



28th April

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### April

- 28th & 29th - School Individual Portrait Photography
- 29th - Easter Egg hunting for EYKS1
- 29th - Y4 Creative Arts Krafteernoon
- 30th - Orthodox Good Friday - school closed
- May
- 3rd - Orthodox Easter Monday - school closed
- 4th-11th - School campus closed for national holiday
- 6th-7th - International Award Bronze practice expedition
- 12th - School campus scheduled to reopen
- 12th-14th - Social Enterprise Week (Y7-10)
- 17th-21st - Design Technology Week (Primary)
- 17th-21st - GL Progress Tests (Y2-6)
- 19th - Soccer Aid Day
- 20th-21st - International Award Borjomi expedition
- 26th - School Closed for Independence Day
- 27th -28th - International Award Manglisi expedition
- 31st-4th - GL Progress Tests and Summer Assessment Week (Y7-9)
- 31st-4th - Summer Exam Week (Y10)

## BLACK SEA SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Well done to all the students who participated in the public speaking competition by producing their own videos of speeches on important and topical issues. There were some great speeches, but we had to select winners from BIST that would be forwarded on to the judges in our Black Sea partner schools. Our winners for Key Stage 2 were Fedra in Year 6, Karla in Year 5 and Lyla in Year 6. Our Key Stage 3 winners were Guantsa and Maya in Year 8 and Natalia in Year 9. We now await the next round of adjudication from our international judging panel.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photograph programme began today and will continue tomorrow. Hopefully all students missing due to self-isolation or examination leave will be able to have their photograph taken at a later date. We will send out details on how parents can receive the photographs shortly. Unfortunately, due to social distancing, we cannot do group photographs. Our photographer is Zoey, a former BIST student, who is on a gap year prior to starting her photography university course in Texas.

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail."

**Nelson Mandela**

Dear Parents

As you are aware from our email on Monday, the school must close from 4th to 11th May due to the additional holiday period the government has introduced. An online programme of activities will be provided and classteachers, mentors and subject teachers will inform students and parents about this. School is scheduled to reopen for on campus learning on the 12th May. For students who are sitting their IGCSE, AS Level or A Level examinations, the school is open for the examinations only.

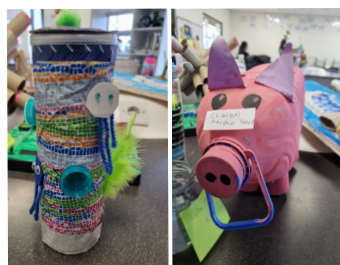
This weekend is the Georgian Easter and we would like to send our best wishes for a Happy Easter to all who are celebrating this weekend. School is closed on Friday and Monday for the long weekend (unless your child is sitting the AS Level Spanish examination on Monday). Tomorrow, our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children will participate class-by-class in an Easter Egg Hunt in the school courtyard.

## ECO ART

As part of our celebrations for Earth Day, the younger members of Secondary Eco-Club challenged the Primary students to produce art made from recycled materials. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the number of entries,



and the outstanding quality of the art - the students must have worked really hard. We hope they had as much fun making the art as we had collecting it and looking through it all. The art is now on display in the breakout area (as much as we could fit there). We have chosen our winners, and will announce to the classes as soon as we are all back in school! We want to thank all the students who got involved - we hope they had as much fun making the art as we had collecting it and looking through it all.



## Y9 KRAFTEERNOON

Tuesday saw our first Krafteernoon with Ms. Kali, our guest artist from Argentina. Tuesday's workshop with Year 9 will be followed by one tomorrow with Year 4.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Last week our Year 9, 10, 12 and 13 students participated in a guest lecture and Q&A with successful Georgia-based businesswoman Kate Bunina. Kate discussed life and career choices with Years 9 and 10 and how to get to where you want to be. The students supplied many great questions for Kate and were very engaged in this interesting session. Kate offered a slightly different lecture for Year 12 and 13 centred around entrepreneurship. This Thursday we have guest speakers in Year 3 and Year 8 from the Red Cross.



## INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Friday morning saw our new Bronze Award Participants complete their training day in preparation for the upcoming practice and assessed expeditions. The first part of the day focussed on First Aid and was delivered by Dr. Sergey from AMC. The students then did some tentwork where they practised putting up tents in pairs unaided ready for the real thing! The third part of the day consisted of a 5km hike carrying all the equipment they would need for a two day expedition. During this part of the day Ms. Keti delivered a short session on making safe fires to keep warm and cook. All the students excelled and are very well equipped for the upcoming expeditions. Unfortunately the expedition scheduled for next week has had to be postponed until later this term.

## RED BOX

Thank you to all the students and parents who have supported the Red Box project. The items are now being boxed up ready for delivery to Chiatura.



## PRIMARY PROGRESS AWARDS

On Friday of last week, teachers in primary handed out the following awards for Progress over the past two weeks.

Primary Progress Award Winners			
Foundation 1	David, Margarita	Year 3D	Matthew, Nice
Foundation 2	Emili, Maya	Year 4JL	Arina, Maria
Year 1	Lekso, Tia	Year 5N	Adiba, Sasha
Year 1/2	Leya, Sandro	Year 5/6	Emma, Felicia
Year 2G	Luca, Maxim	Year 6S	Fedra, Lyla
Year 3A	Elene, Hana	<i>Congratulations and Well Done!</i>	

## PRIMARY HOUSE POINTS

Primary House Points		
	This Week	Running Total
Yellow Leopards	56	138
Green Panthers	44	132
Blue Pumas	30	128
Red Tigers	61	153

## BUS 2021-2022

Please complete this [form](#) should you wish your child(ren) to use the bus for the academic year 2021-22.

Please ensure you have completed the form by 21st May to enable us to calculate the bus routes for students.



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