

30th January 2019

"Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas."

**Albert Einstein**

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### JANUARY

- 28th-1st - Mathematics Week & competitions
- 30th - Year 7&8 depart on Bucharest Sports Tour
- 31st - Dzalisi archaeology visit - Year 6

### FEBRUARY

- 4th-8th - Lunar New Year events @BIST
- 6th - Parents' Coffee Morning
- 7th - UK Maths Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge (Years 9&10)
- 8th - Dzalisi archaeology visit - Year 5 & 5/6
- 8th - Priamry Assembly (parents welcome!)
- 9th - Speech competition @ OSI [CANCELLED]
- 14th - Valentines Day Ball (Secondary student event)
- 15th-16th - Tbilisi Classic Basketball event @ Zaza Pachulia centre
- 18th-22nd - Languages Week
- 21st - Mother Language Day
- 22nd - Primary Assembly (parents welcome!)
- 22nd - Mid Year Progress reports released to parents
- 25th & 4th - Parent teacher conferences

## BLACK SEA MATHS CUP

On Tuesday, BIST hosted the first Black Sea Maths Cup with 6 schools from Ukraine, Turkey and Georgia participating in real time. Students competed in teams of ten answering numeracy based challenges. After a close competition our friends from BGA took the trophy. It was an excellent experience for our students to compete with their peers from British International schools in neighbouring countries. BIST intends to make this competition an annual event!

## MATHS WEEK AT BIST

Dear Parents

We are the middle of Mathematics Week here at BIST and the students have been involved in a wide variety of mathematical activities in class and around the school. Lots of fun can be had with Maths and our students are discovering this.

Early this morning a group of our Year 7 and 8 athletes headed off to Bucharest with Mr. Hammond and Ms. Charkuiani on our first ever Romania Sports Tour. The students will be competing against the British International School of Bucharest at a number of disciplines as well as taking in some of the cultural highlights of the area.

Unfortunately, the Speech Competition we were invited to attend has been cancelled as we were the only team to confirm entry.

Last week I had a very interesting meeting with three members of the [Green Tbilisi Project](#). The three members are all university students and a credit to the youth of this country. BIST and the Green Tbilisi Project will start cooperating in a number of ways over the coming months. The most important of these cooperative efforts will be a tree planting campaign. The plan is for all BIST students, parents and staff to sponsor the purchase of at least one sapling ('baby' tree). The students will be planting it themselves at a location that we have not yet identified. We do hope that parents will welcome this initiative. As Spring approaches we will also be getting out in the gardens here at BIST. Our class gardens have been developed, but they are as yet empty of greenery. Our primary classes will each have a garden each and can decide what they want to plant - vegetables, fruits, herbs or flowers. We are also looking to re-wild some of the areas around school and re-plant indigenous Georgian species.



### Parents Coffee Morning

8.30am-9.30am, 6th February  
Please come along on Wednesday to this social gathering!

## KEYBOARD LESSONS

Please contact [Ms. Tamuna](#) if you would like your child to participate in one-to-one keyboard lessons.



## GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL

Last week saw our Junior Boys Basketball team lose by only 3 points to QSI. This was an excellent start to the season and bodes well for the forthcoming Tbilisi Classic. The senior girls lost by a greater margin, but are playing against significantly older students in this age category.



## PRIMARY SWIMMING GALA WINNERS

**Won Y6**

Years 5, 5/6 & 6

**Dorian Y2**

Years 1, 1/2 & 2

**Alejandro 3D**

Years 3 & 4

**Kenjiro F2**

Foundation 2

**RED TIGER HOUSE**  
won the house trophy!

**Congratulations to all participants on an excellent swimming gala!**

## BOOK COLLECTION MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

We are collecting books in languages spoken by students at BIST. Parents are encouraged to bring books in their mother language to school. These will be used for a buddy reading event during the Mother Language Day and returned after the event.

## Who to contact about what...

To speed communications between parents and school, it is important that parents contact the right person with the right message.

First *port of call* for all parents should be your child's class teacher (primary) or mentor (secondary). In addition our Key Stage leaders can be copied in on emails to staff. Our KS leaders are: Mr. Alex Timmis - EYKS1, Ms. Erin McRaith - KS2, Mr. James Miller - KS3 and Mr. Dan Comar - KS4. Any issues about fees or a student's departure from BIST should go to Ms. Tumika; queries about school buses and external examinations or to make an appointment with the Principal, please contact Ms. Sophie; for clubs and music lessons, please contact Ms. Tamuna; any admissions questions or changes of address or contact details, please contact Ms. Tatiana.

## REQUIRED FORM: TRANSPORT

Last term we sent out an Independent transport form to secondary parents, only a small number replied. It is very important that we know whether secondary students are allowed to travel home without their parents/driver/school bus. Please follow [this link](#), download, complete and send into school.

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