



“The future is calling...and its saying welcome”

Marlon Pryce

UPCOMING EVENTS

✿ February

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

Primary Book Week

Next week, primary students will be celebrating Book Week from Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd March. This is always a fantastically exciting time for the children and a great occasion for us to celebrate the joy of reading within the BIST community. Please see the [letter](#) linked here and sent via classteachers which outlines the main events. The week will culminate with our Dress Up As Your Favourite Literary Character day on Thursday 2nd March.

👤 Dear Parents

We have had another busy week of events, trips and sporting fixtures at BIST. This continues this week with our participation in the SRAA Basketball tournament where we have three strong teams fielding in this annual event. Friday also sees our Year 7 and 8 girls footballers take to the field against the French School here at BIST. On Monday evening, we hosted Year 7 and 8 parents for an information evening on life in Year 9 and Beyond at BIST and the programmes we follow. The presentation can be found [here](#). If any parents want further information on this, please contact [Mr. Whybro](#), our Head of Secondary School.

Intermediate UK Maths Challenge

Earlier this term, a number of students in Years 9 to 11 took part in the Intermediate Challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust. Maria in Y9Z, Lazare in Y9A and Niklas in Y10A achieved bronze certificates; Namish in Y11Z achieved a silver certificate; and our school champion and gold certificate champion was Anastasiya in Y10Z. Congratulations to all who participated.

Mother Tongue Day

Tuesday was Mother Tongue internationally and here at BIST. For secondary students, this started by a very interesting assembly led by Ms. Dawson, our languages faculty lead, on languages that are at risk of becoming extinct. Various sessions and fun activities took place yesterday where students could demonstrate their mother tongue.

COBIS Online Debate

On Friday and over the weekend, our debate team will participate in the COBIS Online Debate competition. The competition is a global event and our students will be debating against students from other COBIS schools around the world.

Valentines Party

The Secondary Student Council and volunteer students and staff hosted not one, but two Valentine's Day parties on Friday. First up were our Key Stage 3 students followed by a second party for our Key Stage 4 students. Lots of fun was had by all.



UN Women Guest Speaker

On Friday of last week the Year 11 to 13 students had a guest speaker from the UN, BIST parents, Mrs. Ishikawa, the UN Women representative in Georgia, who spoke about her career and the work of the UN. Thank you, Mrs. Ishikawa. If you would like to speak to our senior students about your career or industry, please contact [Ms. Madiseti](#).

Primary Swimming Competition

Although we are still waiting for all the tournament information from our hosts, our swimmers had a convincing victory over the French School in our first ever inter-school swimming match.



Over 10 race categories, our swimmers achieved first place in 8 of them, second place in 7, third place in 4 and a clean sweep of all places in 3. A big well done to all who participated.

Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Mikhail from 3D. Mikhail has won as, although he has only just started learning English, he already has a great knowledge of phonics. He can read aloud extremely fluently and even chooses tricky novels such as Harry Potter. Now he is trying hard to read for deeper understanding, well done Mikhail!

Year 1 trip to Experimentorium

Great fun and fantastic scientific learning happened last week when our Year 1 students went to the Experimentorium Centre in central Tbilisi. The children learnt lots of things about the magic behind science!



Mid Year Reports

On Friday, our Mid Year Reports for all year groups up to and including Year 10 will be published via the Parent Portal. Please contact [Ms. Sophie](#) if you have any problems accessing the reports. I have enjoyed reading all the reports and seeing all the great progress that the students are making. There will be an opportunity to meet class teachers and subject teachers next Monday and Tuesday. Appointment details are forwarded today.

Primary House Points and Progress Awards

Last Friday, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated a commitment to House activities and earning points for their Houses. In Early Years, the awards this week are for progress.

Primary House Points and Early Years Progress Award Winners

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| Foundation 1 | Amara, Jinxu | Year 3W | Aleksandra, Charbel Maroun |
| Foundation 1/2 | Lara, Sandro | Year 4D | Anna G, Misha O |
| Foundation 2 | Jingxuan, Nina | Year 4L | Iren, Samuel |
| Year 1A | Adam, Fourqan | Year 5S | Ellen, Elouan |
| Year 1J | Aida, Rose | Year 5T | Jessica, Sara |
| Year 2C | Ravid, Sesili | Year 6R | Olivier, Ria |
| Year 2K | Elene, Wilgot | Year 6V | Emma, Malek |
| Year 3B | Imran, Matys | Congratulations to all our winners! | |



5127 POINTS



4946 POINTS



4828 POINTS



4575 POINTS

Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Sadie Rodea
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili
PA to the Principal

22nd February 2023

Ms. Alexandra Backhouse
Vice Principal & Head of Primary

Mr. Simon Rooney
KS2 Coordinator

Mr. Les Pemberton
Head of Sixth Form

Ms. Tamuna Skhiereli
Office & Resource Manager

Mr. Adam Whybro
Head of Secondary

Mr. James Miller
KS3 Coordinator

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Head of Administration

Ms. Tata Petashvili
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