



**Bishkek
International
School**

VoICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 7 / 2026-27

2nd October 2026

SPORTS DAY

BIS Sports Day brought Grades 4–12 together at Alga Stadium on Tuesday for a day full of energy, excitement, and team spirit. Students took part in a variety of running events and House relay races, showing their determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the competition.

The stadium was filled with cheers and encouragement as students challenged themselves, supported their teammates, and celebrated each other's achievements. It was wonderful to see students demonstrating resilience, commitment, and fair play while enjoying the excitement of competing together.



BIS Snapshot: Sports Day





SPORTS DAY RESULTS



60 Metres

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
PS Girls	Stanislava Levoniuk	Saliya Maksatova	Ayla Sakebaeva
PS Boys	Luka Demuth	Ajibek Otorbaev	Abbas Sanzharbekov

400 Metres

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
MS Girls	Marua Kapysheva	Roksana Nuritdinova	Ailin Asadullaeva
MS Boys	Kiharu Nishiyama	Azamat Mirzonabotov	Allan Nurbolotov
HS Girls	Albena Sergeenkova	Rimma Dzhamankulova	Hisaki Nishiyama
HS Boys	Paul Robles	Simon Wilson	Chyngyz Alanov

100 Metres

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
PS Girls	Stanislava Levoniuk	Zahra Saidova	Saliya Maksatova
PS Boys	Luka Demuth	Abbas Sanzharbekov	Ajibek Otorbaev
MS Girls	Nil Mira Savruk	Darin Gunes	Suvani Thapa
MS Boys	Kiharu Nishiyama	Azamat Mirzonabotov	Allan Nurbolotov
HS Girls	Albena Sergeenkova	Rimma Dzhamankulova	Amira Mukasheva
HS Boys	Chyngyz Alanov	Paul Robles	Jaewon Jang

800 Metres

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
MS Girls	Ailin Asadullaeva	Marua Kapysheva	Shuyang Fan
MS Boys	Kiharu Nishiyama	Altai Tursaliev	Amir Yamada
HS Girls	Hisaki Nishiyama	Dzhamilia Aalieva	Anel Kongantieva
HS Boys	Chyngyz Alanov	Paul Robles	Alybek Ybraimov

Relay 4x100

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
PS	Phoenixes	Snow leopards	Piranhas
MS	Phoenixes	Piranhas	Snow leopards
HS	Phoenixes	Snow leopards	Piranhas



2nd Place
500 House Points



1st Place
1040 House Points



3rd Place
440 House Points

BRING YOUR PARENTS TO SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you so much for joining us for our Bring Your Parents to School Days and for sharing your positive observations and feedback.

The past two weeks have been filled with students' laughter, smiles, and a high level of engagement in learning. Your presence at these events strengthens the connection between home and school and reminds us that we are all part of one team supporting our children.

We hope you enjoyed seeing our school community in action and gained a deeper insight into your child's learning experience.

Ms. Elina, Primary School Principal





BRING YOUR PARENTS TO SCHOOL

BRING YOUR PARENTS TO SCHOOL: GRADE 2 YELLOW SHARE THEIR LEARNING



Our 'Bring your Parents to School' event was a great opportunity for parents to see first-hand how we work on Social skills, communication skills, and demonstrate our knowledge of the Central Idea and the lines of inquiry in our Unit.

Students worked well in presenting their understanding in teams and parents also read a small fact they prepared for their parents. Thank you for being part of our learning!

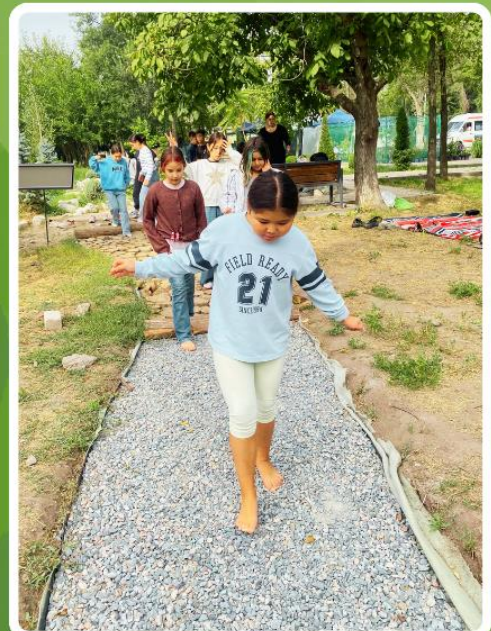
Ms. Maria, Grade 2 Yellow Homeroom Teacher



GRADE 5 EXPLORES NATURE AND WELLBEING



As part of their "Who We Are" UOI, Grade 5 students visited the Botanical Garden and a rehabilitation zoo. They learned about caring for nature and animals and explored how spending time in nature can support our wellbeing.



INQUIRIES WEEK: SCIENCE CURIOSITY EXPERIMENTS WITH MS. BIVO



We had an amazing time exploring the magic of chemistry this week using safe, child-friendly items like water, vegetable oil, food color, baking soda, and effervescent mint powder! Here is what our mini-scientists achieved:

- * The Colorful Fountain: We mixed water, baking soda, and bright food coloring in a glass. When we added an activator, a spectacular, fizzy rush of foam erupted over the top like a vibrant volcano!
- * The Colorful Music Bottle: We poured water and food coloring into bottles, then topped them with vegetable oil. The kids loved seeing the layers separate perfectly and tapping the bottles to hear different musical notes.
- * Lava Lamp Explosion: We filled jars with water, food coloring, and oil. Dropping in effervescent mint powder made hypnotic, bubbling blobs of color dance up and down like magic!



BASKETBALL SEASON OPENING



The basketball season officially opened on Sunday, September 27!

Our three teams played friendly games: U11, U15 and U19 boys. For our youngest students, it was their first basketball game, and some of our new students also played their first game for the school.

It was a great start to the new season. The students had a chance to play together, gain experience and enjoy the game.

A big thank you to all the parents who came to support our teams. Your support means a lot to our players and to me as their coach!

I am looking forward to the rest of the season and many more games together.

Ms. Diana, PE Teacher



THIS WEEK IN EPIC: DISCOVERING THE WORLD AROUND US



EPIC welcomed some new faces this week, especially in the younger years. As you can see, they wasted no time getting started on exploring the world around them. The micro world always reveals plenty of surprises.

Students analyzed our BIS soil, which is quite hard and dry, and made plans to improve it with compost for spring. In other lessons, Grade 2 embarked on the abstract contrast of estimating length. How can we use our bodies to get approximate measurements?

Well done to them for drawing almost perfect meter-lengths without a ruler!

Ms. Genevieve, EPIC Coordinator



Creative Workshop ECA



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

CPR (CARING, PRINCIPLED, REFLECTIVE):

Hazel, Marcel, Umay (Grade 1)

Emilia, Zere (Grade 2)

Elima, Alima, Leon, Marua (Grade 6)

Alima, Amir (Grade 7)

KTI (KNOWLEDGEABLE, THINKERS, INQUIRERS):

Simeon (Grade 1), Muhammad (Grade 2)

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

Amina, Ian, Lukas, Nelia (Grade 1)

Amina, Anzu (Grade 2),

Nolan (Grade 7), Zimo (Grade 8)

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

Misho, Musa (Grade 2)

MATH OLYMPIAD

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION:

Almanbet (Grade 0),

Adam (Grade 1),

Miron (Grade 1),

Muhammad Ali (Grade 2),

Adam (Grade 2),

Kaip (Grade 2)

GRADE 1 WINNERS:

1st place - Deniz

2nd place - Ryan

GRADE 2 WINNERS:

1st place - Misho

2nd place - Nina

3rd place - Salima



CAFA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

On 25-26 September, Bishkek International School was proud to host the CAFA Professional Development Conference 2026, bringing together 130 educators from 14 schools for two days of professional learning, collaboration, and meaningful conversations.

Under the theme “Shaping Future-Ready Students,” the conference provided an opportunity for educators to explore new ideas, innovative approaches, and the skills and competencies students need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We were delighted to welcome our keynote speaker, Peter Nilsson, co-author of *Irreplaceable: How AI Changes Everything (And Nothing) in Teaching and Learning*. Peter explored important questions around AI literacy and the impact of AI on schools, encouraging participants to reflect on how education can respond to a rapidly changing technological landscape.

The conference began with a Pre-Conference programme featuring Ivan Ninenko, Igor Chemerkin, Aidin Biibosunov, and Aidil Umarov, who shared fresh perspectives on AI, technology, innovation, and education.

Over the two days, participants took part in 18 workshops and 14 job-alike sessions, creating opportunities to learn from one another, share experiences, and build connections with educators from across the region.

We are proud that BIS had the opportunity to bring educators together around a shared goal: shaping future-ready students. Thank you to all the speakers, participants, and BIS staff who contributed to making CAFA Development 2026 a meaningful and successful professional learning experience.

Bojana Askovic, Activities Director and Designated Safeguarding Lead



NEW FACES AT BIS: MS. NIIRU

Hello Bishkek International School Community,

My name is Niiru Singh, known as Miss Sing, like “sing” a song! I love this new name because I love singing, and it defines exactly who I am.

I am a Canadian citizen with my roots in India, and perhaps that is why I have felt such a strong soul connection with Kyrgyzstan. Things here feel strongly familiar. Walking through Osh Bazaar brings back memories of Indian markets, with their colours, aromas and fragrances, noise and lively conversations. The warmth towards guests, the importance of family, and the cuisine also remind me of home. The two countries are not the same, but they seem soulfully connected.

As I mentioned, I love singing, but I also enjoy writing. I have written poetry and published a mathematics book locally in Tirana, Albania. I am now looking for publishers who may help me bring it to an international audience. I am also writing my next book for children and hope to find a company to publish my book here in Bishkek. One day, I would love to write my life story too. After teaching in nine countries and travelling to nearly 36, I think I have a few stories worth telling!

I am hoping to reach 40 countries while I am here and, if possible, travel to China too. I have taught in nine countries across mainstream education and the IB continuum. Outside teaching, I enjoy gardening and knitting. Cooking, however, is definitely my least favourite chore! I really do not enjoy it.

I am very glad that destiny brought me to Kyrgyzstan. I love it here. The country is beautiful, and the warmth and kindness of its people have touched my heart. I am also grateful to BIS for giving me such a warm, welcoming and family-like environment where I can bring my different skills and interests into my work.

I came to Kyrgyzstan with my Canadian identity, my Indian roots, my stories, my love for music and travel, and now, along the way, Kyrgyzstan is beginning to add its own stories to the repertoire of my international life experience. I am very happy that this beautiful country is now a part of my story.

Ms. Niiru, Grade 3 Blue Homeroom Teacher



DINOSAUR DAY REVIEW

Our first Dinosaur Day was a great success, with some lessons learned for next time. This [feedback report](#) from 70 staff and 61 students shows that the overall experience was positive, except for high school students who currently find it difficult to imagine life without devices. One teacher’s reflection suggests a dino day every week, to help high school students learn. Despite some requests, Dinosaur Day is here to stay, with no screens for everyone all day, admin staff included. The report has some great ideas for what to do next Dinosaur Day on Weds 4th Nov. We will implement the good ideas to improve the experience. We encourage the whole community to turn off all screens and devices for 36 hours from 8 pm on Tuesday 3rd to 8 am on Thursday 5th to free up time to observe, think, and communicate in real life.



David Grant, Head of School

SUPPORT NEPAL FLOOD RELIEF

Severe floods and landslides in Nepal have affected communities across the country, causing loss of life, displacement, and widespread damage.

The BIS community is invited to support flood relief efforts in Nepal. Donations can be made using the QR code below.

Please mention “Nepal Flood Donation” in the payment note.

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Payment by QR code —
NO COMMISSION for the sender



Donations will
be collected
until
10 October.



- ♥ Every purchase supports flood relief efforts in Nepal
- ♥ Additional donations are welcome
- ♥ Donations will go the Prime Minister's Disaster Relief Fund, Nepal

JOIN US FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES

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:

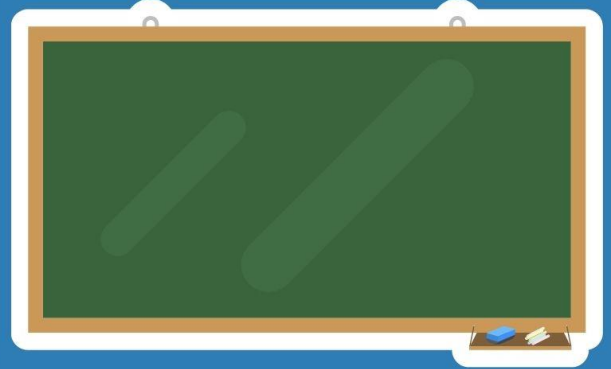
- 5 October – 9 October **Menu C**
- 12 October – 16 October **Menu D**
- 27 October – 30 October **Menu A**

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!



Dress up like a teacher day!
5TH of October
on Monday



Happy Teacher's Day!
Thank you for inspiring minds and shaping
futures with patience and passion.
For dressing up like a teacher - 10 house
points!

WORLD *Mental* HEALTH DAY

Exciting activities
throughout the day!

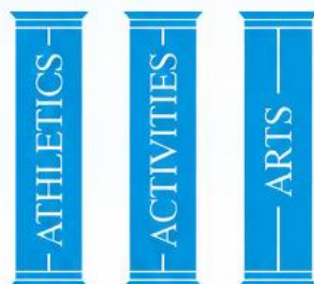
ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER, 14



Show your support for mental health
awareness by wearing something GREEN
and earn 10 house points!



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CAFA

Central Asia Federation of Athletics,
Activities and Arts

TOGETHER THROUGH SPORT

CAFA



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 October 5th – 9th 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](#)

- 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
- 30th October, Friday: Fall Festival
- 31st October, Saturday: Friendsgiving Dinner
- 4th November, Wednesday: Dinosaur Day - no screen day

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
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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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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 has been a busy and enjoyable week as we continued exploring what it means to be responsible and take care of the things around us.

Through play and everyday routines, the children practised sorting toys and putting them back in the right place. We put blocks in the block bin, cars with cars, and grouped other toys together. We also sorted fruits and vegetables into baskets by colour. These simple experiences helped the children develop an understanding that we can make responsible choices and take care of our belongings.

The children are also becoming more independent during mealtimes. After eating, they happily take their plates to the kitchen and help Miss Akylay. By taking part in these daily routines, they are learning that even small actions can show responsibility and help our community.

We also explored how we can show care and kindness towards others. We talked about what we can do if we

accidentally hurt someone or make a friend feel sad. The children practised saying sorry, giving a hug, and showing kindness to their friends. These moments helped them understand that our actions can affect others and that we can make caring choices.

During Bring Your Parent to School Day, the children and their parents worked together on a special art activity. They painted a heart using their handprints, creating a shared piece of artwork that represented love, care, and togetherness. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to express themselves creatively while spending meaningful time with their families.

It was a lovely week of learning through play, relationships, and everyday experiences. The children are beginning to see that being responsible means taking care of our things, ourselves, and the people around us.

Ms. Laura, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we continued our inquiry into friendship. We talked about how to welcome someone new, saying hello, inviting a friend to play, offering a small gift, and practiced it directly: a wave, a smile, asking "Hi, do you want to play?"

As part of the unit, children took what they learned and turned it into action. Each child made two bracelets, one to keep and one to give to a friend, and practiced saying "This is for you" and "Thank you" while giving them away.

In Math, we practiced "one for you, one for me" through the bracelet-making, and began one-to-one

correspondence by counting friends in our class photos and matching the number to its numeral.

The highlight of the week was Bring Your Parents to School Day! Families joined our circle time for a special lesson on friendship, children practiced phrases like "Can I have it, please?" and "Wait, please" together with their parents, then everyone danced together in a Dance lesson with Mr. Sergei.

It was a wonderful week of learning what it means to welcome a friend.

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

This week in Preschool 3 was a reflective and meaningful one as we revisited everything we have explored in our **Who We Are** unit so far.

We had lots of fun remembering our body parts and discussing what our bodies need to grow healthy and strong. We revisited healthy and unhealthy habits, ways we can take care of ourselves and others, our families and friends, and the different feelings we experience. It was wonderful to see how much our little learners have remembered and how confidently

they can now share their ideas. It has been amazing to witness the progress they have made so far!

The highlight of our week was **Bring Your Parents to School Day** on Friday. The children had so much fun showing their families what they have learned and demonstrating their learning skills. Our families also enjoyed stepping into their little learners' shoes and experiencing how learning happens in Preschool 3.

It was a fun and memorable week, and we look forward to more adventures next week!

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher

