



"As a leader, some people may be impressed with how well you speak, but the right people will be impressed with how well you listen."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

✱ February

2nd - Year 6 Aversi Pharmaceuticals plant visit
2nd - KS3 Basketball v QSI @BIST - 3.30pm
4th-5th - Lions Invitational Basketball Tournament
6th - Year 6R Transition to Year 7 Day
7th - Year 6V Transition to Year 7 Day
7th - Girls Volleyball v BGA
8th - Parents Afternoon Tea - 5.00pm-6.00pm
8th - Parents Information Evening on the IGCSE Programme - 6.00pm-7.30pm
14th - Senior Lions Basketball v QSI @QSI
14th - Valentine's Day events in school
15th - Secondary PSHE Dropdown Day 3
16th - Primary swimming team match @French School
17th - Secondary School Valentines parties
20th - Year 9 & Beyond Parents Information Evening for Y7&8 parents - 6.00pm-7.30pm
21st - Mother Tongue Day events
22nd - Parents Coffee Morning
23rd-25th - SRAA Basketball Tournament @Zaza Pachulia Centre
24th - Mid Year Reports (F1-Y10) published
24th-26th - COBIS Online Debate Competition
27th&28th - Parent-Teacher conferences (F1-Y10)

✧ March

3rd - School closed for Mothers' Day
7th - International Women's Day celebrations in school
8th - School closed for International Women's Day
9th - COP21 Sustainability activities in school
9th - Term 2.1 Attendance Reports published
10th - COP21 Sustainability Symposium (KS3 students)
17th - Parent and Staff Wine Festival - 6.00pm onwards
21st - Nowruz celebrations in school
23rd - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day 4
25th & 26th - KS3 Black Sea Games at BIST
28th - Parent Class Reps meeting - 8.30am
29th - EYKS1 Sports Day
30th - KS2 Sports Day
31st - Secondary Sports Day
31st - Year 11-13 Summative Reports published

👤 Dear Parents

February is upon us and it is nice to hear the birds and their morning chorus every morning at school. The calendar is busy, so please look out for events in the calendar section of the newsletter and on the school's [website](#).

Black Sea Maths

Last Wednesday, a group of Year 6 students competed in the Black Sea Schools Online Mathematics competition which is organised annually by BIST's Mr. Wells. This year was the biggest ever event with 13 schools across 7 different countries participating. Our team came in second place with International British School of Bucharest taking first place. Well done to our team and Mr. Wells.

Senior Boys Football v French School

On Friday after school, our Senior and Key Stage 4 Boys team took on the French School at football. It was an exciting encounter, but ultimately a very strong French team won 4-1 with a consolation goal from Fatih in Year 12. Tomorrow our Key Stage 3 Boys face QSI at Basketball here at BIST. On Saturday and Sunday, our senior basketballers are hosting the Lions Invitational Tournament here at school - spectators are welcome.



Research Symposium

On Monday BIST and BGA hosted the first ever International Student Research Symposium in the BIST Sixth Form Centre. Students from BIST, BGA and a local Georgian school participated giving a presentation lecture on the theme of Becoming Adult. The event was very enjoyable and thought-provoking and all the students should be congratulated on their delivery and insight into important issues.



New Clubs Rotation

This week our Primary students have entered Club Rotation 3 for their extra-curricular activities. A summary can be found [here](#).

EDI Week

This week is Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Week at BIST and students across the school will take part in various activities around this important theme. The week started with a special secondary assembly to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.



Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Frank from 5T! Frank has won this award for being a veritable 'reading machine' according to his teacher Ms. Gabi! Frank can always be found enjoying a book and has recently completed the entire Harry Potter series as well as many of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid titles. His dedication to reading is the key to his success in learning English. Well done Frank and keep up the great work.



Primary Progress Awards

Last Friday, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated great levels of progress in recent weeks.

Primary Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Dror, Sara	Year 3W	Lidar, Misha
Foundation 1/2	Neo, Sofia	Year 4D	Anna M, Aoi
Foundation 2	Beyza, Emilia	Year 4L	Elisa, Maxim D
Year 1A	Fourqan, Kopala	Year 5S	Dobrynia, Emma
Year 1J	Alisdair, Anna	Year 5T	Cade, Nice
Year 2C	Konrad, Mattia	Year 6R	Fafa, Vera
Year 2K	Ada, Ivan	Year 6V	Randy, Veronika
Year 3B	Benjamin, Rada	Congratulations to all our winners!	



4738 POINTS



4505 POINTS



4421 POINTS



4157 POINTS

PCA Wine Festival

As you will notice from the calendar dates, we have moved the Wine Festival back to the 17th March. Tickets for this event will be on sale soon. If you are an amateur wine producer and would like to show your wines and take part in the competition, please contact [Mr. Priest](#).

Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

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EYKS1 Coordinator

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PA to the Principal

1st February 2023

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