



"Everything works somewhere; nothing works everywhere."
Dylan William

UPCOMING EVENTS

★ November

4th - End of KS1 and KS2 Language Rotation 1
7th - Start of KS1 and KS2 Language Rotation 2
7th-11th - Friendship Week (Primary)
15th - Secondary PSHE Day 2
16th - Parents Afternoon Tea (5.00pm-6.00pm)
16th - Sixth Form Information for Year 11 Parents (6.00pm-7.30pm)
17th-21st - Performing Arts London Visit
18th - Senior Boys Basketball v New School @ BIST
21st-25th - Health & Fitness Week
23rd - School closed for National Holiday
25th - Secondary Inter-house Swimming Gala
25th - Non-swimmers Lisi Ridge Hike
30th - Parents Coffee Morning

◆ December

6th - Sinterklaas/St. Nikolaus event
6th - PCA Committee Meeting - 8.30am
10th - BIST PCA Christmas Market - 11.00am-2.00pm
13th - Parent Class Reps meeting - 8.30am
14th - EYKS1 Christmas Show - 2.30pm
15th - Primary Class Christmas Parties - 1.00pm-2.25pm
16th - Community Christmas Carol Concert - 2.00pm-3.30pm
16th - Last day of Term 1 (school ends 3.30pm)

✱ January

10th - Start of Term 2

PCA Toy and Book Drive

The PCA is organising a toy and book drive in association with students to support under-privileged children. Students will be asked to purchase a toy or book for a child between 5 and 17 years of age and parents are asked to volunteer to come into school to wrap the presents at our Coffee Morning of 30th November. Toys and books can be brought into school anytime up to the 29th November.

👤 Dear Parents

Autumn is with us as we can tell from the change in leaf colour and the change in temperatures. Although midday and afternoon temperatures are still warm, it is time to start dusting off the coats and scarves! Please do ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather as winter approaches.

Football

Our girls and Year 10 and 11 boys were away at QSI last Friday. The girls lost narrowly, 3-2, despite having numerous chances and restricting the opposition to only four shots on target. Well taken goals came from Anna-Sophia in Year 9A and Salome in Year 12. The boys came up against a strong QSI seniors team and although they played the better team football, they ultimately lost. This Friday and Saturday our Year 7-9 team have been invited to play in a tournament against teams from Georgia, Albania, Armenia and Romania and we wish them well.

Geography and History in Mtskheta

Year 7 students visited the Mtskheta region last week to learn about the history and geography of the area. Students produced a land use survey of Mtskheta and investigated why a settlement grew up here in the past. The students also visited important historical sites like Jvari monastery and Svetitskhoveli church.



PCA Events

Don't forget to add the Christmas Market to your calendars - Saturday 10th December 11.00am-2.00pm. If you would like to have a stall at the market (or know someone who would), please contact events@bist.ge.

Progress Reports

Your children's Initial Progress Reports and an Attendance Report for the first half-term were released at the end of last week. If you have any questions regarding these, please contact your child's class teacher or mentor.

Halloween

On Friday of last week, our Secondary students enjoyed a Halloween party with games and disco organised by our Student Council. Lots of fun was had by the students with some amazing costumes on display. Those equally spooky and fantastic costumes were on display on Monday for our Halloween dress-up day across the whole school. In the Primary Halloween costume competition, 3rd place went to Emma in Year 3W, 2nd place to Liza and Year 5T and the winner was Vica in Year 6R. Well done also to all entrants of our primary Halloween Mask Competition. All the entries were extremely creative and frightening! A special well done to our winners: 1st Place Gabriela (Year 2M), 2nd Place Kuzey (Year 2K) and joint 3rd Place Elian (Year 1J) and Maria (Year 6R).



Reading Superstar

This week's winner is Nita from 4D! She has won for her great dedication to reading! Nita reads a lot at home and in school. She strives to improve both her reading skills and her acquisition of the English language. Well done Nita. Keep up the great work!



Tsodoreti

On Wednesday last week Primary students in Eco Club and Student Council helped clean up Tsodoreti Park close to our school. Collectively the student filled over 20 bin bags with waste and left the park much cleaner than they found it. Well done!



Diwali Art

Last week, Ms. Naili and her fantastic art students created a mandala or rangoli from natural produce to celebrate the Diwali or Tihar festival of lights from South Asia.



UK Maths Challenge

The Senior UK Maths Challenge took place before the holidays and we have now received the results. Lucas and Arvin in Year 12 and Avin in Year 13 received silver certificates. Elisey, Salome and Maksymilian in Year 12 and Egor, Levon and Zakhar in Year 13 received bronze certificates. Well done to our students for participating in this prestigious and tough challenge.



Friendship Week

Friendship Week 2022 will run from 7th to 11th November. It was created to appreciate existing friendships and to pave ways for new friendships. Friendship Week will emphasise the essence of friendship, love, care and empathy while creating a discourse on anti-bullying and hate. Children will participate in a variety of activities across the curriculum and we would also love to include the wider school community. If you would like to share your own story of kindness or an impactful friendship, please email it to your class teacher(s).

Primary Communication Learning Goal Awards

On Friday of last week, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated the important BIST Learning Goal of Communication in recent weeks.

Primary Communication Award Winners

Foundation 1	Kira, Rintaro	Year 3W	Igor, Lekso
Foundation 1/2	Ernie, Evren	Year 4D	Joseph, Sophia
Foundation 2	Ellie, Reni	Year 4L	Andria, Tosia
Year 1A	Kopala, Mark	Year 5S	Dorian, Kivanc
Year 1J	Elian, Rose	Year 5T	Sandro, Tara
Year 2C	Anastassia, Michael	Year 6R	Selen, Sofia
Year 2K	Elene, Mila	Year 6V	Ioanna, Lily
Year 3B	Constance, Sandro	Congratulations to all our winners!	



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