



“Everybody has the will to win, but only the best have the will to prepare.”

Carlo Ancelotti

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ❁ February

- 16th - Primary swimming team match @French School
- 16th - Junior Lions Basketball v New School @BIST
- 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 - Y7-8 Girls Football v French School @BIST
- 24th-26th - COBIS Online Debate Competition
- 27th&28th - Parent-Teacher conferences (F1-Y10)
- 27th-2nd - Primary Book Week
- 2nd - Primary Book Character Dress Up Day

### ❖ 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

Yesterday was St. Valentine's Day - I hope you all remembered! This week has been a week of love at BIST. There have been Valentine's Day themed bake sales and the Secondary students are having a Valentines Party on Friday. We are very grateful to our wonderful Parent Community Association members for their efforts in facilitating the ordering and distribution of roses and chocolates at school.



## IGCSE Evening

Last Wednesday, parents and students from Year 9 joined Ms. Rodea and Mr. Whybro for an information evening about Year 10 and the IGCSE programme. If any parents require further information on this, please feel free to contact [Ms. Rodea](#).

## Year 9 and Beyond Evening

On Monday 20th at 6.00pm, we invite all parents of Year 7 and 8 students to attend our Year 9 and Beyond Information evening. This event is aimed at informing parents about what happens in Year 9 upwards at BIST within a student's school life.

## Football v BGA

On Friday of last week, BIST and BGA Key Stage 3 students drew 2-2 in a pulsating and entertaining match. Two goals from Andreu in Year 7 and a direct attacking approach gained Andreu the Man of the Match award for the game.



## KS3 Spelling Bee

Last week was our Key Stage 3 Spelling Bee, and a lot of fun was had by all with students faced with spelling, under pressure, a series of challenging words. The Year 7 winner was Noor, the Year 8 winner Isabella and the Year 9 winner and overall champion was Lazare. Well done to all who took part!



## Secondary PSHE Day

Today has been our third PSHE Drop Down Day where Secondary students follow an alternative pattern of lessons all day focussing on Personal, Social and Health Education. Topics covered today include university preparation, citizenship, relationships and health & wellbeing....

## Basketball v QSI

Yesterday as a warm up and preparation game for the forthcoming SRAA tournament, our senior boys Lions basketballers went to QSI. In a close game, the Lions came out on top with a 77-70 scoreline - excellent prep for the forthcoming tournament and hopefully the Lions will win two trophies in a month!



## Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Anna M from 4D! Anna has won because she makes a phenomenal effort with her reading every day. Anna is making great progress in her learning of English as, when she reads, her comprehension, vocabulary and writing skills are improving too! Reading truly is the key to all learning. Well done Anna!



## Primary Friendship Awards

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

### Primary Friendship Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Soma, Varvara	<b>Year 3W</b>	Kiasha, Mariam
<b>Foundation 1/2</b>	Ernie, Evren	<b>Year 4D</b>	Ahmed, Nita
<b>Foundation 2</b>	Ellie, Kai	<b>Year 4L</b>	Thomas, Tosia
<b>Year 1A</b>	Samat, Simon	<b>Year 5S</b>	Kivanc, Losanda
<b>Year 1J</b>	Mark, Xavier	<b>Year 5T</b>	Matthew, Tara
<b>Year 2C</b>	Alexis, Amanda	<b>Year 6R</b>	Itamar, Tamara
<b>Year 2K</b>	Nicholas, Sofia	<b>Year 6V</b>	Tina, Tornike
<b>Year 3B</b>	Aleqsandre, Ondrej	<b>Congratulations to all our winners!</b>	

## Year 11-12 Work Experience

As part of our annual Bridging Course Programme, rising Sixth Form students currently in Years 11 and 12 will participate in a week-long work placement in the Tbilisi community. During their placement, students hone their ability to apply knowledge and skills in a workplace setting, and gain a deeper understanding of career fields they may be interested in pursuing during their university studies. The Sixth Form team is currently looking for any parents or community partners who would be willing to host a student intern. To register your interest, please fill out this [form](#).



**4988 POINTS**



**4764 POINTS**



**4704 POINTS**



**4399 POINTS**

**Mr. Stephen Priest**  
Principal

**Mr. Alex Timmis**  
EYKS1 Coordinator

**Ms. Sadie Rodea**  
KS4 Coordinator

**Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili**  
PA to the Principal

**15th February 2023**

**Ms. Alexandra Backhouse**  
Vice Principal & Head of Primary

**Mr. Simon Rooney**  
KS2 Coordinator

**Mr. Les Pemberton**  
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