













Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 37 / 2023-24

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#### **AFRICA DAY FESTIVAL**

Last Saturday, 25th May, the BIS Africa Day Festival, provided a vibrant and unforgettable celebration of African culture. The entire community came together to honor the rich diversity and beauty of African traditions, from colorful clothes and jewellery to traditional cuisine and music. A special concert featuring talented students and teachers showcased their skills in performing African melodies and dances.

This event offered a unique opportunity for everyone to share stories, experiences, and the energetic spirit of African culture, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.





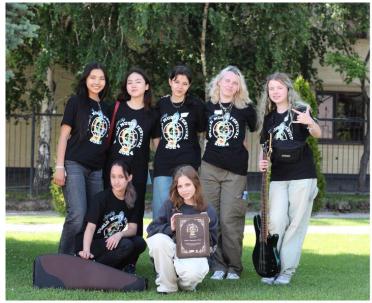








#### **MUSIC FESTIVAL IN ALMATY**





Teachers and students dedicated countless hours preparing for this celebration of musical talent. The festival featured a diverse range of performances, showcasing the incredible talents of students from each participating school.

Fatriya, Veronika, Dasha, Arisha, Nelya, Asiia, and Aiana represented our school on the stage with excellence!









Talented BIS students represented the school at the International Music Festival at Almaty International School on 24th and 25th May. Three schools and over 100 students participated, including QSI Astana, QSI Shenzhen and BIS.





## BIS Snapshot: Africa Day



#### "THE LITTLE PRINCE" THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE

Join us at BIS on Saturday June 1st at 11:00 am to experience this thought-provoking production. Our dedicated drama students have been diligently preparing for six months, and they are eager to share their work with you!

"The Little Prince" is a story about a boy who lives far away in space on another planet with his rose. But one day he decides to go on an adventure in search of friends. Along the way, he meets many different characters, but they all seem to be "from another world."

"The Little Prince" raises philosophical questions about how adults see the world versus how children see it. Will he find friends at the end of his journey? Was it worth leaving his planet? And how does the little prince change adults with his naïve view of the world?



#### **ANNOUNCING THE ANNIVERSARY SHOW 2024**



Get ready to embark on an enchanting journey through the magical swamp, where unforgettable adventures, hearty laughs, and incredible fun await you. We promise a show filled with greenery, music, and magic.

Join us and become part of this fairy tale. Details and audition dates will be announced in August, so stay tuned for updates.

The Anniversary Show is the biggest BIS event of the year. Every year, we produce a different musical; students from Grade 3-12 are encouraged to join. Auditions will be in September 2024, and the performance will take place in December at the National Philharmonia Hall.

For more information, you can visit the official website: https://www.mtishows.co.uk/shrek-the-musical-jr







# GRADE 1 YELLOW EXPLORES GLOBAL HOMES AT TOI ART STUDIO







This week, our Grade 1 students had an exciting educational experience at the Toi Art Studio, where they delved into the fascinating world of architecture. As part of their ongoing exploration of different types of houses around the globe, the students participated in a hands-on workshop. The young learners had the opportunity to create their very own yurts out of clay. This activity not only enriched their understanding of the unique structures found in various cultures but also allowed them to express their creativity and teamwork.

















Grade 1 Blue recently participated in an exciting Toi Art Masterclass designed to expand their knowledge about different materials and houses. The students had a wonderful time working with clay, crafting various objects, and discovering the unique properties of this material. This hands-on activity not only enriched their understanding of materials but also allowed them to creatively explore the concept of building and construction.









## Mindful Coloring ECA

Lionfish, Clownfish, Betta fish, Blue Tang fish, and Butterfly fish. In our Mindful ECA, we dive into the underwater world to learn their names and how to distinguish them, and study fun facts about the fish. Students had beautiful outcomes! Certainly improved their observation skills. Sparked their creativity!

Ms Didi, Art Teacher













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#### Mon blog

Ma famille

Ma famille est petite. Ma famille est mère, père et Ken. Ma mère a les cheveus longs et brun. Ma mère a quarante-cinq ans et est calme, amusante, et drôle. Mon ami est Matteo. Il a douze ans. Matteo est ■ fort et amusant. Matteo Panamien et Uruguay. Matteo parle anglais et espagnol. Matteo a les cheveux longs et bruns. Matteo a les yeux marron. Je suis Ken, j'ai douze ans. Je suis intelligent et drôle. Je préfère l'anglais et les mathématiques.

■ Salut!

J'adore ma famille. J'ai un père, une mère et un frère. Mon frère s'appelle Alex. Il a dix-neuf ans et il étudie à l'université. Il a les cheveux bruns, courts et raides avec les yeux marron.

J'ai aussi une meilleure amie. Elle s'appelle Amber. Elle a treize ans et elle est Coréenne. J'aime Amber parce que c'est une très bonne amie. Elle est gentille, calme, amusante, belle et intelligente. Elle aime les mathématiques, le design et l'art.

Moi, j'aime toutes les matières dans cette école. J'aime aussi les professeurs dans cette école.Les professeurs sont ¿musants, intelligents et calmes. Mes fruits préférés sont des fraises mais je déteste les pommes. J'adore les chevaux mais je déteste les serpents. Quels animaux aimes-tu au n'aime pas-tu?

A plus Albena











## Mon Blog

Bonjour à tous!

Je m'appelle Amber. J'ai douze ans. Aujourd'hui je parle de ma famille . J'ai une petite famille. Il y a ma mère, mon père et ma sœur. Ma petite sœur s'appelle Hedy. Elle a onze ans. Elle a les cheveux noirs, raides et mi-longs. Elle a les yeux noirs. Elle porte des lunettes. Elle est belle et petite

J'ai une meilleure amie. Elle s'appelle Albena. Elle a douze ans. Elle est gentille, sportive, bavarde, active, et curieuse.

J'aime parler avec mes amis, mon lapin, mon chien, mon chat et je n'aime pas parler avec mon cousin

Et tu parles moi de ta famille!

A +

Amber

### Mon blog.

Ma famille.

Ma famille est grande et il y a mon frère qui s'appelle Massimo, il a 14 ans, il est fort, intelligent et paresseux, il a les cheveux bouclés noirs et les yeux marron.

Mon meilleur ami est Ken. Ken est de Corée du sud, il a 12 ans, il est bavard, intelligent et fort. Il a les cheveux courts et noirs. Je suis un garçon Je M'appelle Matteo j'ai 12 ans mon pays est Panama et Uruguay je suis heureux et fort mes cheveux sont bruns-blond et longs et au revoir!

A +

Matteo Traverso







## **GRADE 5 IN JOGORKU KENESH**



Grade 5 students had an enlightening visit to the Jogorku Kenesh, where they engaged in a lively discussion with deputy Dastan Bekeshev about the legislative process and civic responsibility. This memorable experience provided the students with valuable insights into the workings of their government and inspired their interest in public service.















students with a firsthand look at the workings of their country's legislative body.

During the visit, the students were warmly hosted by several deputies. A highlight of the excursion was a conversation with Venera Raimbachaeva, a distinguished representative of the Social Committee.

The excursion not only provided the students with valuable insights into the legislative process but also inspired them to consider the impact of governance and civic responsibility. This memorable experience is sure to leave a lasting impression on the young minds, fostering a deeper understanding of their country's political landscape.

#### **ALL AMERICAS BBQ**

We are excited to announce that the BIS All Americas BBQ will take place on June 13th, 2024, from 17:00 to 21:00. This event is a celebration for our wider community, featuring fun activities, live music, delicious food, ice cream, and fireworks!

If you are interested in creating a display table or activities to celebrate the unique features of any country or culture from the Americas, please let me know as soon as possible. We will add your country or culture to the postcards for stamp collections that children will use as they move around the event. We encourage all families with connections to North, South, or Central America to volunteer and share their culture with the school community.

If you would like to represent your country or culture at the All Americas BBQ, please email me at mosmonova@bis.kg, and we can arrange something together!





#### **CPR, BROC AND KTI AWARDS**

A huge well done to our award winners:

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

Jonathan (Grade 3), Shutong (Grade 3), Alisha (Grade 3), Nathan (Grade 3), Niel (Grade 3), Nil Mira (Grade 4), Shuyang (Grade 4), Humay (Grade 4), Ailin (Grade 4), Estel (Grade 4)

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

Humay (Grade 4), Zimo (Grade 5), Arina (Grade 9), Sultan (Grade 9), Eldar (Grade 9)

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

Misha (Grade 3), all Grade 3 Yellow, Alina (Grade 11), Saikal (Grade 11),

Laura (Grade 11), Churek (Grade 11), Cholponai (Grade 11), Dalila (Grade 11)

#### 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 <u>"SchoolsBuddy"</u> 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 <u>"SchoolsBuddy"</u> 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 <a href="mailto:ldic@bis.kg">ldic@bis.kg</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:SchoolsBuddy">SchoolsBuddy</a>, please email <a href="mailto:edildebekov@bis.kg">edildebekov@bis.kg</a> and myself <a href="mailto:eignatova@bis.kg">eignatova@bis.kg</a>

Elina Ignatova, Primary School Assistant Principal

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING: "ALTYN KAZYK" EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

On May 22nd, 2024, the Advisory Council met at BIS to discuss Kyrgyzstan's transformative "Altyn Kazyk" education program. Chaired by Ambassador Olivier Bangerter, the meeting included updates on BIS developments and plans for new school sites. Also for this meeting we invited the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Education and Science of Kyrgyz Republic - Lira Samykbaeva, who told us about the "Altyn Kazyk" program.

Lira Samykbaeva introduced the "Altyn Kazyk" Program, outlining significant reforms in Kyrgyzstan's education sector. The Altyn Kazyk







program includes areas such as moving to a 12 year education system, strengthening preschool education, introducing the best textbooks in the natural sciences and English language based on the Cambridge program, and digitalization in education. She talked about Google supporting the Altyn Kazyk program to transform the school education system. Many questions from Advisory Council members led to a lively discussion of the planned reforms.

Alina Seitalieva, Governance and Events Officer

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> June, Saturday: High School Prom
- 1st June, Saturday: "The Little Prince" Theatrical Performance
- 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
- 11th 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 June  $3^{rd} - 7^{th}$  is **Menu A**.

You can view the <u>School menu</u> 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.

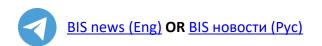
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#### **WHATSAPP & TELEGRAM**

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.





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Parents Association - facebook.com/bis.parents.127



# Preschool Discoveries

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#### **PRESCHOOL 1**

This week, we had a wonderful time celebrating Ashley's birthday! Everyone enjoyed the delicious cake. And we said goodbye to our lovely student Yeseo, who moved to Korea. We love you and will miss you.

In Kyrgyz lesson our students had a blast working on a fun project called "Baa Baa Sheep." In art class, we explored our musical side by creating beautiful singing birds. The students did an amazing job! This week, our inquiry project involved making bird nests and we hanged our creations on a tree.

In Math we focused on recognizing and counting numbers. The students practiced diligently and are making great progress.

We look forward to another exciting week of learning and fun!

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



#### **PRESCHOOL 2**

This week in Preschool 2 was all about ocean animals! We discovered many marine creatures and enjoyed lots of fun activities. Our little friends painted octopus outside in the playground and pretended to fish in the ocean with fishing rods in boats. We read a book about moon jellyfish and learned they don't sting humans. Inspired by this, we created beautiful, colorful jellyfish

paintings with watercolors.

In math, we practiced patterns on jellyfish, including both AB patterns and more complex ones. Additionally, we sorted wild animals and ocean animals into their habitats.

It was a productive week full of fun and learning!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



#### **PRESCHOOL 3**

We had an exciting week at preschool as we wrapped up our UOI and reviewed most of the topics covered this semester with engaging activities.

Our little learners thrived in sorting activities. They sorted fruits from vegetables and categorized animals according to habitats: Farm, Jungle, and Sea animals.

In math, they practiced their counting skills by constructing lego towers, showing their grown ability to apply what they've learned.

It's heartwarming to witness the joy and interaction among the children during these activities.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher























