



**Bishkek
International
School**

VOICES



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ALL-AMERICAS BBQ

At the All-Americas BBQ on Thursday 13th June, the whole community came together to celebrate an incredible year of learning.

We enjoyed delicious burgers, tacos, hot dogs, ice cream and drinks, with children enjoying various fun games provided by the Sun House Team, and everyone enjoying music from Salt Peanuts and Cool Show Band, with many dancing all night long. The final event of the school year ended with an amazing firework show.

We thank everyone who worked hard to make the event special and all those who came to enjoy it together.

We wish the whole community a very enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday!



SEMESTER AWARDS AT THE ALL-AMERICAS BBQ

Alex Straus, representing the US Embassy, gave the opening speech at the BBQ and presented awards to students. Award nominations were made by both students and staff and the awards panel had the difficult task of selecting final award winners.

Recognition is given for:

Academic Award for significant, sustained effort and achievement in academic work.

- Preschool: **Jonathan Grosse Rueschkamp**
- Primary School: **Alima Jumashukurova**
- Middle School: **Fatriya Gurpinar**
- High School: **Churek Toichubaeva**

Leadership Award for taking leadership roles throughout the school, helping members of the school community achieve their academic, sporting, and creative potential.

- Preschool: **Rayan Abdykerimov**
- Primary School: **Nikolaus Grosse Rueschkamp**
- Middle School: **Abai Amanaliev**
- High School: **Anel Mukambekova**

Service Award for commitment to service contributed to the positive development of their fellow classmates, Bishkek International School and the Kyrgyz Republic.

- Preschool: **Neya Gayvoronskaya**
- Primary School: **Jessica Hamling**
- Middle School: **Lilliana Wemhoener-Cuite**
- High School: **Aria Babanova**

Global Citizen Award for students prepared to tackle both global and local issues through a commitment to social justice; tolerance and diversity; good communications skills; and knowledge of global contexts.

- Preschool: **Simeon Blank**
- Primary School: **Umar Umarov**
- Middle School: **Aliya Ulan**
- High School: **Sandro Kvatchadze**



Community Award for exceptional contribution to the development and representation of the school community, OR for exceptional personal development through outstanding commitment and learning.

- Preschool: **Nikoloz Kacharava**
- Primary School: **Samira Nurlanova**
- Middle School: **Erik Abdyldaev, Albena Sergeenkova**
- High School: **Ailin Segizbaeva**

The **Kanat Chokoev Annual Award** was presented to **Alina Apazova** as she models genuine care for others and brightens the lives of all those around them, in the way that Kanat always did when he was alive.

David Grant, Head of School



BIS Snapshot: All-Americas BBQ 2024



PYP Student Led Conferences



Exciting times at our school! We've just wrapped up our PYP Student-Led Conferences, and we couldn't be more proud of our young learners. This unique approach gave our students the opportunity to take the lead, showcasing their work, reflecting on their progress, and setting goals for the future. It was truly inspiring to see the confidence and ownership each student displayed as they shared their achievements and growth with their families. These conferences are a testament to our commitment to empowering students and fostering a love for lifelong learning.



BIS Snapshot: Primary School Graduation



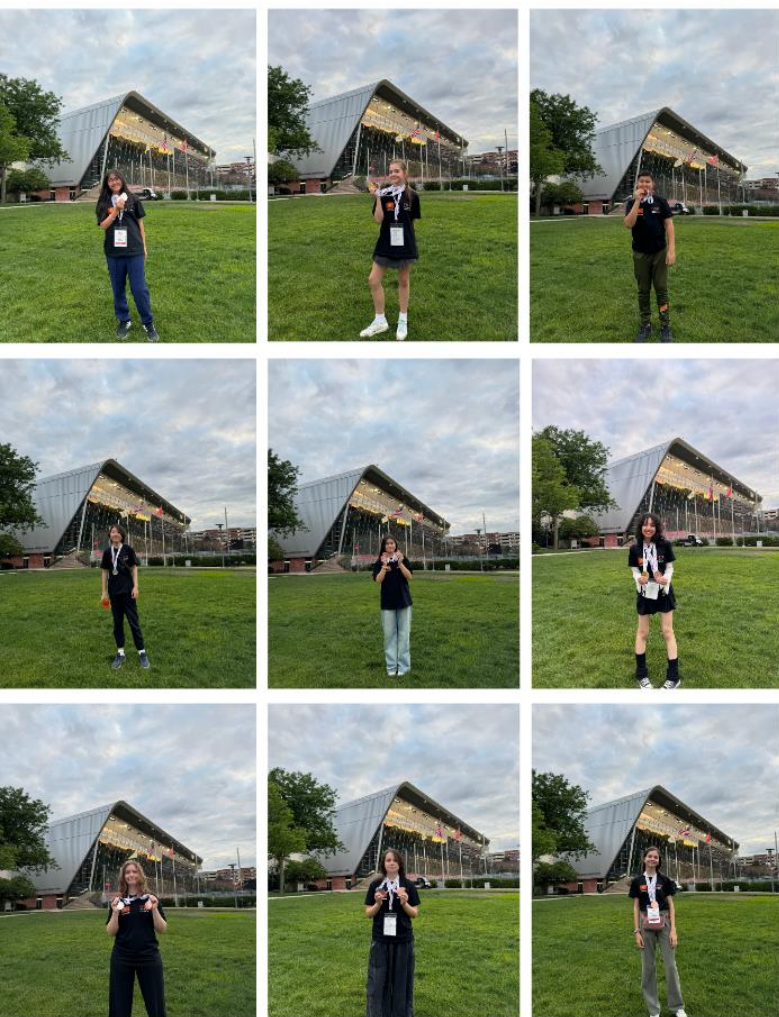
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SCIENCE CATEGORY

Bronze Medal

- Aiana Ibrahim
- Zeinep Murza-Abdullaeva

Silver Medal

- Maiko Okawa
- Erica Mansurova
- Matilda Fossati-Lamberti
- Marianne Brown

MATH CATEGORY

Honorable Mention

- Matilda Fossati-Lamberti
- Marianne Brown
- Zeinep Murza-Abdullaeva
- Albena Sergeenkova

Bronze Medal

- Erica Mansurova

Silver Medal

- Maiko Okawa
- Keonhee Kim

Gold Medal

- Aiana Ibrahim

2nd Place overall Grade 6 Gold Medal

- Aman Jumashukurov

AI CHALLENGE

Gold Medal

- Erica Mansurova

Congratulations to students who competed in the Neo Science Olympiad in New York City, USA. We are proud of your achievements!

STUDENTS SWAP CLASSROOMS FOR KITCHEN

Last week of this school year, some students changed the location of the lessons from our colorful classrooms to the kitchen. As part of our ongoing initiative to provide hands-on, engaging learning experiences, students embarked on a culinary adventure.

These cooking sessions were more than just a fun break from the usual routine. They provided our students with an opportunity to develop life skills, and gain confidence, work on their fine motor skills and express their creativity. It was heartwarming to see their faces light up with pride as they tasted the fruits of their labor and shared their creations with classmates and teachers.

**Ms Kyzjibek, Learning Diversity, Inclusion and Counselling (LDIC)
Coordinator**



CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

This academic year the 'Act for Community' student volunteer club successfully launched three amazing projects: Cyber Tournament, Basketball Tournament, and the Art Auction. All the money raised was donated to the animal shelter "Kaynar Help" and the crisis center "Mercy Centre" ("Центр Милосердия") for women in distress.

Additionally, this year we held a social project aiming to promote volunteering within the Bishkek community, visiting more than 10 schools! This was made possible thanks to the support of over 20 companies who were kind enough to sponsor the events. Moreover, we would like to express our gratitude to the BIS Community and PAMC for always supporting our initiatives!

Of course, none of this would have been possible without our dedicated group of volunteers who attended every meeting, participated in every project, contacted various sponsors, and made a significant impact on the Kyrgyz community!

Through the two team-building experiences we had this year, we celebrated our successes and the strong bonds we've formed in the club.

We are, therefore, very excited about the ActCom club activities in the upcoming academic year! Follow our instagram page, [actcom.bis](https://www.instagram.com/actcom.bis), for more updates.



Act for Community Team



SUPERSTAN



On Friday, 7th June, the Primary Drama ECA delighted us with a remarkable performance of their adaptation of the play 'Superstan'. Our talented young actors showcased their hard work and creativity, captivating the audience with their enthusiasm and skill. It was a wonderful afternoon that highlighted the incredible potential of our primary students. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our budding performers!



Music Academy Recital



On Friday, 7th June the Music Academy held its last recital of this academic year, which brought joy and excitement to all its participants and spectators.

During this academic year, our students have achieved excellent results, thanks to hard work and love of music.

We thank our parents for their support and understanding of the involvement of music in our lives. Many thanks to our academy teachers, your patience and perseverance in supporting students on their musical path are invaluable.

Ms. Munara, Music Teacher



In MYP Visual Art Class

Students sculpt imaginative interior decors with clay. It's a great way to ignite a passion for life and be a visionary to shape our brighter future. We can improve our quality of life simply from small things like a candle holder. Students seem to found their new passion, dreaming, inventing, crafting!

Ms. Didi, Art Teacher





Grade 1 Yellow Trip to Hyde Park



Grade 5 Blue Visit to Supara

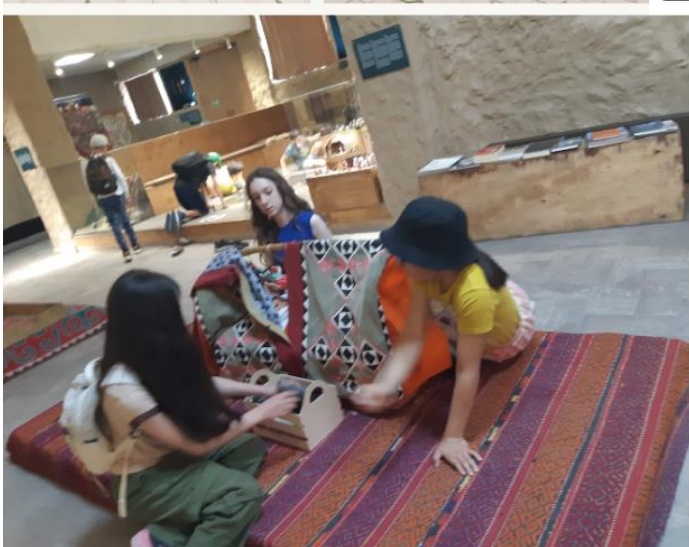


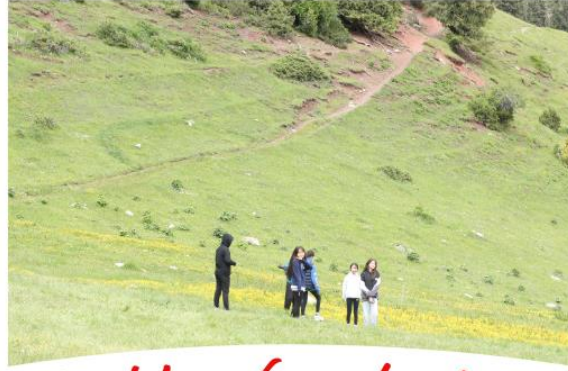
“ We had so much fun on our trip. First, we went to Victory Park. We played rock, paper, scissors tag. Some students played badminton or played in the stream. ”

“ Next, we went to Supara Ethno Complex interactive museum. The guide explained to us about the artefacts. We played chuko, a game played with sheep bones, and with dolls made of felt. The best part was making boorsok in an outdoor kitchen. We made and ate a lot with tea inside one of the yurts. ”



“ Then, we got to do archery. The bow was really heavy. Some of us almost hit the bullseye! We really liked playing on the big wooden swing. We did not want to leave! ”





School Trip Highlights: Grade 6 and 7 at Issyk Kul





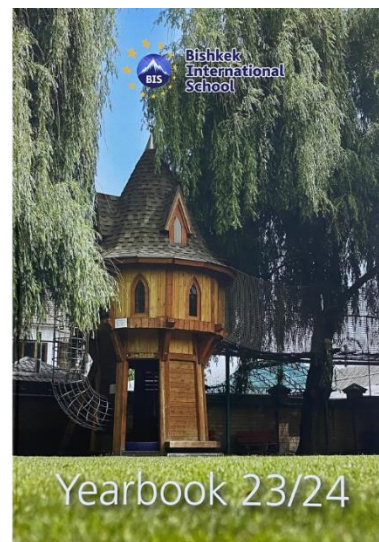
Unforgettable Adventures: Our High School Journey to Morocco!



2023/24 BIS YEARBOOK DOWNLOAD

Please find the 2023/24 Yearbook PDF in [HIGH QUALITY here](#).

For those who pre-ordered, a hardback printed copy is available for collection from the school office on any working day between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. No extra copies are available for sale.



CELEBRATING LONG-SERVICE WITH BIS

On Friday 14th June, we celebrated and recognized the dedication of our staff with the awarding of long-service awards for those who have been with BIS for 5 years and more. Awards were presented for:

Five Years Service

- Gulsana Niazbek kyzy
- Nurzhamal Alyмова
- Zeljko Jovetic
- Aisalkyn Gainazarova
- Aisedep Syrgakova
- Munara Korpotaeва
- Elena Zakharova
- Erkeayim Zhekshenalieva



- Nuraida Asanbaeva
- Irina Pak
- Saikal Alamanova
- Begimai Urmanbetova

Ten Years Service

- Gulnara Bekmanbetova
- Diushenbek Orozbakov
- Indira Bekkoenova
- Makiko Inaba
- Anna Balduk



Congratulations and thank you to all our committed staff who work so hard to ensure that we provide inspirational education in a happy environment.

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

After a busy and exciting final week, which culminated in our memorable All Americas Barbecue, we wish BIS students, families and staff a wonderful summer break!

Although students are away, the administration and facilities teams continue to work from Monday to Friday all summer, preparing for next year. We are also open for enrolment visits and fee payment from 9:00 am to 17:00.

If you need to contact the school for anything, please email info@bis.kg or call 0312 214 406.

UPCOMING EVENTS – 2024/25 Calendar is [here](#)

- **26th August, Monday: First Day of School**
- 30th August, Friday: Meet the Teachers
- **31st August, Saturday: Independence Day - Public Holiday**
- 2nd September, Monday: Public holiday for 31st August – Independence Day

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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PRESCHOOL 1

It was our last week of the school year. On June 7th, we had our student-led conference. Our brave and smart Preschool 1 students enjoyed showing parents their work, favorite toys, and activities. Thank you, dear parents, for coming.

This week, we had a movie day, made some cards, and played fun games.

As we reach the end of the school year, it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown by. It feels like just

yesterday our little students walked through our doors, full of excitement and a bit of anxiety. It has been a year filled with laughter, growth, and precious moments with your children.

Thank you, Preschool 1 students, for being caring, principled, reflective, balanced, risk-takers, open-minded communicators, knowledgeable thinkers, and inquirers. We are proud of you! Have a great holiday!

Ms. Guldana, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 2

This week in Preschool 2, we had a lot of fun activities to celebrate the end of the academic year! Our little friends enjoyed a variety of indoor and outdoor games, painted beautiful pictures, and read delightful books. One of the highlights was going outside to fill trays with water and fishing for toy fish with fishing rods. We truly enjoyed spending these last days together.

As we wrap up the year, we wish our little friends all the best in their future adventures. We have loved watching them grow and learn, and we are confident they will continue to shine brightly. We also want to thank all the parents for their continuous support and cooperation throughout the year and wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher



PRESCHOOL 3

As we wrap up this incredible preschool journey, I want to take this moment to express my deepest appreciation to our amazing kids. Their growth, curiosity, and creativity have truly shined throughout this year. Their laughter, smiles, and unique

personalities have filled our days with joy and inspiration. They have all grown so much, and it has been an absolute pleasure to witness their development.

Ms. Bivo, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher



BIS Snapshot: Preschool Graduation

