Simon, the students discussed places, events, football teams, lifestyle, and other popular aspects of life in London. They learned that the April Marathon runners usually run through Simon’s street, and at that time he cannot even cross the road to go to the shop.

After the lesson, the students went to the playground, and this time we recognized the places we had talked about during the lesson. Tower Bridge is like our two tree houses, and you can easily identify the Kew Gardens Treetop Walkway where the BIS students run and play every day.

**Ms. Nargiza, ELA Teacher**



Simon lives on Narrow Street in an area called Limehouse, and his neighbor is Ian McKellen, who played Gandalf in *The Lord of the Rings* films. Simon often travels to Kyrgyzstan with his Kyrgyz wife. He shared many interesting facts about London and explained some things by comparing them with the local culture, which made the conversation unique and enjoyable. It was a very fun and powerful learning experience for everybody.



## Young Basketball Team Shows Great Teamwork

On February 28, a combined team of our school (players born in 2015–2016) took part in the competition and finished in second place.

The team showed great effort, teamwork, and fighting spirit throughout the tournament. A special mention goes to Chess and Kosey, who won the shooting contest.

We are proud of our young athletes and look forward to their future competitions, including the upcoming 3x3 games.

**Ms. Diana, PE Teacher**



## Governing Board Retreat Focuses on the Future of BIS



On 4 March, the BIS Governing Board held a full-day retreat focused on strategic discussions about the school's future. The retreat provided an opportunity for Board members to reflect, collaborate, and discuss key priorities for the continued development of BIS. As part of the retreat, the Board also visited the land in Chon Tash/Tash Dobo that is being considered for the school's future campus. The visit allowed members to see the site and discuss possibilities for the school's long-term development. The retreat provided valuable time for thoughtful discussion and planning as the Governing Board continues to support the long-term growth and vision of BIS.

**Alina Seitalieva, Governance and Events Officer**

# VERBATIM THEATRE



Our Grade 8 drama students have been exploring verbatim theatre, where scripts are created from real interviews conducted with students, teachers, kitchen staff, cleaners, and others around our school community.

Each group chose a theme and used those real words to perform short pieces that bring awareness and empathy to experiences we might not always see. One such performance, titled "First Day of School," shared the honest voices of students who felt excluded during their first days—reminding us all how small acts of welcome can make a big difference.

Well done to our Grade 8s for giving voice to real stories and building understanding through theatre. Here is [the link](#) for their performance.



# IMPROV PLAYGROUND ECA

Take a bow, our amazing cast! This week at Improv Playground, our actors traded scripts for spontaneity. The challenge? Using physical techniques to react in the moment to whatever their fellow actors said or did.



The result was a whirlwind of creativity, quick thinking, and non-stop laughs as they built imaginative scenes out of thin air!

**Mr. Geoffrey, Drama Teacher**



# Taigan Culture Week



This week at BIS, we celebrated Taigan Culture Week with our Generosity Statue! Students and staff passed the statue to someone who showed real generosity — helping, supporting, or encouraging others — and recorded each act on the Café Glass Wall. See our community keeping generosity moving across the school!



# The Chain of Generosity

# CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS

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

**Marcel** (Grade 0)

**Aalym** (Grade 2)

**Nina** (Grade 10)

**Jibek, Nurislam** (Grade 12)

**KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Inquirers):**

**Kirill, Nursultan, Tair, Aleksandr** (Grade 2)

**Arseniy, Alan, Amir** (Grade 11)

**BROCC (Balanced, Risk-Takers, Open-Minded, Communicators):**

**Leo** (Grade 1)

**Artur** (Grade 2)

**Marat** (Grade 12)



# BASKETBALL AWARDS

	U15 GIRLS	U15 BOYS	U19 GIRLS	U19 BOYS
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Nii Mira Savruk	Ege Mert Kaya	Saikal Tursalieva	Marat Bekbolotov
COACHES AWARD	Akniya Dayirbekova	Jaewon Jang	Ailin Segizbaeva	Sandro Kvatchadze
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Lucia Piana	Samat Nurbaev	Mekhriban Asadullaeva	Javid Aliyev





## **BIS MUSIC ACADEMY SPRING CONCERT**

The BIS Music Academy is delighted to invite you to our Spring Concert, which will take place on March 12 at 17:00 in the take place at the Shubin Central Children's Music School, on 101 Moskovskaya st.

Admission to the concert is free. Free tickets can be collected at the reception of our school.

We would be happy to see you, your friends, and your family members to share this musical celebration together and support our young performers.



**SPRING RECITAL**

# **BIS MUSIC ACADEMY**

**FREE**

**12.03.2026**

**5 P.M.**

**LOCATION:**

**SHUBIN CENTRAL CHILDREN'S MUSIC SCHOOL**

## INTERNATIONAL SPRING SALE

Dear Students, Teachers, and Parents,

We are excited to announce that our school will be participating in the International Schools Spring Sale on March 14th.

Our Student Council will be hosting a stand where we will be selling hand-made goods. We warmly invite you to come and support us!

All funds raised will be donated to an elderly home in Bishkek, in partnership with the organizing volunteer groups Act for Community and Open Hearts.

The event will take place at **Asia Mall (3rd floor) from 12:00 to 16:00.**

In addition to the various school stands, there will be student performances, a lottery with exciting prizes, and fun challenges where you can win awards.

We encourage you to attend and invite your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there and making a positive impact together.



Ariella Zhuleva, Student Council Vice President

## LIBRARY UPDATE: SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

We are happy to announce that our Book Club is up and running!

The Scholastic International School Book Club is a fantastic way to get great value children's books from around the world.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS



**EVERY ORDER EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**ORDERS ARE DUE  
SUNDAY,  
15 MARCH 2026**

**SHOP AT:**

<https://eu-shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/bishkekinternationalschool>

**The books will be delivered to BIS directly from the UK in April.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [library@bis.kg](mailto:library@bis.kg).

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR FOSTERING A LOVE FOR READING IN OUR STUDENTS.**



# NOORUZ SPRING FESTIVAL

- Students performances
- National food and games

Date: Thursday, 26th of March  
Time: 14:30-17:00

## OUR CURRICULUM

The curriculum for each level of the school are available online for you to review.

[PYP Curriculum 25/26](#)

[MYP Curriculum 25/26](#)

[IGCSE Curriculum 25/26](#)

[DP Curriculum 25/26](#)

## AI ASSISTANT FOR BIS POLICIES & HANDBOOKS

[AI Assistant for BIS Policies & Handbooks](#)

[Parents & Guardians Handbook](#)

[BIS Policies and Handbooks](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for March 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> is **Menu A**. 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](#)

- 12<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday: Music Academy Recital
- 13<sup>th</sup> March, Friday: G12 CAS/G11 TOK Exploration
- 15<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday: Interschool Chess Tournament
- 16-20 March: Spring Break
- 26 March, Thursday: G12 Visual Art Exhibition / Nooruz at BIS
- 28 March, Saturday: BISMUN – Model United Nations
- 10-11 April, Saturday-Sunday: AISB Volleyball
- 14 April, Tuesday: MYP Community Projects Presentation
- 17 April, Friday: Poetry Slam (**new date**)
- 15-19 April: CAFA Volleyball – Tashkent

## 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 2025/26 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.



[BIS news \(Eng\)](#) OR [BIS новости \(Рус\)](#)



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



## PRESCHOOL 1

Last week in our class, we explored the topic “Animals Around Us.” The children were very curious and excited to learn about different animals and the sounds they make. This week, we also began exploring animal body parts, discovering that animals have body parts just like people.

During Circle Time, we talked about eyes, ears, legs, and tails and compared them with our own body parts. The children enjoyed pointing to their eyes, ears, and legs while looking at pictures of animals.

The children also worked on animal puzzles, carefully finding tails, paws, whiskers, and eyes. Arien especially enjoyed completing a wooden puzzle and proudly discovered a zebra.

At the sensory table, the children played with green sand, imagining it as wildlife and animal habitats. This activity encouraged exploration and creativity as they played with different animal figures.

One of the children’s favorite activities was our “What’s in the Box?” game. The children excitedly reached inside the mystery box to find different animals and guess what they discovered.

It was a joyful and engaging week of learning, and we are excited to continue discovering more about animals together!

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



## PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, children continued learning about animals and their needs.

We explored farm animals and talked about how animals live on farms and how people take care of them.

During circle time, we discussed what animals need to live, such as food, water, and shelter, and we sang *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*. Children learned that farmers feed and care for the animals, just like in the song.

We also talked about what some farm animals eat, such as carrots for rabbits, hay for horses, grass for cows and sheep, and grains for chickens. Children enjoyed feeding and caring for animals during farm-themed dramatic play.

In phonics, we introduced the sound /p/ and practiced identifying words that begin with this sound. In math, children practiced recognizing numbers and matching numbers with quantities through hands-on activities.

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



## PRESCHOOL 3

This week in Preschool 3 was full of exciting hands-on learning as we explored Natural and Man-Made things. The children discovered that our planet is filled with both! We talked about natural things that nature provides, such as mountains, water bodies, trees, grass, sand, rocks, and flowers. The children enjoyed drawing and sharing the natural items they saw around them.

We also learned about man-made things, which are objects created by people, such as buildings, cars, pencils, paint, paper, and many of the materials we use in our classroom. The children were surprised to realize how many everyday items are made by people. We also explored things that are both natural and man-made, like paper, wooden furniture, cotton clothes, fruit juice, and houses.

To conclude the topic, the children worked in groups to create posters and confidently presented them during Show and Tell, demonstrating wonderful teamwork and growing confidence.

As part of Generous Week at BIS, the children also made beautiful colorful paper flowers for Women's Day to thank our security lady Ms. Asel, our preschool cleaning lady Ms. Baktygul, and our kitchen lady Ms. Aigul for all the care and hard work they do for us.

In Math, we focused on the square shape and learned about its four equal sides. In Phonics, we practiced the r sound and introduced the h sound.

We look forward to our next learning adventure as we begin exploring Habitats next week!

**Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher**

