



"Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white.'"
Bing Crosby

UPCOMING EVENTS



◆ December

- 6th - Sinterklaas/St. Nikolaus event
- 6th - PCA Committee Meeting - 8.30am
- 7th - Secondary House Quiz
- 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
- 10th-17th - Year 11, 12 and 13 Mock Exams



Goodbye and Welcome

Sadly, we say a fond farewell to Ms. Britz, our Economics and Business teacher at the end of this term and thank her for her sterling service in teaching and supporting community outreach. She will be replaced by a new staff member Ms. Shelley Fredericks in January. Ms. Fredericks joins us from the Valentre Institute in Cape Town and is a graduate of the University of Pretoria.



Secondary House Quiz

Today our secondary students have been getting their brains in gear for the Inter House Quiz - more on this next week!



Dear Parents



Christmas is coming...and we are weaving our preparations into continued learning here at BIST. This week a special guest from Central Europe in the form of St. Nikolaus or Sinterklaas paid the school a secret visit and delivered special treats to our children's shoes. Sounds a bit strange? Please ask your children to explain this tradition...

We have a wide range of Christmas events coming up in school. Please see the box below for more details on the BIST PCA Christmas Market. Next week, the last week of the school term, we have two community events and a special visitor. On Wednesday 14th, our Early Years and Key Stage 1 students will perform their Christmas show, It's a Baby!. The performance will take place in the Sports Hall from 2.30pm. Access for parents is via the main school entrance and then left of school into the sports hall.

On Friday 16th, from 1.30pm, we welcome all parents to our Christmas Concert in the Sports Hall. We have not been able to run our Christmas Concert during the pandemic other than via online offerings and we hope parents will be able to come along and enjoy (and participate in!) the show.



Sports News

On Monday evening our Girls Basketball team faced off away from home against the semi-pro Dinamo team, our girls battled valiantly but unfortunately lost 44-19. Over the weekend our girls volleyballers played in competition also but although playing well they unfortunately lost. Last Wednesday our KS3 Boys Football team played New School here at BIST and won very convincingly by 19 goals to zero.



Christmas Market

The Christmas Market is this weekend! Saturday 10th at 11.00am to 2.00pm in the school's Sports Hall. At the moment we are expecting over 70 stall holders selling a wide range of Christmas, craft and food products. This promises to be an amazing event. Please come along and bring your friends. Entry is 5GEL for adults and free for children. Don't forget to send in items for your class's Christmas Hamper basket by Friday morning.



PANTHERS

4002 POINTS

TIGERS

3741 POINTS

PUMAS

3737 POINTS

LEOPARDS

3491 POINTS

Primary Progress Awards Friday 2nd December

On Friday the 2nd, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated great levels of progress recently.

Primary Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Alma, Dror	Year 3W	Misha, Reema
Foundation 1/2	Evrem, Marta	Year 4D	Anna Ma, Misha
Foundation 2	Ephraim, Maysa	Year 4L	Thomas, Tosia
Year 1A	Cloe, Dario	Year 5S	Dominik, Lev
Year 1J	Luke, Mark	Year 5T	Adam, Mariia
Year 2C	Konrad, Warren	Year 6R	Balma, Selen
Year 2K	Elene, Vika	Year 6V	Maddie, Tina
Year 3B	Aya, Maroska	Congratulations to all our winners!	

Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

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Vice Principal & Head of Primary

Mr. Adam Whybro
Head of Secondary

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EYKS1 Coordinator

Mr. Simon Rooney
KS2 Coordinator

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KS3 Coordinator

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