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**VOICES**



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## BIS GOT TALENT

The 'BIS Got Talent' shows for Primary, Middle, and High School students were a tremendous success, highlighting the exceptional skills and creativity of our students. Both events, filled with fun, excitement, and memorable performances, left the audience in awe. These talent shows provide students with a platform to express themselves, build confidence, and share their passions with peers and families.

We congratulate all participants for their wonderful performances and thank everyone who contributed to making these events such a success.







"I know that they are building different houses from all kinds of materials. It is because of different places."

Noah

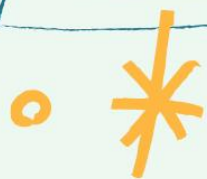


## GRADE 1 YELLOW STUDENTS EXPLORE GLOBAL HOUSING

Grade 1 Yellow students are exploring all about houses. We discussed why humans need shelters and how houses around the globe are constructed differently. We tried to build models of some types of houses in the class.

"I know tree house, igloo, yurt, and castle."

Deniz



"We have different houses."

Tamara

"We can also make a house out of plastic bottles."

Sasha

"Igloo can keep people warm."

Misha

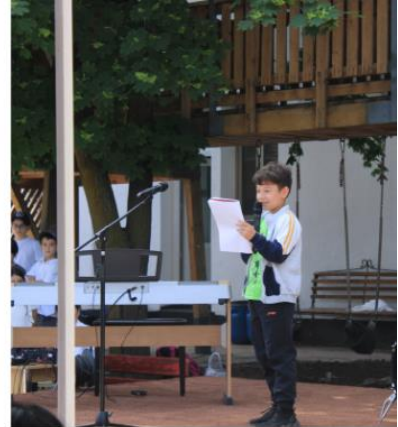




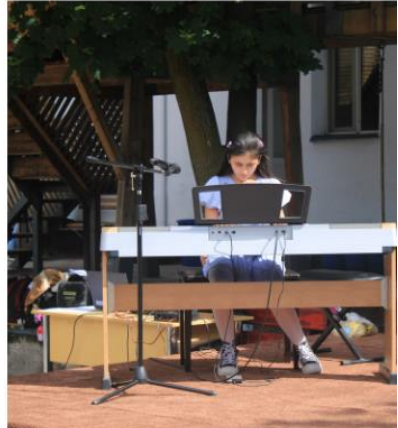
# BIS Snapshot: BIS Got Talent



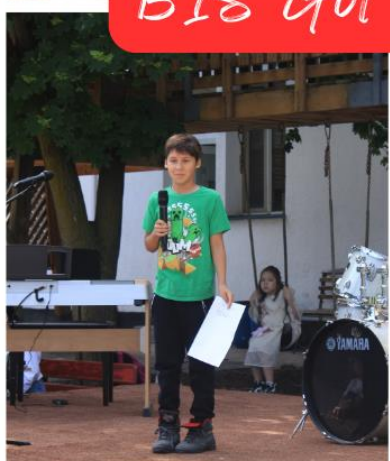




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# GRADE 0 VISITS ANCIENT EGYPT



Grade 0 has been visiting ancient Egypt for the Unit of Inquiry, "Where we are in place and time." The students gained an understanding of how the world has changed over thousands of years. We learned about inventions of the ancient Egyptians, such as their form of picture writing - hieroglyphics, papyrus, a paper-like writing material, and of course their skill as builders. The children became familiar with the pyramids and the Great Sphinx of Giza.



Students immersed themselves in a world of pretend play. They drew pharaohs and deciphered their names in hieroglyphics using an alphabet chart translator. This is where each picture or symbol represents a letter of the English alphabet. The children then wrote messages in hieroglyphics and we placed the paper in coffee to give it an old and worn appearance. This helped the students to think about how to spell words, by having to think about how to create a sentence using each individual picture.

The children built their own pyramids from recycled pizza boxes, cutting and problem solving. They needed to arrange triangles to make the 3d shapes. We also learned about mummies and a love of cats.

These were the platforms and scaffolds to the final stages. The students made "time travel passports" and then we all "went" to the airport to travel back in time. The students took suitcases made of recycled cardboard with their passports, as well as pictures of clothes they had chosen to travel to ancient Egypt.



Albert Einstein once said, "Logic will get you from A to Z; imagination will get you everywhere." Encouraging creative role-play to exercise their imaginations gave a lot of enjoyment and stimuli to the children. The students broadened their horizons by spending a lesson at the airport. It is something they will have to do at some point unless they have already experienced it. This reduces anxiety as the language and situation becomes more familiar.

The culminating imaginative play supported the development of a variety of skills such as social skills and language development, turning the simplest of objects into role-play worthy of a lot of attention. We lost ourselves in a world of imagination, expanding vocabulary and incorporating multiple subjects.





## CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

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

**Larysa (Grade 2), Sejin (Grade 2), Ayla (Grade 2), Sabina (Grade 2),  
Aaron (Grade 4), Dzhamilia (Grade 7), Erik (Grade 8), Kamilla (Grade 8)**

### **KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):**

**Toichuke (Grade 4), Umai (Grade 5), Arukeh (Grade 6)**

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

**Kaip (Preschool 3), Ekaterina (Grade 4)**

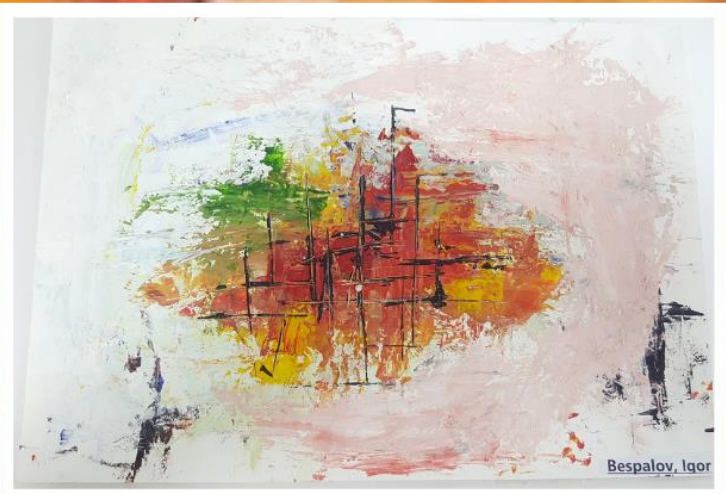




# GRADE 7 LEARNING ABSTRACT ART

In the storm of color, we became lost. For us, horizontal and vertical lines provide direction. They create order and peace. In life, what are horizontal and vertical lines for you?

Ms Didi, Art Teacher





# Grade 6 French Students Practice Language Skills with Blog Writing

Our Grade 6 French students have been learning French grammar through the immersive experience of blog writing, allowing them to freely express their ideas while practicing their language skills.

## Mon blog

Bonjour,

Je m'appelle Aruukeh. J'ai onze ans. J'aime mes amies. Je déteste les mathématiques. J'ai les cheveux bruns, longs et raides. J'ai les yeux marron.

Ma famille est petite. J'ai une mère, un père et un petit frère.

Ma mère a quarante ans et elle est très gentille, calme, sportive et active. Elle est femme au foyer. Elle aime porter un t-shirt rouge et un t-shirt rose.

Ma meilleure amie est Albena. Elle aime le rose. Elle préfère le chat et le chien. Elle a les cheveux bruns, mi-longs et raides. Elle a les yeux marron. Elle est gentille, active et très sportive.

A plus!  
Aruukeh

## Mon blog

Bonjour,

Je m'appelle Natalie et j'ai douze ans.

Aujourd'hui je parle de ma famille. Ma famille est grande, nous sommes six.

Ma mère a trente - quatre ans, elle est diplomate.

Mon père a cinquante - deux ans, ma grande sœur a treize ans, elle a les cheveux bruns comme ses yeux.

Ma petite sœur a dix ans, et mon petit frère à neuf ans.

J'ai deux chiens, L'un s'appelle Jack, l'autre s'appelle George.

Ma meilleure amie s'appelle Taisiya. Elle a onze ans. Elle a les cheveux bruns et les yeux verts. Elle aime le shopping, Taisiya est gentille, et très intelligente. Elle est très drôle. Mais elle n'aime pas les mathématiques.

J'aime le sport, mais je préfère le basketball, parce que le basketball est drôle. Mais je n'aime pas l'hiver, parce qu'il fait froid, parce qu'il n'y a pas de soleil. Et c'est tout!

A bientôt!  
Natalie

## Mon blog

### Ma famille

Je m'appelle Mimi Bleckmann et je vous présente ma famille. Ma famille a : ma mère, mon père, mon chat et moi. Ma mère s'appelle Laura elle est sympa, intelligente, gentille et elle est grande. Les cheveux de ma mère sont longs et blonds.

### Mon amie

Mon amie s'appelle Lia, elle a onze ans et les cheveux de Lia sont courts et rouges. Elle est gentille, intelligente et active. Elle aime les livres et le shopping.

### Jaime

- Le skate
- Mes amies
- La pasta
- La baguette
- Ma famille
- Mon cousin
- Livres
- Pesto vert (Barilla)

### Je n'aime pas

- Le foot
- Le shopping
- L'école

A bientôt ...

Mimi

## MON BLOG

Coucou,

C'est mon blog.

Je m'appelle Asiya. J'ai douze ans.

J'ai une grande famille. J'ai un père, une mère, une sœur, un frère, et moi.

Aujourd'hui je vous parle de ma sœur. Elle a les cheveux longs, blonds, et marron. Ses yeux sont marron et noirs. Elle est petite. Elle est belle.

C'est une description de la personnalité de ma meilleure amie. Elle s'appelle Salikha. Elle a douze ans. Elle a une forte personnalité. Elle est drôle, amusante, intelligente, heureuse, sportive, bavarde, et active. Elle aime le chien et les animaux. Elle aime le tennis, le volleyball, et la danse.

J'aime mon poisson rouge. J'aime les animaux. J'aime bien le chapeau. Je n'ai pas de classe de mathématiques.

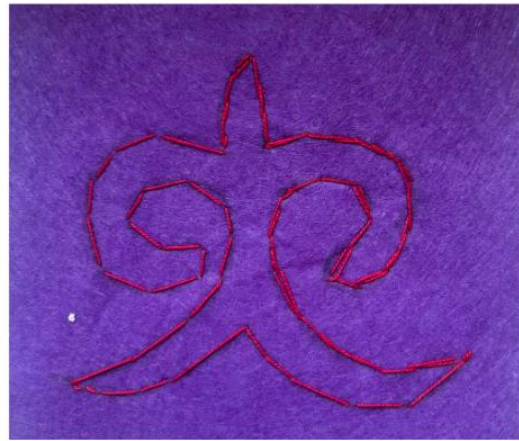
-A bientôt

Asiya

Check out our next Voices for more students' writings.



# LEARNING KYRGYZ CULTURE



In this term, we explored Kyrgyz culture through its traditions. We learned about the roles people play at a Kyrgyz table, tried to sew like real Kyrgyz grandmothers, and made borsok just like real kelins. These activities broadened my understanding of Kyrgyz culture, and now I have a deeper understanding of Kyrgyz families. Throughout this term, I delved into Kyrgyz culture and identity through various interesting activities prepared by Ms. Gulbara for our class. I also gathered opinions from different people across Kyrgyzstan.

**Veronika, Grade 8 student**







## Travel around Africa with BIS

*Africa Day Festival celebrations*

*where you can encounter:*

*-African food*

*-performances*

*-music and much more*



Day: 25th of May, 2024  
from 10:00 to 13:00  
Bishkek International School  
67 A Bronirovannaya st



## JOIN US FOR STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES ON JUNE 7TH!

### Student-Led Conferences

Dear Parents & Guardians of Preschool and Primary School students,

On **June 7th**, we will have **Student-Led Conferences** where children will present their learning journey this semester to you.

Please sign up via "[SchoolsBuddy](#)" for your child(ren)'s presentations on Friday, June 7th. Do not miss this opportunity for your children to guide you through their learning!

The sign-up via "[SchoolsBuddy](#)" opens today, Friday, May 24th at 17:00 and stays open until Wednesday, June 5th at 12:00 noon.

Booking times are divided into 10-minute slots for Preschool and 15-minute slots for Primary School students:

- **09:30 - 10:40 for Preschool 1, 2, & 3**
- **9:45 - 11:15 for Grades 0, 1 & 2**
- **11:15 - 12:45 for Grades 3, 4 & 5**

Additionally, a separate link will be provided for booking a meeting with the LDIC (Learning Diversity, Inclusion, and Counselling) department [ldic@bis.kg](mailto:ldic@bis.kg). If your child is supported by the LDIC team, we encourage you to use this opportunity to connect with the LDIC department as well.

If you have any questions about signing up for the event via [SchoolsBuddy](#), please email [edildebekov@bis.kg](mailto:edildebekov@bis.kg) and myself [eignatova@bis.kg](mailto:eignatova@bis.kg)

**Elina Ignatova, Primary School Assistant Principal**

## RUNNING TAIGANS



We always have around thirty percent turnover in international staff each year, as many staff arrive on two or three year contracts, and few settle down for a long stay in Bishkek. Local staff turnover is much lower, but we always lose some who move abroad. This year is no exception, and the following staff will be leaving BIS this summer: Altynai Isabekova; Daniel Cullington; Dannelle Dela Cruz; Helene Fick; Laura Kircough; Luke Dinon; Nadia El Aoud; Nazira Tursalieva; Oscar Herrero; Robert Fenn; Sarah Hill; Tom Clifton; Tulay Yavuz; Ray Benton-Evans; Rebecca Peters; and Shelly King.

Rest assured that all of these positions are already filled with newly recruited staff, except for two who only decided in May, where recruitment is ongoing. We hope all escaping Taigans find a new promised land and we wish them all well in their adventures!

**David Grant, Head of School**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday: Africa Day Festival
- 1<sup>st</sup> June, Saturday: High School Prom
- 5<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday: Class of 2024 Reflection Dinner
- 6<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: High School Graduation Ceremony
- 7<sup>th</sup> June, Friday: PYP Student Led Conferences
- 10<sup>th</sup> June, Monday: Graduations for Preschool 3, Grade 5, Grade 8
- 11<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday: Primary School Educational Visits Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 13<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: Last Day of School /All Americas Barbecue
- 14<sup>th</sup> June, Friday: Teacher In-Service Day

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for May 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> is **Menu D**.

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.

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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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## PRESCHOOL 1

This week we repeated “sea animals,” “farm animals,” and “jungle and wild animals” and learned about their habitats, the sounds they make, and what they eat.

We made strawberry shashlyk, read interesting books, and played a lot of outdoor and indoor games. We planted sweet corn, dill, and tomato seeds.

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





## PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2 was all about safari animals. Our little friends put on safari hats and binoculars and went searching for wild animals. They spotted animals such as lions, tigers, giraffes, cheetahs, leopards, zebras, elephants, and more. We also made our safari cars and painted them together as a team. Our little friends had fun riding in pretend safari cars.

We also read a very interesting book about an elephant named Elmer, a story about a colorful

patchwork elephant who learns that being different is a good thing. The kids loved this book, and afterward, we made colorful elephants with stickers, practiced our hand coordination, and created colorful patchwork frames for our Elmers.

In Math, we practiced measuring heavy and light toy wild animals. In Art, we crafted furry lions, practicing our scissor skills. It was a productive and interesting week of learning and playing.

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





## PRESCHOOL 3

We had an exciting and educational week at our Preschool as we embarked on a memorable school trip to TECHNO PARK! The children had the opportunity to explore various roles and professions, unleashing their creativity and imagination.

Throughout the trip, our little explorers transformed into dentists, veterinarians, firefighters, police officers, archeologists, astronauts, and even grocers! It was heartwarming to witness their enthusiasm and

engagement as they immersed themselves in different scenarios, all while learning and having fun.

Preschool 3 prioritizes the happiness and growth of each child, and this week was a true reflection of that! The children not only had fun but also developed valuable social, language, and problem-solving skills through their role-playing activities.

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

