



31st March

“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.”

[William Shakespeare](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS...

April

- 1st - Summative Reports for Years 11 to 13 released
- 1st - Last Day of Term 2
- 2nd - Start of Spring Holiday
- 5th-9th - Holiday Sports Cam
- 12th - Start of Term 3
- 20th - Tree Planting Day
- 22nd - Earth Day
- 23rd - International Award Bronze training day
- 30th - Orthodox Good Friday - school closed

Dear Parents

The end of Term 2 approaches and our last day before our Spring holiday is tomorrow. Since moving back to on campus learning in February we have been blessed with no disruptions to the learning process here at school. We do hope that this continues after the forthcoming holiday. For many of us the holiday will be a chance to recharge our batteries, reflect on Term 2 and prepare ourselves for Term 3. However, if you are a student in Years 11, 12 or 13, you will be busy preparing for the IGCSE, AS and A Level examinations that run from the last week of April to early June. It is vital that these students use the holiday wisely and we support them in doing so.

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP

Next week is our first ever Year 1-6 BIST Holiday Sports Camp! We have tennis, rock climbing, football and swimming happening all week. The times are 9.00am-12.15pm and costs just 100GEL per day. The letter and registration form can be found [here](#). If you have any questions contact [Mr. Hammond](#).

AWARDS

In Primary School, last Friday the teachers rewarded winners of the Thoughtfulness Award, one of our BIST Learning Goals. Congratulations to our award winners.

Primary Thoughtfulness Award Winners			
Foundation 1	Miriani, Nargiz	Year 3D	All 3D
Foundation 2	Jei, Michael	Year 4JL	Arya, Elizabeth
Year 1	Deni, Pedro Levan	Year 5N	Elizabeth, Eva
Year 1/2	Anna, Haralds	Year 5/6	Alexandra, Deme
Year 2G	Emil, Mariam	Year 6S	Erekle, Nulara
Year 3A	Davit, Dorian	Congratulations and Well Done!	

In Secondary's assembly on Monday, the students below were rewarded for their Cooperation, another one of our BIST Learning Goals.

Secondary Cooperation Award Winners			
Year 7M	Edwards, Elise	Year 10	Alexandra, Nika
Year 7Z	Elene, Vytautas	Year 11	Rim
Year 8	Anna C, Ingrid, Mariam	Year 12	Aneta, Layan
Year 9	Francesca, Milan	Year 13	Theo
Congratulations and Well Done!			

DODGEBALL

Last week in 'bubbles' our secondary students participated in a Dodgeball tournament involving all students. A great deal of fun was had by all at these lunchtime matches, but there was some serious competition as well with House Points up for grabs. After a week of competition the Green Panthers came out as Dodgeball champions with Yellow Leopards in second place, Blue Pumas in third and Red Tigers in fourth spot. There will be more inter-house competitions next term.

FIRST AID

On Friday last week many of our support staff at BIST participated in a day long First Aid course. This included members of the administration team, PE staff and coaches, security staff, domestic and ground staff and our laboratory technician. Later this year our International Award students will also be participated in First Aid training and next academic year we are to be supported by the Georgian Red Cross to ensure all Year 11 and Sixth Form students are trained in this important and potentially life saving skill.



A VISIT TO THE ROMANS...

As John Cleese said, what did the Romans do for us? Well, Years 5/6 and 6 found out on Friday when they visited the Roman Archaeological site at Dzalisi. The students explored the old baths, remains of old buildings and, with a little historical imagination, explored a little about Roman life in Georgia.



ALICE IN WONDERLAND

This week we should have been using our new sports hall and its retractable seating this week to allow parents a chance to see our wonderful Key Stage 2 students in Alice in Wonderland. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we are not allowed to hold such gatherings. Fortunately, our Performing Arts team are becoming a dab hand at video production. Today the video version of Alice will be released to parents.

RED BOX

Today we are launching the Red Box project for the children at the Jejili centre in Chiatura. Each box will contain roughly 12-16 individualised items. This is an initiative being led by Year 8, but with whole school involvement. Please bring your pledged items to school by Friday, 23rd April 2021. Please see our poster here.

END OF TERM 2 HOUSE POINTS

This week we have a Dodgeball competition in Secondary within our COVID bubbles. Results next week!

Secondary House Points (end of Term 2 standings)		Primary House Points (end of Term 2 standings)	
Green Panthers	480	Green Panthers	1205
Yellow Leopards	450	Blue Pumas	1158
Blue Pumas	420	Red Tigers	1135
Red Tigers	400	Yellow Leopards	1051

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