

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY



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“If the mindless few defeat the thoughtful majority, we are all doomed.”

Gary Lineker

UPCOMING EVENTS

✻ March

- 16th - Athens Trip parents meeting - 5.00pm
- 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

We have had a busy few weeks since the last newsletter and I hope you have been able to follow it on Classlist or Facebook. On Friday, BIST was host to the first ever Beyond COP21 Symposium in the region. Beyond COP21 is a sustainability and environmental awareness interactive workshop day for students that has now featured in schools in 31 different countries. The symposium was led by its founder, Mr. Peter Milne, from TargetGreen in the UK. Students from KS3 at BIST, BGA, Buckswood, Deutsche International and QSI participated along with a whole range of sustainability organisations and companies from Georgia. It was a fantastic learning experience for our students and also a great way for the sustainability organisations to network.



Last week also saw a number of International Women's Day activities in classes and across the school that included assemblies and a bake sale to raise money for a women's shelter.



Sports News

On Friday of last week, our girls' basketballers were invited to a special event at the Zaza Pachulia Academy. They did shooting and ball handling training using the Shoot360 technology and competed against each other in a skills competition. The competition was won by Shany and Alice (Year 13) and all of the girls had a great time practising their basketball skills! On Monday, our Senior Boys played against BGA and in a tight encounter unfortunately lost 4-2.

Peter Pan

Our Key Stage 2 performance of Peter Pan is coming up soon and tickets are now available - only 30 GEL. Please see previously sent information on how to purchase them.



Book Week

Book week saw a wide variety of literary events take place across primary school which focussed on engaging children in their reading. There were a number of Book Week competitions and the winners are listed here.

Book Review Competition

- ★ Andrei - F2
- ★ Nelson - Year 1J
- ★ Vera - Year 2K
- ★ Emma - Year 3W
- ★ Nita - Year 4D
- ★ Balma - Year 6R



Decorate the Door Competition

- ★ Year 2C and Year 6R

Reading in Unusual Places Competition

- ★ Maxim D - Year 4L

Secondary Respect Awards

Last week secondary staff nominated students for the Respect learning goal award. The students receiving these awards were Arseni in Y7A, Timur in Y7Z, Lyla in Y8A, Mina in Y8Z, Alexandra in Y9A, Maria in Y9Z, Daria in Y10A, Lina in Y10Z, Jayden in Y11A, Jean in Y11Z, Polina in Y12 and Shany in Y13.

Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Maohan from Year 3D. Maohan has the medal for her unbridled enthusiasm for reading. She adores reading everyday and also enjoys sharing what she has read with others. Last week, she gave a lovely presentation to her class about her library book. During her presentation, she spoke eloquently and passionately about her book. Well done Maohan.



University speakers in the Sixth Form

On Tuesday last week, a representative from Nova University in Lisbon came to speak to the Sixth Form students about some exciting opportunities they are offering. They told students about their upcoming summer school that balanced university seminars with a unique chance to enjoy life in a beach-side setting. They also talked about their one year foundation year scheme that can lead to acceptance from top European Universities such as Lancaster in the UK. On Friday, BIST parent and Yale alumni, Ms. Thomas came to speak to some of our leading Year 12 students about how they can prepare stellar applications for Ivy League universities. She gave a wonderfully informative and interactive talk - our Y12 students made the best of the opportunity and grilled her with well-prepared questions about how they can get Ivy League-ready. We thank her for her help, and she has now kindly volunteered to help mentor some of our aspiring students with their applications.



Dodgeball

Two weeks ago saw the Secondary Dodgeball competitions. The KS3 tournament was won by the 'Green Monkeys' for the Panthers made up of Hazel, Héloïse, Eva, Kerem, Giga and Erekle. The KS4/5 tournament was won by 'Blue Team 1' for the Pumas with Tim, Sandro, Ninia, Mea, Fatih, Tyna.

Primary Progress Awards

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

Primary Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Ari, Dror	Year 3W	Lekso, Mikhail Z
Foundation 1/2	Mira, Sofia	Year 4D	Joon, Sophia
Foundation 2	Daniel, Maxime	Year 4L	Karolina, Kelli
Year 1A	Polina, Pouyan	Year 5S	Anndrew, Hili
Year 1J	Ada, Nikoloz	Year 5T	Adam, Shervin
Year 2C	Fedor, Warren	Year 6R	Fafa, Yerbolat
Year 2K	Chae-Ah, Soen	Year 6V	Lily, Maddie
Year 3B	Alex, Maroska	<i>Congratulations to all our winners!</i>	



5450 POINTS



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5172 POINTS



4874 POINTS

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