



"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."
WT Ellis

UPCOMING EVENTS



◆ December

- 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
- 18th - Parents Afternoon Tea - 3.00pm-4.30pm
- 19th - School closed for Epiphany
- 23rd - Lunar New Year activities @BIST
- 23rd - Mock Exam grade reports issued
- 23rd-24th - Year 11, 12 and 13 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 24th - Parent Class Rep meeting - 8.30am
- 25th - Black Sea Schools online Year 6 Maths Competition
- 27th - End of Primary Language Rotation 2
- 28th - International Student Research Symposium @BIST
- 30th - Start of Primary Language Rotation 3
- 30th-3rd - Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Week



It's a Baby!

This afternoon our Early Years and Key Stage 1 students performed their Christmas musical, It's a Baby! A wonderful show by our youngest performers...look out for photos on social media.



Primary Christmas Parties

Tomorrow our Primary classes will celebrate Christmas with class parties. Students are allowed to bring in treats to share with their friends. Rumour has it that there will also be a visitor from Lapland.



Dear Parents

We reach the end of Term 1 of the academic year and our Christmas holiday is ahead of us. Everyone at BIST would like to wish all our community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! School reopens for the new term on Tuesday 10th January and we look forward to seeing all the students back refreshed and full of the excitement after their Christmas adventures.

Last Saturday, we had our first ever Christmas Market. The event was an amazing success with over 70 vendors and hundreds of guests. We would like to thank all the parents and staff who worked so hard to make this event a success. The winners of our Class Basket competitions were Y2C and Y8A - well done to parents and students of those two classes.



Christmas Concert

Don't forget our Christmas Concert on Friday - all parents are invited! The show starts at 1.30pm. Children and adults are encouraged to wear Christmas clothes.



Last Day of Term

Please note that on Friday school ends at 3.30pm. Please ensure all children are collected at 3.30pm. All buses will run at 3.30pm also. Re-arranged bus times will be forwarded.

Mock Exams

All parents and students in Years 11, 12 and 13 should try to remember that during the Christmas holiday some time does need to be set aside for revision for these important preparations for the real exams. The mock exams take place from 10th to 17th January.

Secondary House Quiz

Last week our Secondary students participated in an Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz. Lots of fun was had...Pumas came fourth with 73 points, Leopards third with 76 points, Tigers second with 82 points and the winners with 90 points were Panthers.

Basketball

On Tuesday, the Lions played against the GZAAT school, our near neighbours, and won convincingly by 64-24. On Thursday our Lionesses head to the Zaza Pachulia Academy for a game against their girls team.

Reading Superstars

Our final two Reading Superstars from Term 1 are: Anna K from 4D and Fafa from 6R! Anna K has won for her unwavering commitment to her reading. Anna K shows a great passion for reading both in school and at home. She reads at home with an adult every evening which has been instrumental in her success. Well done Anna K! Fafa has won for consistently being a voracious reader.



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Primary Enquiry Awards

Last Friday, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated great levels of Enquiry, one of our BIST Learning Goals, in recent weeks.

Primary Enquiry Award Winners

Foundation 1	Soma, Varvara	Year 3W	Bingyu, Erdem
Foundation 1/2	Ernie, Lara	Year 4D	Joseph, Karina
Foundation 2	Gabriela, Maxime	Year 4L	Lina, Luo
Year 1A	Keto, Simon	Year 5S	Dorian, Hili
Year 1J	James, Rijad	Year 5T	Cecilia, Igor
Year 2C	Alexis, Ravid	Year 6R	Elizabeth, Yerbolat
Year 2K	Aoyi, Wilgot	Year 6V	Ekrem, Meitong
Year 3B	Jakob, Sebastian	Congratulations to all our winners!	

PANTHERS

4119 POINTS

TIGERS

3866 POINTS

PUMAS

3833 POINTS

LEOPARDS

3585 POINTS

Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

Ms. Alexandra Backhouse
Vice Principal & Head of Primary

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Head of Secondary

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KS2 Coordinator

Mr. James Miller
KS3 Coordinator

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