



"The forces of internationalism, humanism and solidarity will have to be victorious, or soon there will be nothing left of the human race."

Andre Vltchek

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 🍎 October

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  
26th - Primary Student Council/Eco Club Tsodreti Park Clean Up  
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  
7th - Start of KS1 and KS2 Language Rotation 2  
7th-11th - Friendship Week (Primary)  
15th - Secondary PSHE Day 2  
16th - Parents Afternoon Tea (17.00-18.00)  
16th - Sixth Form Information for Year 11 Parents (18.00-19.30)  
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



Our Classlist parental membership continues to grow with approximately 80% of all children at BIST have one or more parent on Classlist - If you haven't yet joined Classlist, please do so by following this [link](#).



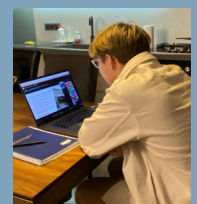
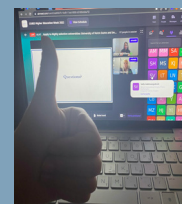
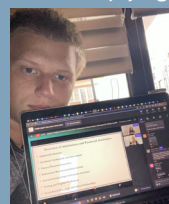
## DEAR PARENTS

Tonight is International Evening - so we hope to see you at school! Look out for photographs on social media and an article in our next newsletter. School is closed on Friday for the Svetitskhovloba national holiday and for all the subsequent week as it is our Half Term Break Holiday. We do hope that our students, staff and parents have a pleasant break. The school office will be open next week, but only from 9.00am to 12.30pm as in the afternoons our Administration Team will be participating in professional development.

After the holiday, the Secondary students will be based in the new building and this week they have been touring the building so that they can find their way around. We will also have new locations for the release of children at the end of the school day. These will be sent out to parents separately.

## Higher Education Week

Last week, the Sixth Form students attended the COBIS Higher Education Week. Students attended online webinars that delivered information on a diverse range of university destinations and subjects specialisms. Of the talks on offer, Applying to Highly Selective Universities, Applying to US Universities and Studying in the Netherlands were the most popular, perhaps giving some insight into the aspirations and future study destinations of our current Sixth Form students. One student, Sally, said "Attending the talks gave me a valuable heads up on planning my future university applications, showed me how to stand out and gain the upper hand in presenting my personal statement and gave me some insights into how to manage my time effectively in regards to the university application process". As the presentations took place after school hours, students were asked to send in some pictures of them enjoying the talks from home - here are a few.



On Tuesday of this week, a representative from London South Bank University visited and gave a talk about LBSU and the courses available.

## Reading Superstar

Our Reading Superstar this week is Luke from Year 1J! Luke has won because he has been practising his tricky sight words at home every day. This has really helped his reading and he is making fantastic progress. Well done Luke.



## Tbilisoba

Tomorrow across Primary we will be celebrating Tbilisoba with the creation of Tbilisoba displays, sessions from our Learning Supports on the cultures of Georgia's different regions and other related activities.

## Caritas Tbilisoba Donations

Tomorrow will be the last day for donating non-perishable foodstuffs for Caritas, one of our community partners. Please send in items with your children to help the elderly and other vulnerable members of our local area. Thanks to those parents who have already donated.

## KS3 Boys Football

Congratulations to our boys in Years 7 to 9 who dominated a match on Friday by beating QSI, away at QSI, 11-0. Hat-tricks from Deme (Y8) and Giga (Y8), a brace from Gabriel (Y7) and one each from Tamir (Y9), Juan (Y9) and Mikhaylo (Y7) with a resolute defence saw BIST outplay the opposition in all aspects of the game.



## International Week

This week has been International Week and the classes and mentor groups have been studying various countries around the world and their cultures and issues. Some fantastic displays about these countries have been produced.



## Christmas Market and Wine Tasting

Two events for your diaries! On Saturday 10th December, the PCA will host the BIST 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 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. Thanks to those who have already shown an interest via Classlist.

## Primary House Engagement Awards

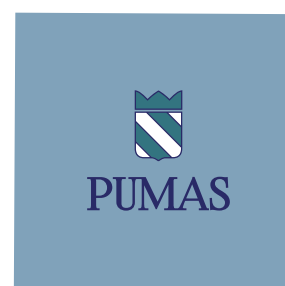
On Friday of last week, the Primary staff awarded students certificates to students who have been engaged in House events, points earning and competitions so far this term.

### Primary Progress Award Winners

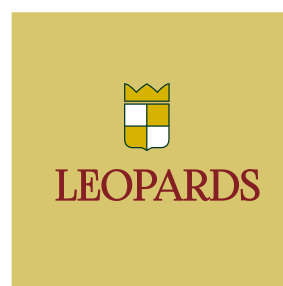
<b>Foundation 1</b>	Sara, Varvara	<b>Year 3W</b>	Maohan, Rezija
<b>Foundation 1/2</b>	Marta, Sofia	<b>Year 4D</b>	Ahmed, Joon
<b>Foundation 2</b>	Gabriela, Maysa	<b>Year 4L</b>	Emil, Kelli
<b>Year 1A</b>	Fourqan, Youhanna Maroun	<b>Year 5S</b>	Elouan, Yehryoung
<b>Year 1J</b>	David, James	<b>Year 5T</b>	Cade, Mary
<b>Year 2C</b>	Aldiyar, Emili	<b>Year 6R</b>	Frantiska, Olivier
<b>Year 2K</b>	Aoyi, Vera	<b>Year 6V</b>	Maddie, Tornike
<b>Year 3B</b>	Maroska, Ondrej	Congratulations to all our winners!	



**1584 POINTS**



**1348 POINTS**



**1347 POINTS**



**1320 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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