



"Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."  
**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ★ November

7th-11th - Friendship Week (Primary)  
15th - Class Reps Meeting (8.30am-9.30am)  
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

## 👤 Dear Parents

Across Primary this week it is [Friendship Week 2022](#). Children across the Primary classes will participate in a variety of activities in different curriculum areas on this theme. Here at BIST we are very proud of the friendly nature of our community, however, it is always important to acknowledge such international events and to learn about how we can, in school and in life, always improve on our interactions with each other.



## KS3 Football

A mixed two days for our KS3 boys at football with dominant performances on Friday leading to two convincing victories. However, Saturday was more difficult with a defeat on penalties in the semi-final of the tournament. Well done to our team though on reaching the semi finals and an impressive goal tally 15 goals over 4 games.

## International Basketball

BIST Year 12's very own Temuiraz was in Latvia from Thursday to Sunday last week at a European Basketball tournament with his team BC Hyundai Tbilisi. In their first game, Temuiraz bagged 9 points in an 80-40 victory, and then 16 points in their second game in another convincing victory.



## Christmas Market

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) or would like to volunteer in any other way, please contact [events@bist.ge](mailto:events@bist.ge).



## Remembrance Day

Commemorating the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning*

*We will remember them.*



## Primary Communication Learning Goal Awards

On Friday of last week, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated an extremely positive attitude in recent weeks.

### Primary Communication Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Matthew, Soma	<b>Year 3W</b>	Aleksandra, Daniela
<b>Foundation 1/2</b>	Eric, Lara	<b>Year 4D</b>	Anna G, Anna M
<b>Foundation 2</b>	Alessandra, Daniel	<b>Year 4L</b>	Andria, Tosia
<b>Year 1A</b>	David, Samat	<b>Year 5S</b>	Hili, Mark
<b>Year 1J</b>	Aida, Emily	<b>Year 5T</b>	Cristian, Nice
<b>Year 2C</b>	Kian, Mattia	<b>Year 6R</b>	Maria, Yerbolat
<b>Year 2K</b>	Chae-Ah, Wilgot	<b>Year 6V</b>	Meitong, Seva
<b>Year 3B</b>	Benjamin, Finn	<i>Congratulations to all our winners!</i>	

## Sixth Form Information Evening

Next week, Mr. Pemberton and our Sixth Form team host an information evening for parents and students about the Sixth Form and the A Level programme. The presentation starts at 6.00pm, however, an afternoon tea will be served from 5.00pm with an opportunity for parents to meet and mingle. The event is specifically designed for parents of Year 11 students, however, all parents are welcome to the afternoon tea and presentation.



## Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Victoria from Year 1A. Victoria is new in her class and has tried very hard with her reading since joining us. She has moved up a level in our reading scheme and tries very hard to decode unfamiliar words and answer questions accurately about the stories. Well done Victoria!

## Toy Drive

Don't forget the toy and book drive to support under-privileged children in Chiatura. Students (parents) are 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.



**PANTHERS**

**2259 POINTS**



**TIGERS**

**2038 POINTS**



**LEOPARDS**

**2025 POINTS**



**PUMAS**

**1959 POINTS**

## Poetry

Well done to students who participated in the COBIS poetry competition on the theme of Who Am I?; there were some amazing entries, which were all extremely creative and well-written. Our winner is Maddie Wilsey (Year 6V), well done Maddie! Maddie's poem will be sent to the COBIS judging panel and we wish her the very best of luck. She has been awarded 15 house points for her great work. In second place, Fafa (Year 6R) has won 10 house points and in third place Maria (Year 6R) has won five house points. The poems are included in this newsletter.



### Fafa's Poem

I am a skeleton in a grave.  
I am a bat in the cave.  
I am a werewolf in a den.  
I am a student that is ten.

I am a girl with black hair.  
I am a monster in my lair.  
I am a pen that is green.  
I am a scary old teen.

I am a clown that is funny,  
I am the president that makes money.  
I am a pencil that helps people write.  
I am a tooth that helps people bite.

I am different from you,  
But I am the same too.  
We are all different creatures  
And we have diverse features.

### Maddie's Poem

Who am I? I ask myself,  
wise, young, kind, cool -  
all my thoughts high on a shelf,  
What do people think of me?

Am I pretty, silly,  
awkward, how can I see?  
Am I a wolf leaping high?  
Am I a bee who likes to fly?  
Who am I? I always wonder,  
Could I be lightning or thunder?

Who could I be? I ask myself  
Could I be a wicked elf?  
Am I sure that I exist?  
All my thoughts on a list,

Thoughts fly by, thought are gone,  
So many thoughts they spawn and spawn,  
Who am I? I always think,  
What lies behind my coy wink.

I always think really hard  
Sometimes my thoughts break into a shard  
I really wonder, who am I?  
Do I really even live,  
My thoughts fall through the sieve,  
But then a smile lights up my face,

My grin spreads like a race,  
I am an amazing person,  
Now I know who I am.

### Maria's Poem

Who am I? I ask myself  
looking into the clear sky,  
I am a bird flying through the trees,  
I am a bee working in a team of other bees,  
I am a tiger who likes to creep,  
I spot some prey and do a leap.

But who am I at heart, again  
the question pops up.  
I am a cave man, holding a giant club,  
I am a cat who just killed a mouse,  
I am a lady cleaning up the house,  
I am a loyal boy,  
I am a brown log.

We are all unique, we are all diverse,  
but we live in the same universe,  
I can eat berries,  
I can absolutely adore canaries,  
But I stay the same and it does not matter how much I eat of sugar cane.

I spot some more and do a jump.  
I catch the squirrel but I land with a thump.

I can be a wolf who just spotted prey,  
The rabbit you stuck in clay,  
I do a leap and sink my teeth into the flesh,  
Mmmm it is so fresh!

I opened my eyes and shook myself awake.  
I was sleeping so close to the edge of the lake,  
The police came storming in,  
"sorry" I cried and shook my pants to become clean,  
When I remembered my weird dream,  
Everything was so extreme!

I kind of miss being a wolf,  
Catching deer, avoiding the hoofs,  
Running and leaping,  
Sleeping and creeping,  
Catching prey, running loose,  
This is the life I would choose!

When I realised at last,  
It would not be fair if I used a spell a witch has cast,  
I could imagine who to be and it does not matter who people see,  
I could be who I want in my head,  
And it does not matter... I'll do it all before I'm dead.

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