



**Bishkek
International
School**

VoICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 3 / 2026-27

4th September 2026

GRADE 12 FIELD TRIP TO CHOLPON-ATA

The Grade 12 Geography students recently travelled to Cholpon-Ata for an exciting fieldwork trip, putting their classroom learning into practice. Based at Uyut Guesthouse, students explored the city while conducting questionnaires, collecting data, and making observations as part of their Geography research. The trip also offered a chance to experience local culture, with a visit to the hippodrome to watch Kok Boru on the World Nomad Games.

It was a valuable and memorable experience that combined academic learning, teamwork, and exploration.



DISCOVERING THE SECRETS OF OUR SKELETON



Grade 2 students started investigating the body systems and the functions they have that help our bodies work well. During the lesson, learners explored what would happen if the human body did not have bones. They discovered that bones form a system called the **skeleton**, which helps the body move and provides support and protection for the internal organs.

During the “**Skeleton Hand**” activity, learners combined science with art by tracing their hands and adding see-through bones to create their own skeleton hands.



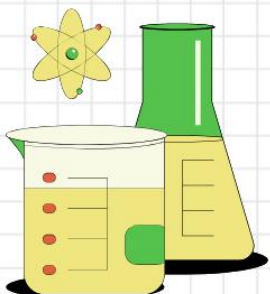
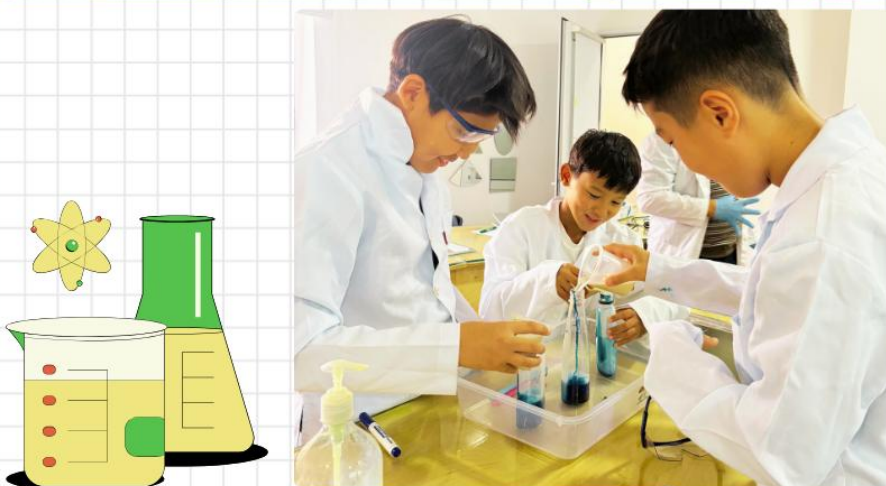
The students had so much fun discovering how bones support and protect our bodies while getting creative with their artwork. They were excited to compare their skeleton hands with one another and identify the similarities and differences in their designs.

Grade 2 Blue

THE MAGIC OF ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE

Our students are learning how to write proper lab reports while having fun with science! Through exciting experiments such as Elephant Toothpaste, they are developing their observation, data collection, analysis, and scientific communication skills.

As they watch the dramatic foamy reaction unfold, students carefully record their observations, analyse the results, and practise explaining the science behind what they see — making learning both hands-on and memorable.



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Lukas, Leila (Grade 1)

Emilia, Zere (Grade 2)

Maria (Grade 7)

Zimo, Bermet, Asher (Grade 8)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Inquirers):

Deniz (Grade 1)

Yangming (Grade 2)

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

Raniya (Grade 1)

Deniz (Grade 9)

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

Saikal (Grade 12)



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 7th – 11th is **Menu C**. 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](#)

- 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
- 30th September, Wednesday: Sports Day – Grades 4-12
- 8th October, Thursday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association (new date)
- 9-10 October, Friday-Saturday: CAFA Cross Country – Karagach Roche
- 14th October, Wednesday: Mental Health Awareness Day
- 15th October, Thursday: Parent Teacher Meetings (PTMs)
- 16th October, Friday: UN Day at BIS
- 16-17 October, Friday-Saturday: AISB Football Tournament at UWIS
- 19-26 October: Autumn (Fall) Break

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:

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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)



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



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Preschool Discoveries

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PRESCHOOL 1

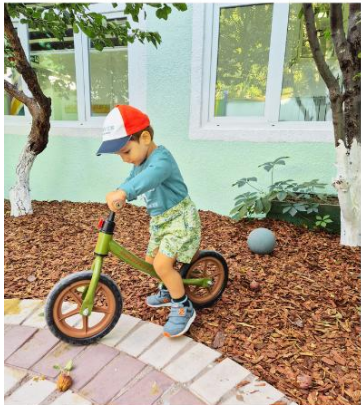
It was a lovely short week in Preschool 1 as the children continued getting comfortable with their new environment. During this adaptation period, we focused on helping the children become familiar with their daily routines, classroom spaces, teachers, and friends.

One of the highlights of the week was our first visit to the library. The children explored the new space, looked at books, and experienced a new part of their

school routine. It was a positive first library experience for the group.

Through play, songs, stories, and simple activities, the children had opportunities to explore, connect, and gradually build confidence. We will continue to give each child the time and support they need as they settle into their preschool journey.

Ms. Laura, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

It was a short week, but Preschool 2 friends kept doing a wonderful job settling into our classroom routines. This week, we worked together to create our Essential Agreements, the ways we agree to treat each other in our classroom. We talked about being gentle with our hands, sharing, helping each other tidy up, using inside voices, and walking feet.

Each child then placed their handprint on our Essential Agreements wall, right next to photos of themselves showing the rules in action. They loved seeing their

own pictures and handprints up there with everyone else's.

We also read *How Do Dinosaurs Show Good Manners?* by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague, and it fit right in with everything we'd just talked about, saying please and thank you, taking turns, and helping one another.

We'll keep practicing these agreements together in the weeks ahead.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week was short, but that did not stop us from having an amazing time in Preschool 3!

Our focus this week was learning about our class visual schedule and classroom rules. We talked about being kind to one another, using kind words such as *sorry* and *thank you*, keeping our hands to ourselves, using listening ears and inside voices, and finding simple ways to solve conflicts with our friends.

For a fun reflection activity, the children picked picture cards showing different classroom rules and acted them out in front of their classmates using actions and

simple sentences. This was a wonderful way to practise and understand our classroom expectations.

We also enjoyed outdoor play, colourful art activities, fun P.E. games, dance, exciting ECAs, and a lovely visit to the library.

It was another joyful week in Preschool 3! We look forward to more fun and learning next week as we finalize our class Essential Agreement together.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

