



"I was lucky to have a teacher who focussed on what I was writing, not how I was spelling it. That let me explore my creativity!"

Keira Knightley

UPCOMING EVENTS

❁ February

- 8th - Parents Afternoon Tea - 5.00pm-6.00pm
- 8th - Parents Information Evening on the IGCSE Programme - 6.00pm-7.30pm
- 13th - Senior Girls & Boys Volleyball v Newton School @Newton
- 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

It has been a busy and exciting past week at BIST with a few firsts. Details of our first ever Lion's Invitational Basketball Tournament can be seen below and our first ever Student Symposium reported on last week. Last week also saw our first ever Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Week with students across the school discussing this important topic and guest speakers from outside the school as well as lectures from staff. In a coincidental follow on from EDI week, on Monday science students from Year 13 gave an assembly to our Key Stage 3 students to mark the International Day of Women and Girls in Science highlighting some of the amazing contributions made by high profile female scientists and the difficulties and barriers that women scientists have and still face.

Afternoon Tea and the IGCSE Information Evening

This evening we invite parents of Year 9 students (though those of younger children are welcome to attend) to an information evening regarding the IGCSE programme at BIST and life in Year 10 and 11. The presentation starts at 6.00pm and will be preceded by an Afternoon Tea for all parents from 5.00pm.

Transition Days

On Monday and Tuesday, our Year 6 students had their first taste of life in the Secondary School in preparation for their move to Year 7 next year. This was an opportunity for the students to participate in Secondary subject lessons and navigate themselves around the Secondary School building.



Lions Invitational Basketball Tournament

On Saturday and Sunday, we hosted the first ever Lions Invitational with teams from our Lions Academy and from European School, GZAAT, IB Mtiebi School and New School. There was some fantastic action on the court culminating in a close and exciting final game won 55-50 by our very own Lions. Congratulations in particular to Temo in Year 12 who won the MVP for both the final and the whole tournament. A big well done to our senior students who were leaders and officials in this tournament. All the fixtures and scores can be found on our special event [website](#).



KS3 Basketball

On Thursday of last week, our younger basketballers were in action here at school against QSI. The Lions ran out comfortable winners with an 80-13 scoreline. This bodes well for their participation in the SRAA tournament later this month.



Year 6 Aversi Trip

Year 6 had a great day out at the Aversi pharmaceutical plant learning about the manufacture of medicines. This is part of their IPC topic. "I liked how they treated us as real scientists! They gave us protective gear (gowns and hairnets) and then took us through an air lock before we went into the laboratory." said Tornike Year 6V and his classmate, Tina, said "It was really cool when they showed us the machine which packages the medicine, it was very advanced and could even detect if the pills were broken or if the packaging was defective!"



PCA Valentine's Day Gifts

Our Parent Community is organising a Valentine's Day gift service for students and parents to send a gift to fellow students or staff members. Please follow this [link](#) to participate.

Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Rose from Year 1J. Rose has won because of the amazing effort she has put into learning her sight words. Ms. Joanna has been so impressed by Rose as she practises her sight words each evening and has already learned the first four sets by heart! These words are very important and will help Rose with her developing reading skills. Well done Rose!



Primary Positive Behaviour Awards

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

Primary Positive Behaviour Award Winners			
Foundation 1	Ariana, Rintaro	Year 3W	Maohan, Sofia
Foundation 1/2	Elliot, Eric	Year 4D	Anna K, Sophia
Foundation 2	Alexandra, Reni	Year 4L	Alex, Lina
Year 1A	Adam, Victoria	Year 5S	Bushra, Yehyoung
Year 1J	Emily, Zoe	Year 5T	Liza, Mariia
Year 2C	Gabriela, Jei	Year 6R	Maria, Sofia
Year 2K	Saebin, Vera	Year 6V	Ekrem, Tornike
Year 3B	Finn, Luka	<i>Congratulations to all our winners!</i>	



PANTHERS

4830 POINTS



TIGERS

4652 POINTS



PUMAS

4596 POINTS



LEOPARDS

4304 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

Ms. Tata Petashvili
Secondary Office Manager

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