



**Bishkek
International
School**

Voices



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 6 / 2026-27

25th September 2026

ASIA DAY FESTIVAL

Last Saturday, BIS was filled with vibrant colours, music, laughter, and the wonderful traditions of Asia as our community came together for Asia Day. Students and families enjoyed fun games, exciting cultural performances, and activities celebrating the incredible diversity of the continent. From beautiful national costumes to energetic performances, students proudly shared their appreciation of different Asian cultures while earning valuable House points along the way. It was a joyful day of discovery, connection, and celebration – and a wonderful reminder of how much we can learn from one another.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this special day possible!



BIS Snapshot: Asia Day Festival



DINOSAUR DAY

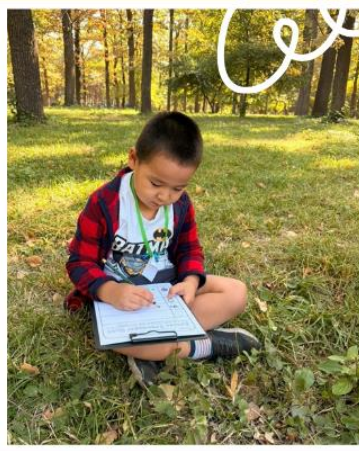


Learning Beyond the Screen

On Tuesday, BIS celebrated Dinosaur Day, giving students and teachers a chance to step away from screens and experience learning in a completely different way. For the day, students and staff could not use any devices with screens. Students and teachers were challenged to work together, think creatively, solve problems, and take part in activities without relying on technology. The day encouraged everyone to learn, communicate, collaborate, and have fun in a more active and hands-on environment.



EXPLORING OUR FIVE SENSES AT ATA-TURK PARK



This week, our Grade 0 students enjoyed an exciting field trip to **Ata-Turk Park**, where they took their learning beyond the classroom and into the fresh air! As part of our exploration of the **five senses**, the children participated in a fun **Five Senses Scavenger Hunt**, searching for things they could **see, hear, smell, and touch** around the park.

They even had the opportunity to use their **sense of taste** while enjoying a lovely picnic together! It was a wonderful day filled with curiosity, exploration, outdoor learning, and lots of happy moments.

Grade Zero Team



GRADE 4 DINOSAUR DAY IN VICTORY PARK



We did team-building activities to help students connect with nature without desks, paper, or pencils. Students completed several tasks using only natural items found on the ground, such as leaves, stones, soil, branches, and twigs.

It gave the students an opportunity to collaborate with their peers and connect with nature. Everyone worked together extremely well, helping teachers see their students in a new setting and recognize their leadership skills.

Grade 4 Team





Marius, Leo, and Yangming:

This team created a model of the digestive system and explained how it works and how food moves through the different parts.

[Watch the video](#)

GRADE 2 BLUE: LEARNING ABOUT OUR BODIES THROUGH PE

Grade 2 Blue students have been learning about the body organs and how they work together. During the PE lesson, they had an opportunity to work in teams to create models of different body systems and explain how and why they work. Watch the videos to hear their explanation!

Ms. Stella, PE Teacher



Miron, Amina, and Daliya:

This team created a model of the respiratory system and explained where the process starts and how air moves through the system.

[Watch the video](#)



Nina, Sulaiman, and Musa:

This team created a 3D model of the lungs and explained how the lungs work and how air moves in and out of the body.

[Watch the video](#)



Zere, Darika, and Alima:

They created a model of the digestive system and explained how food travels from the mouth through the food pipe, into the small intestine, and then into the large intestine.

[Watch the video](#)

LUNGS DISSECTION EXPERIMENT



During their Science lesson, Grade 10 students took part in a hands-on lung dissection experiment. They carefully examined the structure of the lungs and observed how different parts work together as part of the respiratory system.

The practical activity helped students connect their theoretical knowledge with real biological structures. By observing and handling the lungs directly, students gained a deeper understanding of lung anatomy and the process of breathing.



THIS WEEK IN EPIC

EPIC students had the great luck of being at the botanical gardens when the soil arrived. How we enjoyed the soil! Or was it the wheelbarrow rides? The soil is from the dry foothills and will need care and nourishment to support seeds and trees.



We have started our on-campus compost, which grows as quickly as it decomposes. Students will become soil & plant doctors, learning how to restore and repair a small ecosystem. They also built the frame of a shelter, all from organic materials. Triangles make the strongest structures, while mud and grass make great cement. Behold the new EPIC headquarters! Hope we can all fit...

Ms. Genevieve, EPIC Coordinator



THANK YOU TO PAMC!



A big thank you to the Parent Association (PAMC) for taking part in our Asia Day celebration and for organising a wonderful PAMC table. We really appreciated the refreshments, tea and coffee, and, of course, the freshly made popcorn! Thank you for helping make the celebration even more enjoyable for our school community.



NEW FACES AT BIS: MR. ANTON

Hello everyone, I'm Anton. My move to Kyrgyzstan feels like a coming-full-circle moment. I was born in Soviet Kazakhstan in the 1980s, raised in New York City, and educated at Dartmouth College, where I earned a bachelor's in French literature and economics, and Harvard University, where I had a master's in Eurasian studies and a Master of Education. Prior to Kyrgyzstan, I've had the privilege of teaching at international American and IB schools in Ukraine, Bulgaria, and, most recently, France. I am glad



Observation post along the Panj River

to return to my native region to share its beauty with my 6-year-old daughter, who has started first grade at BIS.

Speaking of beauty, ten years ago, I had an unforgettable experience of travelling through the region that has stayed with me ever since. Supported by Community-Based Tourism (CBT) – a Kyrgyz organization that connects travelers with local families in remote areas – we embarked on a road trip along the Pamir Highway. Our adventure took us from Osh through Tajikistan's Badakhshan region along the border with Afghanistan. We encountered dazzling mountains, bleak deserts, breathtaking oases, beautiful lakes, and vibrant wildlife, but the highlight was undoubtedly the people we met: strong, hospitable, and, always, kind! This is why I love this region!



Stunning Peak Lenin (+7k mountain on the border between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan)

Mr. Anton, English Language & Literature Teacher



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

CPR (CARING, PRINCIPLED, REFLECTIVE):

Artur, Layana (Grade 3)

Dasha, Mikhail (Grade 4)

Regina (Grade 5)

KTI (KNOWLEDGEABLE, THINKERS, INQUIRERS):

Aibek (Grade 3)

Emir (Grade 4)

Aerin, Jude, Kseniya, Samira, Sarah (Grade 5)

BROC (BALANCED, RISK-TAKERS, OPEN-MINDED, COMMUNICATORS):

Amin (Grade 3)

Cullen (Grade 4)

Altai (Grade 5)

RESILIENT (THE PATH MAY BE DIFFICULT, BUT I WILL SUCCEED):

Alice (Grade 3)

Adil (Grade 4)



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The Governing Board held its first meeting of the 2026/27 school year on 23 September.

The meeting focused on key priorities for the year ahead, including the continued development of the BIS campus, school improvement, governance, financial planning, innovation and the role of AI in education.

The Board also reflected on the BIS Annual Survey 2026 and how the feedback from our community can support future planning and development.

The meeting provided a positive start to the new school year, with the Board continuing to work together on the long-term development and sustainability of BIS.

BIS ANNUAL SURVEY 2026 RESULTS

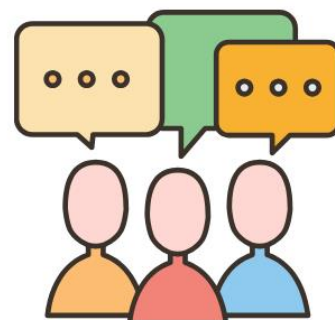
Thank you to everyone who participated in the BIS Annual Survey 2026. Your feedback helps us recognise what we are doing well and identify areas for further improvement.

All responses were anonymous, and the results have been carefully reviewed to help guide our future planning and decision-making.

You can find the BIS Annual Survey 2026 results [here](#).

Thank you for your valuable feedback and continued support of the BIS community.

Alina Seitalieva, Governance and Event Officer



JOIN US FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES FROM 28 SEPTEMBER TO 30 OCTOBER

From next week Monday 28 September to Friday 30 October we're inviting parents to join us for lunch and see for themselves.

To try the school lunches, please complete [this form](#) to request lunch on your preferred date. After submitting the form, you'll receive an email confirmation with the details.

On your selected day, please arrive at 13:00 and proceed to the internal reception to pay 100 som for lunch. You can then enjoy your meal in the café.



Please take note of the following menu schedule:

- 28 September - 2 October Menu B
- 5 October - 9 October Menu C
- 12 October - 16 October Menu D
- 27 October - 30 October Menu A

Link to A, B, C, D Menu can be found [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to our lunch table and hearing your feedback!



SPORTS DAY

From Grade 4-12

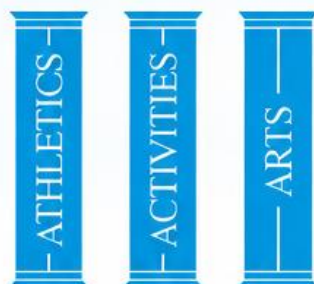
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SEPTEMBER

**Alga Sports complex, Bishkek,
st. Usenbaeva, 200/1.**



HOSTED BY BIS



CAFA

Central Asia Federation of Athletics,
Activities and Arts

TOGETHER THROUGH SPORT



X-Country

KARAGACH PARK

OCTOBER 9 AND 10, 2026

DAY 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9



ALL RUNNERS
4000 m

COED RELAYS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9



U15 – 4 x 1000 m
U19 – 4 x 1000 m

DAY 2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10



U19 – 5000 m
U15 – 3000 m

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for September 28th – October 2nd 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](#)

- 25-26 September, Friday-Saturday: CAFA Conference at BIS ‘Architects of Tomorrow: Shaping Future-Ready Students’
- 30th September, Wednesday: Sports Day – Grades 4-12
- 8th October, Thursday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association
- 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)



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, we continued learning about “Taking Care of My Body” and explored simple ways to look after ourselves through songs, art, play, and everyday experiences. We sang a fun tooth-brushing song and talked about the importance of taking care of our teeth. The children then practised brushing the teeth on a mouth drawn on their own sheet of paper, making the experience playful and hands-on.

We also spent lots of time outdoors, enjoying the warm and sunny days. The children had opportunities to play, explore, and paint outside, developing their creativity while enjoying the fresh air.

Thursday was our special “Sticker Day”! The tables were prepared by covering them with paper, and the

children had great fun decorating the paper with colourful stickers. They were very engaged in choosing, peeling, and placing the stickers, while naturally developing their fine-motor skills, concentration, and independence.

At the end of the week, the children also helped to add family photos to our Family Corner. They enjoyed looking at familiar faces and sharing this special part of their lives with their friends.

It was a lovely week filled with hands-on learning, creativity, movement, and opportunities to practise caring for ourselves.

Ms. Laura, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we talked a lot about friendship, what it means to be a friend, and how we can be kind to each other.

We started with “One for You, One for Me,” where the children practised sharing blocks and snacks with a friend, one at a time. We also read *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister and talked about sharing, kindness, and how we can politely say “Not right now” or “No, thank you” when we are not ready to share something.

Throughout the week, the children practiced taking turns, asking politely for a turn, and waiting for their friends while passing the ball. We also sang “The More We Get Together” during circle time.

At our Math table, “Cookies to Share” helped the children practice “one for you, one for me” by sharing pretend cookies between two friends.

In Kyrgyz class with Ms Zharkyn, the children practiced saying “Menin dosum” (my friend). During Art, the children painted Rainbow Fish in rainbow colors and added their own shiny, glittering scales. They also worked together to create a colorful Friendship Banner, which now has a special place in our classroom.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week in Preschool 3 was full of fun and learning! We continued exploring our *Who We Are* unit and learned how healthy bodies and positive relationships are important for our growth.

We explored healthy and less healthy foods and discovered that too many of our favourite treats may not be good for our tummies. We also shared ideas about how we care for ourselves, including brushing our hair and teeth, washing our hands and bodies, getting dressed independently, eating well, and getting enough rest. The children had lots of fun practising these healthy habits with dolls by washing, dressing, brushing, feeding, and putting them to rest.

We also practised caring actions such as using kind words, listening, helping, sharing, saying “please,” “thank you,” and “sorry.”

A highlight was our first **Dinosaur Day**, when we enjoyed a screen-free day and spent more time talking and playing together!

In Math, we counted and sorted objects by different attributes. In Phonics, we reviewed /s/ and /a/, introduced /t/, and blended our first word: **sat**.

What a wonderful week in Preschool 3! We look forward to more adventures next week!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

