Dear Parents

Thank you to our Key Stage 2 students and their supportive staff for The Pied Piper KS2 production last Thursday and Friday. An appreciative audience saw our talented students sing, dance and act the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. We look forward to more performing arts productions later this year and next year. An extra thank you must go to Ms. Stacy for her leadership and her willingness to be our Head of Performing Arts next academic. HoPA is a new position at BIST and Ms. Stacy will lead on the academic and extra-curricular music and drama aspects of school life.

This weekend we see BIST in action in the sporting arena as we host the inaugural Black Sea Games with teams coming from Turkey and the Ukraine and also from BGA. This event for Year 7&8 age boys and girls sees the teams compete in football, basketball, dodgeball and cross country. It is an honour for BIST to host the first edition of this event. For those of you who are unaware about our involvement in the Black Sea Schools, it is for COBIS member schools in Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine and I am the current chairman of the group.

Tree Planting Day is tomorrow and we have hit our target of 200 trees (though please do send in further donations for further trees). The trees purchased by the children or their parents will be planted by the children on Thursday with the assistance of BIST and Lisi Lake staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

AUGUST

• 4th - Tree Planting Day
• 4th - Y6 Bakery visit
• 6th & 7th - Black Sea Games @BIST
• 8th - Start of Languages rotation 4 for KS2 and Y7&8
• 8th - Secondary Student Council Kera House work afternoon
• 9th - School closed for Independence Restoration Day
• 11th - Y6 Cement Factor visit
• 12th - Primary assembly - Parents Welcome!
• 12th & 13th - International Award practice expedition
• 15th-18th - Book Week
• 15th - IGCSE Art Exam Day
• 15th - Y5 & Y5/6 Bakery visit
• 18th - Last Day of Term 2 (Thursday)
• 19th - Start of Easter Holiday (Friday)

ONLINE SAFETY

This week’s online safety infographic is about online grooming. Please find it here.

SCHOOL CLOSED:

9th APRIL

Please remember we are closed on Tuesday 9th April. (Last time we had a similar closure a number of children did come to school...)
Last Thursday and Friday saw the premiere performance of *The Pied Piper* - a magnificent production that brought smiles to all. Our cast and staff worked extremely hard to put on a great performance at the Cultural Centre in Vake! Our performers impressed the audience with their acting, upbeat group numbers, perfected solos & duets.

The journey to the premiere started at the beginning of the academic year when *The Pied Piper* was selected as the Spring musical. Auditions were held for the key roles and the main cast was selected. Twice a week the cast met to work on lines and performance styles. Ms. Reeka rehearsed the main songs with each class while Ms. Stacy organised the performances, stage actions and dances. The entire Key Stage 2 team was impressed by every child’s commitment to the show. The cast and crew had one day of rehearsals at the Cultural Centre theatre to put it all together on the stage - which was both extremely exciting and exhausting for all! *The Piper* was a great experience for BIST primary students, as this was their first ever stage production. Now that the wheels are set in motion, Key Stage 2 team is already planning for the show next year!

During this special week BIST students and staff will take extra time to celebrate books and develop a love of reading. On the 16th and 17th April, student council will be organising a book swap. Students can bring in a book they no longer want or have already read, exchange it for a special ticket and choose a new book to take home the following day. There will be a Dress-up as a Book Character day on the 18th April and certificates will be given in class for the most original costume.