Dear Parents

BIST saw a fantastic weekend of sport with the inaugural Black Sea Games. Teams from BIST and from BGA competed with visitors from the British Embassy School Ankara and the British International School Ukraine. Close and sporting competition was seen in football, basketball, dodgeball and cross country. BIST took the trophy in girls’ football and girls’ dodgeball and silver in boys’ cross country. The overall tournament winners were BES Ankara though. It was a great start to the sporting aspect of the Black Sea Schools collaboration. An enormous congratulations should go to Mr. Hammond and his PE team for their organisation of the event. More Black Sea Schools events are in the pipeline and we hope to be involved in Model United Nations and Performing Arts events next year as well as more sports events.

The BIST theatre critics were out in force on Monday evening at the Rustaveli Theatre to watch Dora and Martyna in Year 11 perform in the play Contact with Ira Kokhreidze Inclusive Theatre. BIST students have done fundraising to support this charity and it was fantastic to see two of our students take to the boards with the theatre in what was a challenging piece of serious drama.

In February 8 of our Year 10 and 11 students took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge. This involved an hour of serious Maths puzzles to be calculated. We have now received the results from the Trust. Congratulations to Molly (Year 11) and Melissa (Year 10) who achieved Bronze awards, Artur and Adrian (both in Year 11) who achieved Silver awards and to our school champion, Vladimir (Year 11) who achieved a Gold Award. The Junior Maths Challenge for students in Years 7 and 8 takes place on Tuesday 30th April. Although this is the last day of the Easter holiday, school will be open as it is a staff preparation day. Mr. Comar and Mr. Graham will be inviting Year 7 and 8 Mathematicians to participate.

Our Easter holiday is approaching! Please note that the final day of school is Thursday 18th April. School will be closed from Friday 19th to Tuesday 30th April. Term 3 starting on 1st May. Details of office opening hours and days will be sent out with next week’s newsletter.

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“I don’t want to survive Maurice, I want to live!”
King Julien XIII
Year 6 took a trip to the Ipkli Bread factory to see first hand how bread is made to supplement their IPC unit. Students had a guided tour at the completely automated factory and learnt that over 200,000 loaves of bread are made each day. Students were given a wide assortment of Ipkli sweet breads to take home!

Year 5 and 5/6 students were treated to a presentation by one of our parents about her home country, India. Students learned about traditional greetings, cultural particularities and geographic features of the country. They also had the opportunity to sample traditional Indian treats, such as samosa and shonpapri!

Year 11 students took to the stage performing in the play Contact with Ira Kokhreidze Inclusive Theatre this week. It featured metaphorical rooms each representing a stage in a child’s birth. Martyna and Dora showed great dedication to their roles in the play and in supporting the theatre throughout the year.

BIST students are continuing their volunteer work with KERA House this spring, helping to clean up the yard at a home that will soon welcome vulnerable families in need of housing. Our volunteers cleared the area of construction debris, sharp shrubs and old stumps to create a child-friendly yard for the incoming families.

During BOOK WEEK Primary Student Council will be holding a BOOK SWAP for primary students. All primary students are asked to donate lightly used and/or new books that they do not currently want on Tuesday, 16th April. Students will receive one book ticket for the first book they donate. On Wednesday, 17th April students who have a book ticket will be invited to claim one book at the book swap.