



14th April

UPCOMING EVENTS...

April

- 16t - Y1/2 & Y2 Lisi Lake IPC visits
 - 16t - BIST v BGA sports fixtures
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 - 20th - Tree Planting Day
 - 22nd - Earth Day
 - 22nd - Guest speaker in Years 9, 10, 12 & 13
 - 23rd - International Award Bronze training day
 - 23rd - Primary Choir AmaSing event
 - 26th - UK Maths Trust Y6-8 Maths Challenge
 - 27th - Start of IGCSE and AS/A Level exams begin
 - 27th - Y9 Creative Arts Krafteemooon
 - 29th - Y4 Creative Arts Krafteemooon
 - 30th - Orthodox Good Friday - school closed
- May
- 3rd - Orthodox Easter Monday - school closed
 - 6th-7th - International Award Bronze practice expedition
 - 10th-14th - Social Enterprise Week (Y7-10)
 - 17th-21st - Design Technology Week (Primary)
 - 17th-21st - GL Progress Tests (Y2-6)
 - 20th-21st - International Award Bronze assessed expedition
 - 26th - School Closed for Independence Day
 - 31st-4th - GL Progress Tests and Summer Assessment Week (Y7-9)
 - 31st-4th - Summer Exam Week (Y10)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Next week, we welcome Kate Bunina to BIST. Kate will be speaking to Year 9 and 10 students about the Life Choices we make and her journey to becoming a successful entrepreneur. She will follow these sessions with one for Year 12 and 13 students on the topic of Entrepreneurship. Kate is a successful Tbilisi entrepreneur who has worked in Europe and the USA.



“What can't be achieved through determination and persistence?”

HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh

Dear Parents

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh over the weekend. The Duke's lasting legacy will be the International Award. He founded this back in 1956 and it has gone from strength to strength and from being a UK award to one of the most widely recognised of global awards for young people. Here at BIST we are the only accredited organisation in the Caucasus for the delivery of the award and students in Year 9 and above can participate. If you would like to know more about the International Award, please follow this [link](#) or contact [Mr. Hammond](#) or [Ms. Keti](#). There is a condolences book that will be available at the school's back gate for parents to sign until Friday when we will forward this to Buckingham Palace.

We do all hope that you had a pleasant and restful holiday. There is a busy term ahead as the calendar section of the newsletter suggests. The key events for our senior students are the Cambridge IGCSE (Year 11), AS Level (Year 12) and A Level (Year 13) examinations. The first of these is on the 27th April and the final examination is on 11th June. Students will be sitting between 12 and 21 individual examinations over this period. Later this term students in Years 2 to 9 will sit Progress Tests in English, Mathematics and Science. The Progress Tests are not assessments that we want students (or parents) to become anxious about and are used primarily as a useful tool for teachers to measure progress this year and support learning next year. In May and June, the students in Year 7 to 9 will sit a variety of assessments based on their studies over the year - these will not all be in examination format. The students in Year 10 will sit summer exams in their IGCSEs and these are to measure progress at the halfway point of the IGCSE course.



In memory of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh,
KG KT, 1921 - 2021

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In Key Stage 3 History in recent weeks, the students have focussed on Women's History Month. Students had as a home learning project a poster or speech related to a woman from their home country who has made an impact on their society. A selection of these can be found [here](#).

TREE PLANTING

Thank you to all those students, staff and parents who have already purchased a tree as part of our tree-planting day on the 20th April. Please note that this Friday is the last day to purchase a tree for your child to plant.



BIST V BGA SPORTS

This week sees a number of sports fixtures with BIST teams taking on their counterparts from BGA. Tuesday was the turn of the Year 5&6 boys football team and the Young Lions scored two late goals to run out 4-2 in a closely contested game. Deme in Year 6 scored a hat-trick and Mikhaylo from Year 5 added the fourth. On Thursday the Year 9 and above table tennis players and the Year 3 to 6 swimming teams are in competition. Friday sees the Year 7&8 girls football team and a mixed senior volleyball team take on teams from BGA.

SPORTING INTERNSHIPS

This week we have welcomed two interns, Sandro and Zura, from the Georgian State Teaching University for Physical Education and Sports. Our two interns will be supporting the PE department this term and learning about the teaching of PE in a school environment. As a school, we feel it is very important to support the development of the next generation of Georgian PE teachers.

RED BOX

Please can we remind parents about our Red Box project for the children at the Jejili centre in Chiatura? The positive response to the red box project has been inspiring with many students already bringing in their items. Please consult the [pledge form](#) to see what your child is responsible for or if there are any missing items in the box. 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.

PRIMARY PROGRESS AWARDS

On the last day before the recent holiday, teachers in primary handed out the following awards for progress.

Primary Progress Award Winners			
Foundation 1	David, Luka	Year 3D	Isaiah, Kian
Foundation 2	Aldiyar, Zahara	Year 4JL	Karl, Seva, Tornike, Yerbolat
Year 1	Maohann, Rezija	Year 5N	Imran, Kora
Year 1/2	Lloyd, Tosia	Year 5/6	Karina, Noel
Year 2G	Lina, Samuel	Year 6S	Elene, Mari
Year 3A	Andrew, Roland	<i>Congratulations and Well Done!</i>	

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