



15th September

UPCOMING EVENTS...

September

- 24th - 'Settling in' email to parents for all new students and all students in Y7, Y10, Y11, Y12 & 13
- 27th - Half Term Break - one week holiday

October

- 4th - Scheduled return to on campus learning
- 4th - Settling in parents zoom for all new students and all Y7, Y10, Y11, Y12 & 13
- 4th to 8th - CAT Testing week for Y4, 7, 10 and 12
- 8th - Tbilisoba @BIST
- 11th to 15th - International Week @BIST
- 12th - Secondary 2021 Awards Afternoon
- 15th - Parental CAT test reports published to parents
- 20th - COBIS International University Fair (online)
- 29th - Initial Progress Reports published to parents

"Don't wait for things to get easier, simpler, better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now. Otherwise, you'll run out of time."

Anonymous

Dear Parents

Today sees us only one week and 2 days, plus a week of holiday, away from the scheduled opening of school for on campus learning on the 4th October. Learning and teaching online can be tough both on the student, the teacher and also for parents. Having online sessions with Early Years and my Year 10 Geography class, I know this first hand. We have seen in general very positive engagement by students of all ages and even though the occasional technical glitch causes an issue, we can see that learning is continuing.



BATTERY COLLECTION

Our battery competition is still running and we need your help! Please continue to collect any old batteries you have at home. Once we are back in school students can drop them into their house team box. We are working with Parki Ar Minda to recycle these batteries. Which house will collect the most batteries?



VACCINATION STATUS

It is important that parents continue to complete our survey and also resubmit the form when their vaccination status changes (please note on the survey if this is a re-submission). There are a significant number of parents who have not responded - please make an effort to do so. [Here is the link](#) to the survey.



Join us on Instagram!

[@bistbilisi.ge](https://www.instagram.com/bistbilisi.ge)

RACE 4 GOOD

In June, our Year 8 students participated in a trial activity with [Race 4 Good](#) organiser Linda Cruse. The students had to come up with effective suggestions as to how a poor family living on a Himalayan hillside could increase their family income and standard of living. The students came up with a number of great ideas. The Race 4 Good team took these ideas to the family in Nepal to see what they thought. Some of the ideas, such as rearing a goat, creating a vegetable garden for food and sale and the purchase of metal-working tools, were chosen by the family and Race 4 Good paid for their implementation. A short video about this can be found [here](#). The students, now in Year 9, will be participating in a full Race 4 Good challenge in November.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

This year sees our third year of student involvement in the International Award. Ms. Keti has been promoting this amongst our senior students for enrolment and re-enrolment in the programme for this year. We are the only school in the Caucasus region that is licensed to offer this prestigious award. Our students from the 2020-21 cohort will shortly be receiving their Bronze or Silver Awards. More details about the Award can be found [here](#).



ONLINE TEACHERS 'IN' MYANMAR

Last Thursday, BIST Secondary school leaders and faculty heads hosted a number of teachers from [Network International School](#) in Myanmar. Due to the pandemic and a coup d'etat, seven NIS staff are currently Tbilisi-based and working online with their Yangon-based students. It was a great opportunity to share ideas on teaching, both online and on campus and a number of student interaction ideas were discussed.

PRIMARY PROGRESS AWARDS

Our Primary classteachers selected Progress Award champions on Friday. Well done to everyone!

Primary Pupil Progress Award Winners *Congratulations to all our winners!*

Foundation 1	Jingxuan, Maxime	Year 4D	Cecilia, Mary
Foundation 2	Ketevan, Simon	Year 4L	Elouan, Sophia
Year 1	Sophia, Warren	Year 5S	Maria, Oliver
Year 1/2	Imran, Sandro	Year 5T	Austin, Madeleine
Year 2	Daniela, Mikhail	Year 6R	Felicia, Vakaris
Year 3W	Elisa	Year 6V	Elizabeth, Elora

Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

Ms. Alexandra Backhouse
Vice Principal & Head of Primary

Mr. Adam Whybro
Head of Secondary

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Mr. Simon Rooney
KS2 Coordinator

Mr. James Miller
KS3 Coordinator

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