



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 🍁 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  
25th - Class Parent Reps meeting - 8.30am  
25th - Y7Z Mtskheta Geography Fieldwork  
26th - Y7A Mtskheta Geography Fieldwork  
28th - Divali Art event  
28th - High School Boys and Girls Football @ QSI  
28th - Initial Progress Reports published to parents  
28th - Term 1.1 Attendance Report released  
31st - Halloween dress up day

### ★ November

1st - PCA Committee Meeting - 8.30am  
2nd - Parents Coffee Morning - 8.30am  
4th - End of KS1 and KS2 Language Rotation 1  
4th - High School Boys Football v QSI @ BIST  
7th - Start of KS1 and KS2 Language Rotation 2  
7th-11th - Friendship Week (Primary)  
11th - Senior Boys Basketball v New School @ BIST

## Class Parent Representatives

Have you made contact with your Class Parent Rep yet? If you join Classlist and register yourself as a parent for all your children (see Classlist article), you will automatically be able to view the discussion page for your class. You can also email your Class Parent Rep also. A list of all Class Parent Reps and their email addresses can be found [here](#).

## Healthy Snacks

We seem to have quite a few students who are coming to school with a large packet of crisps or sweets and chocolate for their break or to eat at lunchtime. Please ensure that the lunches and snack choices that you are giving your children are healthy and relatively sugar-free. As always, we thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



## DEAR PARENTS

Last Saturday, Mr. Graham, our Head of Science and his team of volunteer students and our Science teachers ran a stall at the Ilia University Science Picnic. The BIST stall had a number of exciting attractions including amazing shrinking tin cans, whoosh bottles, a variety of microscope slides to see and, always a public favourite, the Van der Graaf Generator. Hundreds of visitors came to the BIST stall to watch demonstrations and partake in activities. Thanks to our student and staff volunteers.



## Happy Teachers' Day



Today is International Teachers' Day - a day to say thanks to all our staff! On Monday of this week our Y7Z students led an assembly of thanks and gave all their teachers a small gift and message. Thanks Y7Z!

## Volleyball

BIST's good start to the sporting year continued with a convincing two sets to zero Key Stage 3 Volleyball team win over QSI here at BIST yesterday. Well done to our boys and girls volleyballers.



We have now been using Classlist for one month and the system now has 303 parent members and there have been over 100 interactions on the system with announcements and events. Over 77% of all children at BIST have one or more parent on Classlist - so this is great news. If you haven't yet joined Classlist, please do so by following this [link](#). Some parents have joined, but have only stated that they have one child at BIST when we know they have more than one. If you have more than one child at school, please check your profile and add all your children at BIST. This means that you will receive messages and access to the year group and class pages of all your children.

## Christmas Market and Wine Tasting

Two events for your diaries are already in the pipeline. On Saturday 10th December, the PCA will be hosting a Christmas Market here at school. This will see students, parents, community groups and commercial enterprises running stalls selling a variety of products. On Friday 3rd February, the PCA will also host our first ever BIST community Wine Festival. This will be a ticketed event for guests with food and wine and a competition for staff and parents who are wine makers. The PCA is looking for volunteers to work as an organising committee for these events. If you are interested in helping, please leave a message on the relevant Classlist page.

## Higher Education Week



**Higher Education Week**  
 3-7 October 2022



This week is COBIS Higher Education Week and our Sixth Form students will have the opportunity to attend online seminars about higher education and meet university staff from around the world.

## Primary Progress Awards

On Friday of last week, the Primary staff awarded students certificates for students who have always been wearing their school uniform so far this term.

Primary Progress Award Winners			
Foundation 1	Dror, Rintaro	Year 3W	Emma, Lidar
Foundation 1/2	Avery, Eden	Year 4D	Anna G, Anna M
Foundation 2	Beyza, Reni	Year 4L	Karolina, Thomas
Year 1A	Cloe, Dario	Year 5S	Ellen, Jamie
Year 1J	Aldric, Nelson	Year 5T	Cecilia, Liza
Year 2C	Julian, Sesili	Year 6R	Balma, Vica
Year 2K	Chae-Ah, Tia	Year 6V	Karl, Ravna
Year 3B	Aleksandre, Laura	Congratulations to all our winners!	

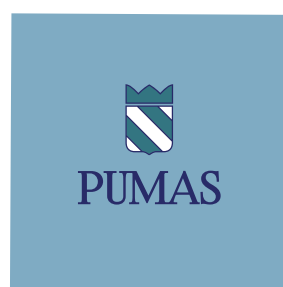
## International Week

Next week is International Week at BIST. All week the students will be engaged in looking at their class's adopted countries and learning about the culture and issues in that country. Wednesday 12th sees a return, after a COVID hiatus, of our International Evening with musical performances led by our Performing Arts team and stalls run by parents from different countries. It is not too late to book a stall - please contact [Ms. Stacy](#) if you would like to book a stall for your country. On Thursday afternoon, at the end of our International Week, the Primary students will celebrate Tbilisoba and set up traditional Tbilisoba displays. As part of Tbilisoba, we will also be collecting non-perishable goods for our community partner Caritas Georgia - please donate tins, packets, etc - a box will be available at the main entrance.



## Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Andrew from 5T! Andrew has won the award for reading every day at home and in school. He brings his library book to school each day and is always sure to choose a variety of different books. Due to his love of reading, he is making excellent progress in his comprehension and writing too! Well done Andrew.



**1156 POINTS**



**1151 POINTS**



**1317 POINTS**



**1139 POINTS**

**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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