



“Mae adfyd yn dwynn gwybodaeth a gwybodaeth o ddoethineb.”

Welsh Proverb (*Adversity brings knowledge and knowledge of wisdom*).

UPCOMING EVENTS

✿ March

- 1st - Inter-House KS3 Dodgeball competition
- 2nd - Inter-House KS4/5 Dodgeball competition
- 2nd - Book Week Dress Up Day
- 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)
- 10th - COP21 Sustainability Symposium (parents) - 3.00pm
- 10th - Ivy League applications talk for Sixth Form students
- 10th - Year 12/13 Media Studies group sleepover and Oscars event
- 14th - School photos (catch-up of those missed previously)
- 14th - Year 5 Museum of Illusions visit
- 15th - Parents Coffee Morning (Online Safety guest speaker)
- 16th - Athens Trip parents meeting - 5.00pm
- 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
- 29th - Barcelona Trip parents meeting - 3.30pm
- 30th - KS2 Sports Day
- 31st - Secondary Sports Day
- 31st - Year 11-13 Summative Reports published
- 31st - Paris Trip parents meeting - 3.30pm

◆ April

- 3rd - University Preparation information evening - 6.00pm
- 5th - Peter Pan KS2 Show performance 1 - 5.00pm
- 6th - EYKS1 Easter Egg Hunt
- 6th - Tree Planting Day
- 6th - Peter Pan KS2 Show performance 2 - 1.30pm
- 6th - Last Day of Term 2
- 7th - First Day of Spring Holiday - school closed
- 19th - School re-opens for Term 3

👤 Dear Parents

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus i bob aelod staff, ein myfyrwyr a'n teuluoedd Cymraeg. Happy St. David's Day to all in our Welsh community. This Friday is the Mother's Day national holiday, so please remember school is closed on Friday and lets not forget to do something nice for our Mothers on Friday.

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It was a pleasure this week to meet parents with my Geography teachers' hat on at the Foundation 1 to Year 10 parent-teacher conferences. I know my colleagues have appreciated talking to parents about the progress students have made and further developments they need to head towards as next steps.

No Newsletter Next Week

As we have a national holiday and school is closed for International Women's Day next Wednesday, there will be no newsletter next week. A bumper edition will follow the week after!

Book Week

This week is Book Week in Primary School with a wide range of activities taking place to discuss books, engage students in reading, 'drop everything and read' sessions, classroom door decorating competition and lots of other fun tasks. Thursday is a dress up as a book character day.

Inter-house Dodgeball

Today and tomorrow our Key Stage 3 and then Key Stage 4 and 5 students will participate in an Inter House Dodgeball tournament. Results will be announced in the next newsletter.

COBIS Online Debates

On Friday and Saturday, six students from Year 10; Maya, Gaspard, Lina, Luciano, Michal and Anastasiya, participated in the COBIS and Debate Mate online debating competition. Over 35 schools from around the world were involved and our students debated such motions as to whether music streaming platforms had done more harm than good for the industry and whether community service was a better punishment than prison sentences for non-violent crimes. Our team was competitive, increasingly growing in skill and confidence, but unfortunately missed out on the quarter finals.



Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Sesili from Year 2K. Sesili has won because of the amazing progress she has made in her comprehension work. She can read many different types of texts and enjoys finding important information from them. All of Sesili's success is due to her daily reading practice. Keep up the good work!



Beyond COP21 Symposium

On Thursday 9th and Friday 10th March, we will have a series of events for secondary students and some sessions for younger students as part of our Beyond COP21 Symposium. The symposium is an event for the BIST community to help raise awareness on climate change. In addition to student events and activities, we welcome parents into the Atrium on Friday 10th March between 3.00pm and 4.00pm to meet some of the Georgia-based organisations participating in this event and working on sustainability here in Georgia.

Basketball

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, our Year 7-9 Boys, our Senior Boys and Senior Girls participated in the Silk Road Athletics Association Basketball competition held at the Zaza Pachulia Centre and QSI school. All three teams reached the finals on Saturday. First up in the Championship game were the Year 7-9 boys team who narrowly lost to New School. Our girls team had won every game going into the finals and continued their rich vein of form to beat QSI Yerevan and take the trophy. Anna Sofia in Year 9 was named tournament MVP. The final game of the tournament saw our Senior Lions take on QSI Tbilisi in the Championship game. The game was a tense affair, but with a crowd of BIST, BGA and neutral fans cheering on the Lions and calm heads playing attractive basketball on the court, the Lions pipped QSI in a game that was very close until the last few minutes. Sandro in Year 12 was named tournament MVP. Two big trophies and a small one are now added to our trophy cabinet. Well done to all our teams and coaching staff.



New Administration Team member

Last week we welcomed Ms. Nana Pagava to our Administration team, Nana is our new main office manager.



Re-enrolment of students for 2023-24

To allow us to plan for next academic year and assist with the sending of invoices, please complete this [form](#) about your child(ren's) re-enrolment for next year.

SmartUP

Students across the school have been participating in SmartUP as a STEM extra-curricular activity. Among many robotics and programming activities, a few highlights of the activity have been: in Foundation 2 and Year 1, the children have been using the MTiny robot and giving it various commands and learning how it shows emotions; coding has been a key skill developed in Year 2 and 3; Year 4 to 6 and been programming the MBot robot to carry out functions; and in Year 7 and above the students have been using MBot to replicate human functions. Please let us know if you would like to know more about SmartUP and the possibility of your child joining the next cohort.



Girls Football

On Friday of last week, our Year 7 and 8 girls played their first ever extra-mural fixture against the French School. In an exciting game, our Lionesses came out 7-0 winners. Captain Lyla and Valerie scored a goal each, Yunwoo bagged a brace and Sophie G scored a first half hat-trick with our rock solid defence and 'keeper Ema keeping out a spirited French attack. Well done to all the girls for their teamwork today and dedication in practices.



Primary Respect Awards

Last Friday, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated a commitment to our learning goal, Respect, over recent weeks.

Primary House Points and Early Years Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Ariana, Matthew	Year 3W	Bingyu, Igor
Foundation 1/2	Avery, Eden	Year 4D	Aidin, Timofei
Foundation 2	Alessandra, Ellie	Year 4L	Emil, Maxim C
Year 1A	Keto, Zlata	Year 5S	Dobrynia, Mark
Year 1J	Aldric, Rijad	Year 5T	Mateo, Nice
Year 2C	Eliana, Michael	Year 6R	Erdem, Sofia
Year 2K	Kuzey, Zlata	Year 6V	Ioanna, Karl
Year 3B	Constance, Sandro	Congratulations to all our winners!	



PUMAS

4928 POINTS



LEOPARDS

4680 POINTS



PANTHERS

5241 POINTS



TIGERS

5059 POINTS

Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Sadie Rodea
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili
PA to the Principal

1st March 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

Ms. Tumika Sthapit
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Ms. Tata Petashvili
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