



"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written."

Melody Beattie

UPCOMING EVENTS

❄️ January ❄️

10th-17th - Year 11, 12 and 13 Mock Exams
18th - Parents Afternoon Tea - 3.00pm-4.30pm
19th - School closed for Epiphany
20th - 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



★ February ❄️

3rd - Parent and Staff Wine Festival - 6.00pm onwards
4th-5th - Lions Invitational Basketball Tournament
8th - Parents Afternoon Tea - 5.00pm-6.00pm
8th - Parents Information Evening on the IGCSE Programme - 6.00pm-7.30pm
14th - Valentine's Day events in school
15th - Secondary PSHE Dropdown Day 3



Dear Parents ❄️

Happy New Year! School started yesterday and it was fantastic to see so many of our students here refreshed from their exciting Christmas adventures. Terms 2 and 3 of the academic year stretch ahead of us and we have a number of exciting events in the calendar including the Black Sea Games, trips to Athens, Barcelona, Paris and a Space Camp, our stage productions and many more. As always at BIST it will be an interesting and fulfilling year ahead.

❄️ Mock Exams

Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students started their mock exams yesterday. These exams are important preparation for the real exams in May and June and allow students and teachers to see what progress has been made and what needs to be addressed and improved upon.

Attendance Reports ❄️

You will have received attendance reports for Term 1 of this year at the beginning of this week - these have been sent directly to the Parent Portal, so please visit it and check. Attendance is crucial to success at school in all spheres and aspects and critically in academic achievement. Students should be aiming for 95% or better attendance. Please also ensure that you contact school (class teachers/mentors or the relevant administration team member) to inform school if your child is going to be off school. Our administration team tries to call all parents who have not informed school each day and it would ease their burden if parents did contact school about absences.

Bottle Lids

Our Term 1 Eco-competition was to collect bottle lids that can be recycled into toys and furniture. This competition ended at the end of Term 1. We collected an amazing 10,150 lids!! Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped us recycle! As this was a house competition, congratulations to the Leopards who collected the most - 3334. Our Term 2 Eco-competition is on batteries. Please send in any dead batteries you may have...however just domestic batteries; last year someone sent us a dead car battery and unfortunately our recycling partners could not recycle it.



Welcome

Our new Economics and Business teacher, Ms. Shelley Fredericks has joined us this week. Ms. Fredericks joins us from the Valentre Institute in Cape Town and is a graduate of the University of Pretoria. Please say hello when you have the opportunity.



Appropriate Clothing

Winter is most definitely here and it is important that the children are appropriately dressed for the weather as we do want them to be able to enjoy the fresh air and go outside.

Basketball

On the last Thursday before Christmas, our girls team went to the Zaza Pachulia centre to play against their girls team. An impressive performance from our team ultimately saw them lose, but they continued to battle and restricted the semi-pro outfit to a 26-16 scoreline.



Let's reminisce our magnificent Christmas Shows.




PANTHERS

4311 POINTS


TIGERS

4029 POINTS


PUMAS

3972 POINTS


LEOPARDS

3796 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
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