





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)



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 Valenture 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.

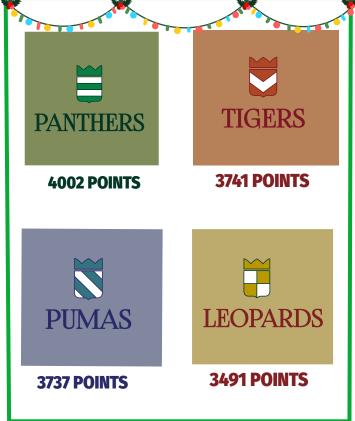
Sports News

On Monday evening our Girls from home against the semi-pro 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.





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

Foundation 1Alma, DrorYear 3WMisha, ReemaFoundation 1/2Evrem, MartaYear 4DAnna Ma, MishaFoundation 2Ephraim, MaysaYear 4LThomas, TosiaYear 1ACloe, DarioYear 5SDominik, LevYear 1JLuke, MarkYear 5TAdam, MariiaYear 2CKonrad, WarrenYear 6RBalma, SelenYear 2KElene, VikaYear 6VMaddie, TinaYear 3BAya, MaroskaCongratulations to all our winners!

Mr. Stephen Priest Principal

Ms. Alexandra BackhouseVice 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

Ms. Tata Petashvili

Secondary Office Manager

7th December 2022

