



**Bishkek
International
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VOICES



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“THE TEMPEST” STUDENT THEATRE PRODUCTION

To say the least, the play was successful. Everybody did a wonderful job in terms of character portrayal and overall the performances were smooth. Unlike the anniversary show where there was less focus on acting and a huge emphasis on the musical component, this theatre experience was heavily reliant on everybody’s actorial abilities which shone through really well throughout the performances. This was not only a CAS-worthy experience, but also one where each of us managed to connect with the other cast members and form a weird, sometimes crazy, sleep-deprived and endlessly enjoyable community. Notable moments include forgetting lines, forgetting entrances, forgetting props, forgetting to show up at rehearsals and, of course, actually getting a scene right. All of which are just as memorable as the performances.

The performance would not have been possible without all the commitment and hard work from everybody involved, especially Mr. David for his uplifting encouragements, patient guidance and for constantly emphasizing that this is “Not a cult”. I am grateful to have been part of such an amazing cast. Thanks to all of you for making this such a meaningful experience!

Alice, Grade 11 Student



CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our following award winners:

CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

Emilia (Grade 0B)

KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

Aman (Grade 4B), Bermet (Grade 10), Alina (Grade 11B), Alice (Grade 11B)

BROC (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator):

Samuel (Grade 11Y)

Spring is here, the seeds are in! Watch this space in the G5 classroom.



Grade 5 have a worm bin to compost a small amount of food waste, and have already collected a litre of worm pee! Liquid collected from composting worms is full of good microbes and can be used directly on your plants as a fertiliser. Good work worms!

PYP EXHIBITION: MENTOR MEETINGS

There's a buzz of excitement in Grade 5 as PYPX is underway! Students are busy researching their Lines of Inquiry and mentor meetings have started.



I think I am starting to understand PYPX. I was nervous, but I'm feeling good now. I will do as much as I can, and try my best.

Sanghoon (Leo)

This week we all did great work. We were researching for all the time. For me it was really hard to find information written for kids, but my mentor helped me. My PYPX is about technology and how it affects people's brains.

Lucia



What I feel about the PYPX. I feel nervous, scared, and happy. I am also kind of excited because I can't wait to do the exhibition. I think the work we are doing is totally worth it! It is also fun to go to our mentor meetings which are like the people who help us with research and give ideas. Right now I feel happy and excited.

Yorali

This week we started PYPX. There are a lot of people doing lots of very different things. All grade 5 is doing this and grade 4 will do it very soon. We are all very excited (but I am very nervous).

Lia

INTER-SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT AT BIS



The first ever inter-school Chess Tournament was held at BIS on 19th March. The event was a great success, with over 120 participants, representatives of the Chess Federation as referees, and numerous parents and teachers who turned up to support their children.

A huge THANK YOU to PAMC for their generous contribution. With your help we were able to provide amazing prizes for tournament winners, which were one of the motivations for the chess players to win.

The BIS chess team of Alisher (Grade 11), Saadat (Grade 11), Alan (Grade 7), Aman (Grade 4), and Alan (Grade 3) played very well! Thank you BIS chess team!

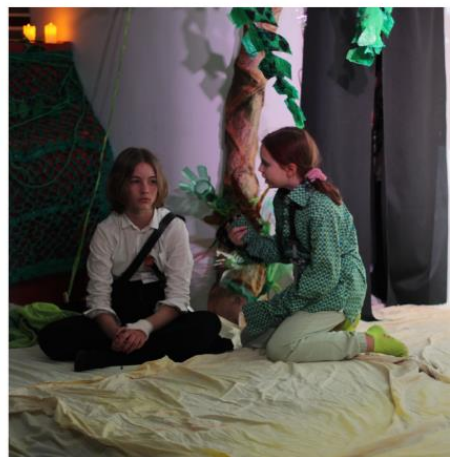
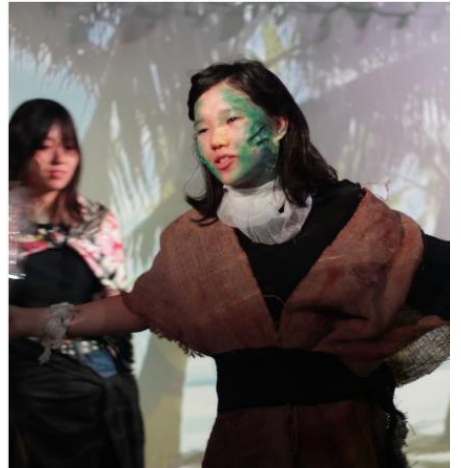
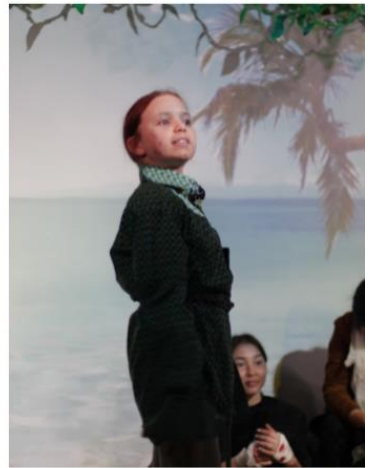
The team winners were:

- 1st Place: School #61 (team 1)
- 2nd Place: School #61 (team 2)
- 3rd Place: A tie between teams from school #67 and school #25

The BIS team played very well and placed 11th out of 23 teams.

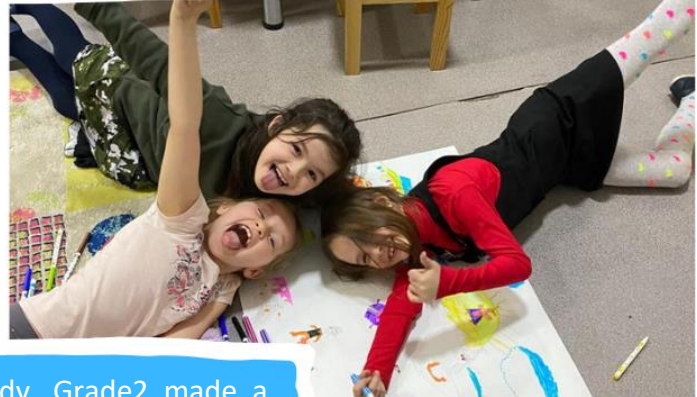


BIS Snapshot: The Tempest





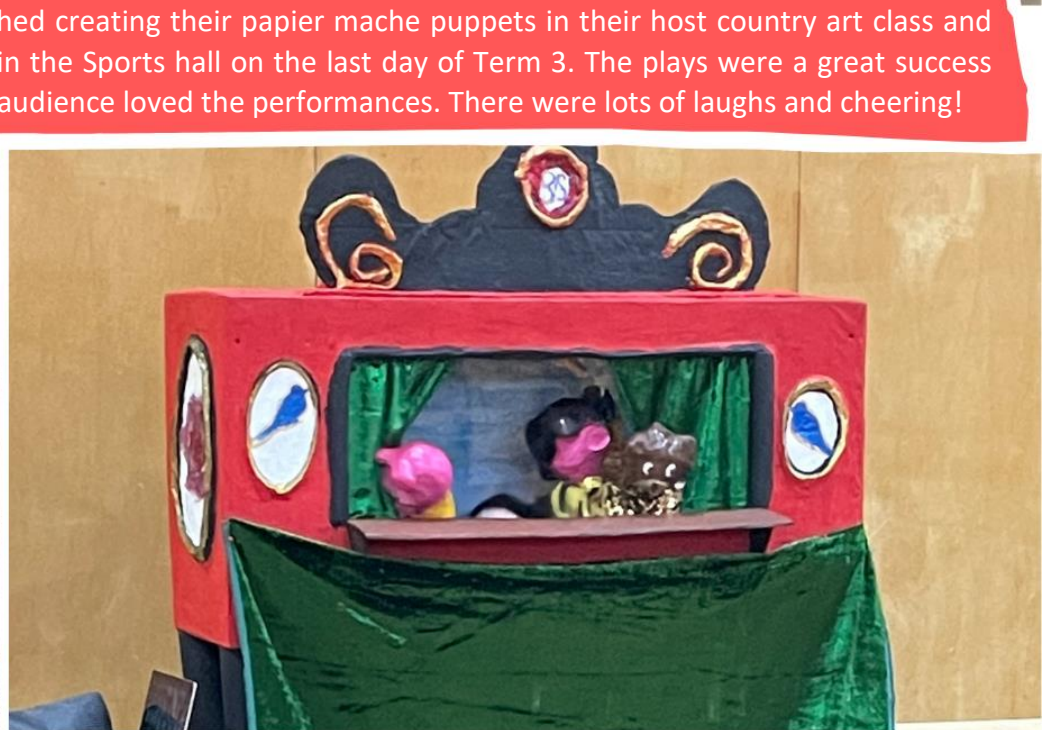
Grade 1 draw posters for the Nooruz celebration.



As part of the art of Ancient Greece study, Grade2 made a model of the Parthenon (a temple dedicated to Athena, located in the Acropolis of Athens).



The Grade 5 class finished creating their papier mache puppets in their host country art class and performed their plays in the Sports hall on the last day of Term 3. The plays were a great success and the Grade 1 and 0 audience loved the performances. There were lots of laughs and cheering!



GRADE 2 LEARN ABOUT MANAS EPIC

Grade 2 students had an incredible time learning about folk tales with Mr Belek, who is a local manaschi. Mr Belek told us lots of interesting facts about epic Manas like that manaschi will need 6 months with no breaks to tell the whole epic Manas. We discussed the plot of the epic that narrates about a hero. We mentioned that epic Manas was passed orally from one generation to another, and was written down not so much time ago.



The children loved listening to Mr Belek reciting epic poems and the most popular question was “How did you learn such a long poem?”

Please follow [the link](#) to watch a short video of Mr Belek reciting epic Manas.

Ms Oksana, Grade 2B Homeroom Teacher



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

Over Spring Break, two intrepid teams of BIS academics engaged in the World Scholar's Cup! I am happy to report that both teams performed admirably, representing their school well. Overall, BIS took 1st and 2nd place in the Team Challenge, 2nd and 4th in individual debate, 1st and 2nd in the writing competition, 1st and 3rd in Trivia, and five of the six top subject area writing competition spots! They have qualified with high honors for the Global Round!

Mr Andrew, Geography Teacher



QUALIFIER!

1st Place Senior

Bishkek International School

Team 623

Nurayim Turganbaeva, Delilah Bowles, Ayan Alymova

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QUALIFIER!

2nd Place Senior

Bishkek International School

Team 622

Chynybek Aaliev, Alice Li, Eva Aijan Grant

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3 Team 623 - Bishkek International School - Nurayim Turganbaeva, Delilah Bowles, Ayan Alymova

2 Team 622 - Bishkek International School - Chynybek Aaliev, Alice Li, Eva Aijan Grant

1 Team 655 - Zuura Nurmatova Girls' High School - Janara Azimbaeva, Jypara Darbisheva, Aidanek Busueva

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Team Writing Senior Trophies

5 Chynybek Aaliev - Team 622 - Bishkek International School

4 Ayan Alymova - Team 623 - Bishkek International School

3 Akmal Begaliev - Team 631 - Kelechek MIT

2 Eva Aijan Grant - Team 622 - Bishkek International School

1 Nurayim Turganbaeva - Team 623 - Bishkek International School

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Art & Music Eva Aijan Grant - Bishkek International School

Social Studies Chynybek Aaliev - Bishkek International School

History Chynybek Aaliev - Bishkek International School

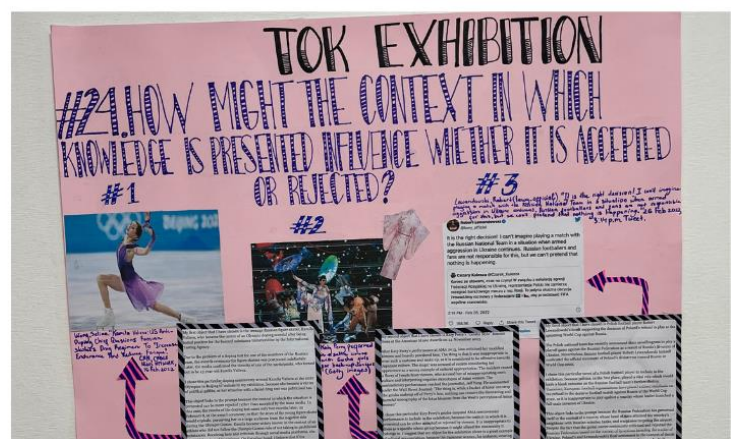
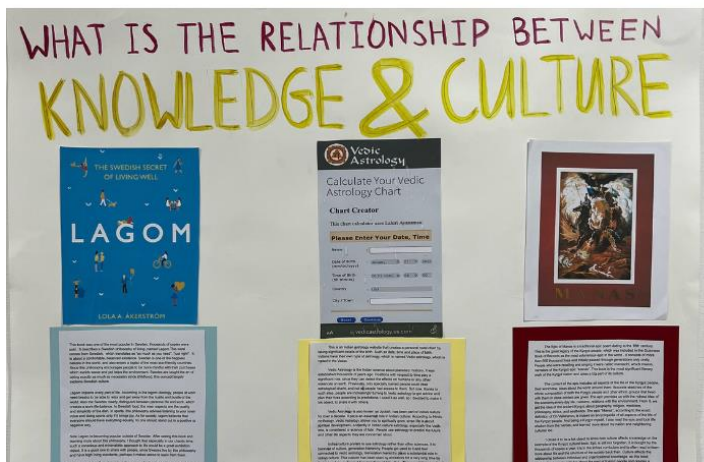
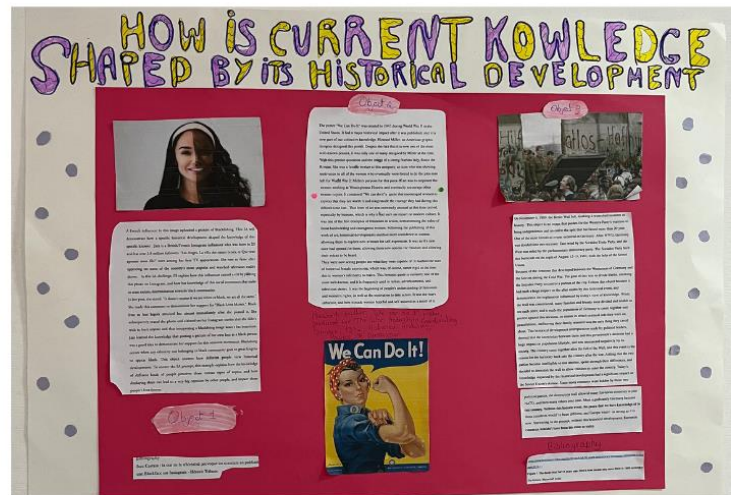
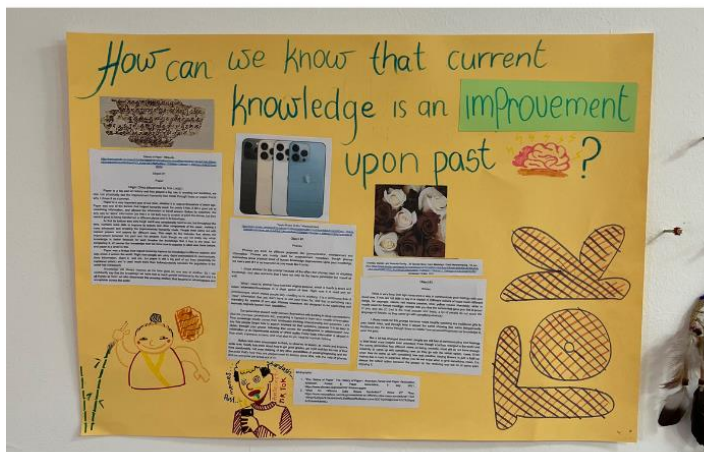
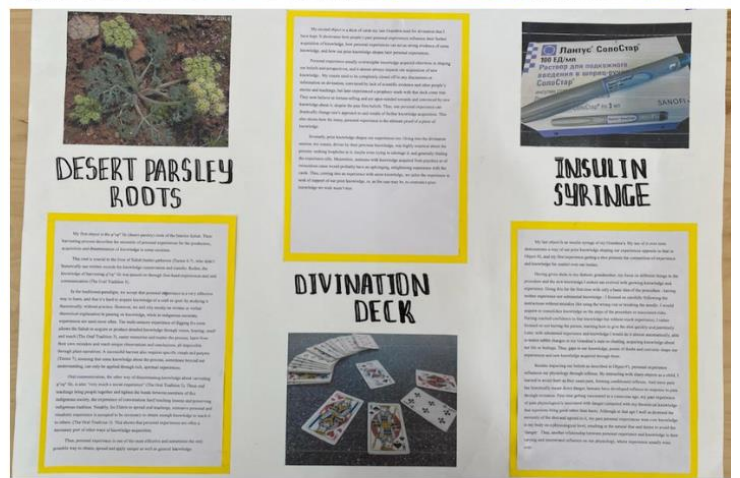
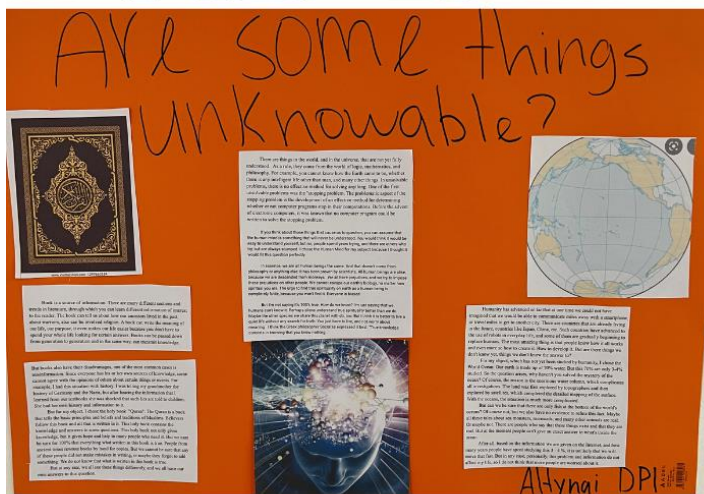
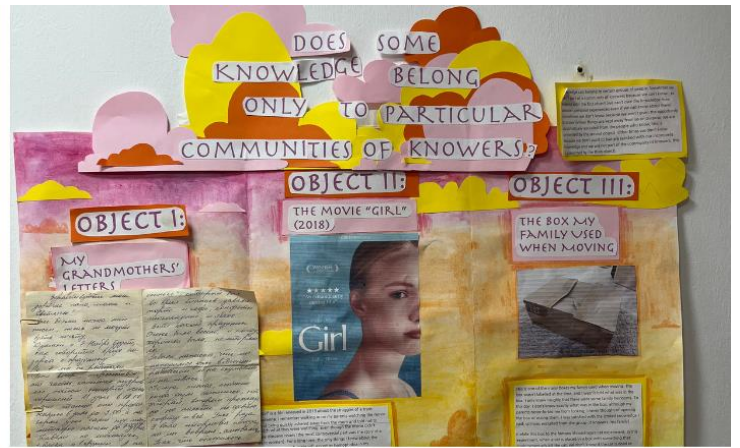
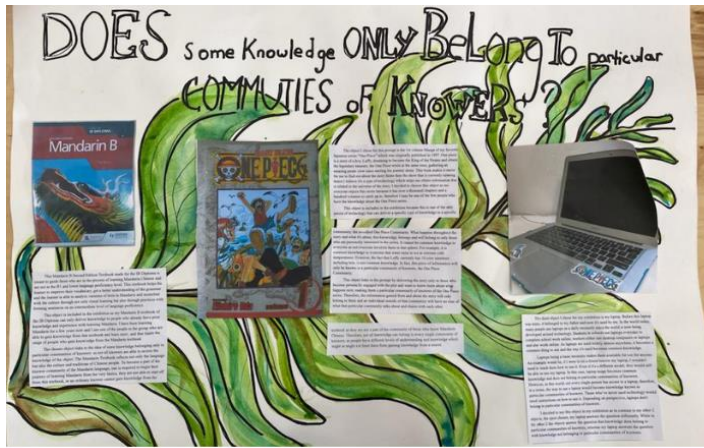
Lit & Media Roza Ubaidullaeva - Zuura Nurmatova Girls' High School

Science & Tech Ayan Alymova - Bishkek International School

Special Area Eva Aijan Grant - Bishkek International School

TOK EXHIBITION

DP1 students have been busy working on their Theory of Knowledge Exhibitions, and in 14th March they displayed them in the Green House. The aim of this exhibition is to explore how Theory of Knowledge manifests itself in the world around us. Here are some of their research results.



SKI CLUB 2021-2022

Ski Club of 2021/22 did not look as expected due to the lack of snow in Bishkek. We were determined to get at least one trip out of Ski Club this year and planned the trip to Karakol with our fingers crossed for snow. We had a great first day on the mountain but sadly Karakol ski base decided to close after our first day there.

Nevertheless, we made the most of our time there. We managed to do an Arctic Kayaking trip on the south shore of Issyk-Kul, learned some history about the area as well as discussed the winter vs summer conditions of the lake. Next up was a cooking class that taught us how to cook Lagman in many different ways. We learned that in Karakol the high population of Uyghur has changed the Lagman dish in many ways than what we are used to in cities such as Bishkek.

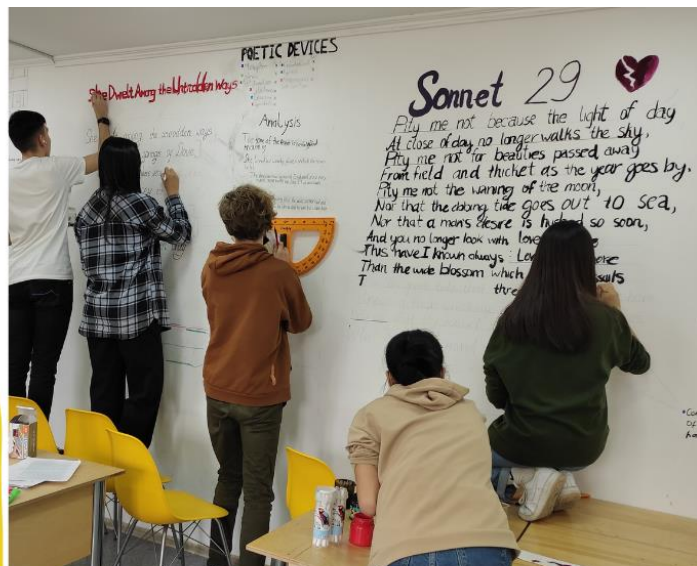
All in all, we had a great trip despite the weather conditions!

Ms Michaela, Grade 1B Homeroom Teacher and Ski Club Coordinator



ANNOTATED POETRY BECOMES WALL ART

The G10 Literature in English class has been hard at work analyzing poetry...and turning it into art. Annotation is a way for literature scholars to break down the language in a text to understand how writers achieve effects and convey moods, tones and hidden meanings. Four groups of G10 students studied and annotated a different famous poem: a eulogy by William Wordsworth, a cutting criticism of urban development by Boey Kim Cheng, a parody on romance by Carol Ann Duffy and a sonnet about broken hearts by Edna St. Vincent Millay.



The students then transposed their annotations onto the walls of A2 as a beautiful reminder of how to study and appreciate poetry in preparation for the IGCSE Literature in English examinations. Each group gave a presentation on their poem. Not only did they do some impressive analysis and interpretive thinking, but they also proved their artistic talents and created a dynamic learning environment for all students who use A2!

Ms. Nina, English Language and Literature Teacher

OPEN MIC AT ART & POETRY EVENING

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CALLING ALL POETS!

Open mic time: 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Location: Big Hall

If you've ever dreamed of taking the stage to share your voice and vision with the world, now is your chance.

On **Friday, April 15**, BIS will hold its annual Art & Poetry Evening in the Big Hall to showcase the wonderful creative work that students have produced this year.

An open mic will be available to recite poetry or short compositions. Bring your own poems or those of other poets.

Anyone is welcome to read -- PYP through DP, even staff!

Questions: Contact Ms. Nina at nweidman@esca.kg

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DRINK SALE



8 April

200 soms each


coffee/tea


smoothie


lemonade

ORDER IN ADVANCE!

WORLD DOWN'S SYNDROME DAY

On Wednesday, 30th March, BIS Community took part in celebrating World Down's Syndrome Day. More than 90% of the community took part in the celebration by wearing either odd, cute or weird socks.

Phoenixes were spotted wearing odd socks the most last Wednesday, so they got 440 points, followed by Snow Leopards (310 points), and Piranhas (280 points).



COLLAGE-MAKING ECA: DONATE MAGAZINES!

Collage-making ECA is asking for your help. If you have magazines and newspapers that you would like to donate, please bring them to the main reception.

Any magazines and newspapers are appreciated:

- Fashion
- Nature
- Architecture
- News
- Sports



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8th April, Friday: Nooruz Celebration at BIS
- 15th April, Friday: Art Exhibition and Poetry Evening
- 19th April, Tuesday: MYP Community Project
- 28th April, Thursday: PYP Exhibition
- End of April: IBDP and IGCSE Exam Sessions start

LUNCH MENU

The school menu for April 4th - 8th is **Menu D**.

Our school menu is available [here](#). 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.



PRESCHOOL 1

We have been waiting for Spring for so long and it finally came! Preschool 1 friends had an exciting week dedicated to the spring season. Our children learned that in the spring there is a lot of change in nature, trees acquire foliage, fruit trees bloom, flowers and many other spring plants and the days become longer. In spring, the weather always changes with heavy rains. We also talked about the

clothes we wear for this weather. In the middle of the week we learned about the birds that come from warm places, and also in spring we can see a lot of butterflies and ladybugs. We have done many art activities about spring. Our friends painted flowers, a spring tree, and dandelions. Also, our students made a craft sunflower from pasta and seeds.

Ms. Tina, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week, Preschool 2 students started to talk about how people express their feelings and emotions through favourite activities. We call these activities hobbies because we do them for fun and when we have free time. We started our week by discussing different types of activities that we like to do such as riding bicycles, cooking, playing games, drawing pictures, dancing, singing and running. We devoted one day to each hobby and had so much fun! On Wednesday, we played on different musical instruments and sang the "Wiggle your fingers" song. On Thursday, our friends pretended to be gardeners

and decorated their flower pots and planted flowers. We enjoyed using the soil and seedlings and talked about gardeners who make beautiful gardens. On the last day of the week, we were choosing our favourite books and every friend in our class read a story for all classmates.

In Maths, we learned diamond shape and number 8. We created a diagram with numbers from 1 to 8 and made a kite.

Next week, we will look forward to trying new hobbies!

Ms. Begimai, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

Spring has finally arrived in the preschool and all our preschool friends are extremely excited to see the return of all the birds and little bugs.

This week our preschool 3 friends started a new unit of inquiry on water. We started to look at water as a habitat and we looked at creatures who live in water and we discovered that animals that live in the sea are very different from the ones living on land. We

also had an opportunity to create our own ocean habitat with a huge variety of ocean animals.

This week we learned about the letter 'w' and we learned that the letter 'w' is for worm, word, wiggle, water, whale and wash. We also had a lot of fun trying to write the letter 'w' and we worked on our number recognition skills and our addition skills.

Next week we will look at where water comes from, and we will learn about the letter 'v'.

Ms. Carmen, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher, Head of Preschool

