



"Conservation must become more than recreation."
HRH King Charles III

UPCOMING EVENTS

★ September

- 22nd - Secondary Awards Evening (6.00pm-8.00pm)
- 23rd - Settling-in emails to parents of new students and Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13
- 23rd - BIST Senior Girls v QSI football @BIST
- 26th-27th - Settling-in meetings (if required) with parents of new students and Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13
- 29th - Parent Community Association AGM (6.00pm-8.00pm)

🍎 October

- 3rd-7th - COBIS Higher Education Week
- 5th - Parents Afternoon Tea (3.00pm-4.25pm)
- 6th - Middle School Boys Football v QSI @ QSI
- 7th - Middle School Girls and Boys Volleyball v QSI @ BIST
- 10th-13th - International Week
- 12th - International Evening (5.30pm-8.00pm)
- 13th - NOVVA Black Sea Schools Higher Education Fair (3.00pm-5.00pm)
- 13th - BIST Tbilisoba afternoon
- 13th - Last Day of Term 1.1
- 14th-23rd - October Half Term break
- 24th - First Day of Term 1.2



DEAR PARENTS

This week has been a week where we, as UK and Commonwealth citizens, have said goodbye to our respected Queen and also welcomed our new King. It is a new era and something that most British and Commonwealth people have never experienced. We now wish HRH King Charles III well in his reign.

On Thursday I travelled to Timisoara (a very pretty little city) and the other BIST for the Black Sea Schools annual principals meeting as the Chair of BSS. It is always a good time to share ideas that can make all our schools better and for us to plan for the forthcoming year. Our BIST has offered to host the KS3 Black Sea Games in March and a Year 7 to 10 football competition in May. Now that travel is easier, we hope that some of our friends from other Black Sea Schools will be able to join us for these. Also in the calendar is a Primary Black Sea games in Ankara in May that we will send a team of our Year 5 and 6 students to. A Model United Nations event in Baku is planned for February. There will also be a number of online competitions such as art, creative writing and maths. In addition, we also discussed staff networking and professional development initiatives as well as working as a group in our relationships with educational services providers.

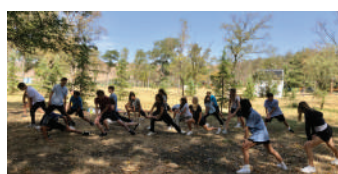


International Evening

Our gala event is coming up soon and we have lots of countries involved. [Please click this link to offer your support.](#) If you would like to lead the representation of a country, please email [Ms. Stacy](#).

Secondary PSHE Day

Monday was Secondary PSHE Day and a wide range of topics were discussed and activities participated in to further develop the students' learning in Personal Social and Health Education.



PCA Committee Elections

We would like to congratulate and welcome the new members of the school Parent Community Association (PCA) Committee. The Committee has been established to welcome families to the school and its community, to plan events and initiatives for students, parents and staff that foster cultural diversity, academic excellence, mutual respect, and friendship and to undertake charitable community fundraising. As the Election Committee did not receive more than one candidate for a position, uncontested nominations are awarded automatically without the need for a vote, in accordance with the election procedures. The PCA Committee members are: **Chairperson: Ms. Katerine Efimov; Primary Vice Chairperson: Ms. Františka (Francesca) Tlustá; Treasurer: Mr. Viacheslav (Slava) Shaga; Staff Representative: Ms. India Madisetti.** No nominations were received for the positions of Secondary Vice Chairperson or Secretary for the Committee. Under the PCA Constitution adopted in June, vacant positions may be later filled by the PCA Committee through appointment. We look forward to the work of the PCA Committee over the following year to work closely with the school. The PCA Committee can be contacted via pcabist@gmail.com. The PCA Committee would also like to thank Mr. Sean Dunne, BIST parent, for his invaluable support in this stage of the PCA's development and the election of officials.



Chairperson:
Ms. Katerine Efimova



Primary Vice Chairperson:
Ms. Františka (Francesca) Tlustá;



Treasurer:
Mr. Viacheslav (Slava) Shaga



Staff Representative:
Ms. India Madisetti

Primary Progress Awards

On Friday of last week, the Primary staff awarded students certificates based on the progress they have made in the first few weeks of term.

Primary Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Ari, Margarita	Year 3W	Mariam, Reema
Foundation 1/2	Ernie, Evren	Year 4D	Ahmed, Idunn
Foundation 2	Ellie, Ephraim	Year 4L	Luo, Mariam
Year 1A	Pouyan, Teona	Year 5S	Bushra, Emma
Year 1J	Alisdair, Zoe	Year 5T	Igor, Sara
Year 2C	Jei, Veronika	Year 6R	Itamar, Ria
Year 2K	Kuzey, Wilgot	Year 6V	Ekrem, Emma
Year 3B	Aya, Robert	Congratulations to all our winners!	



TIGERS

416 POINTS



PANTHERS

399 POINTS



PUMAS

268 POINTS



LEOPARDS

332 POINTS

Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Cecilia from Year 5T. Cecilia has won for reading every evening at home and earning many house points for her reading. Daily practice has very much helped improve her English vocabulary and we are all very proud of her efforts!

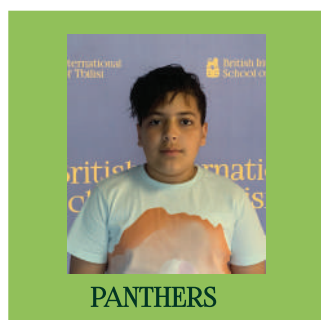
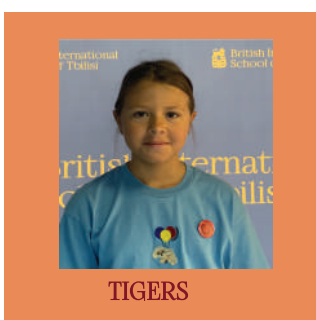


Parking

Please can parents remember that to have a smoother morning drop off and afternoon pick up, drivers need to follow certain procedures. The right hand lane on the roundabout is for cars to go to the car park only and not for dropping students. The left hand lane on the roundabout is for dropping students off in front of the main entrance (please restrict this to a 30 second stop). Please also follow instructions of the security team.

Primary House Captains

This week our Primary House Captains were selected. These students will support students in tier participation in Primary House competitions. Congratulations on being selected to: **Leopards - Balma, Panthers - Malek, Pumas - Meitong, and Tigers - Maria.**



Secondary Awards Evening

Don't forget our Awards Evening tomorrow!

**Sports Hall
6:00pm-8:00pm**



House Tug of War

Well done to the Panthers who won the inter-house tug of war event last week.



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

Ms. Sadie Rodea
KS4 Coordinator

Mr. Les Pemberton
Head of Sixth Form

Ms. Tumika Sthapit
Head of Administration

Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili
PA to the Principal

Ms. Tamuna Skhiereli
Office & Resource Manager

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