



“The key to improvisation is motion — you keep going forward, fearful or not.”

Bobby McFerrin

UPCOMING EVENTS

✻ April

23rd-29th - Paris MFL trip (Secondary)

24th-28th - IGCSE and AS Language and Psychology examinations

24th-28th - Enterprise Week (Primary)

24th-28th - Barcelona MFL trip (Secondary)

24th-28th - AS and IGCSE languages and Psychology examinations

✦ May

1st - Last day of 'normal lessons' for Years 11, 12 & 13

2nd - Start of Exam Study Leave arrangements for Years 11, 12 & 13

2nd-5th - Space Camp Turkey trip

4th-5th - International Award Bronze Practice Journey

4th-5th - Year 3W Overnight Trip

4th-5th - Year 4 Overnight trip

5th - Year 2 Botanical Gardens visit

8th-13th - Athens Humanities trip (gp2)

9th - School closed for public holiday

11th - Primary students & parents Coronation Picnic

12th - School closed for public holiday

15th-20th - Athens Humanities trip (gp1)

16th - Class Parent Reps meeting

17th-18th - International Award Bronze Qualifying Journey

18th - Museum Day

18th-19th - Year 3B Overnight trip

19th - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day

22nd-23rd - Year 10 Overnight trip

23rd-25th - Year 6 Lagodekhi Expedition

24th - Parents Coffee Morning

25th-26th - Black Sea Schools Football (Y7-10)

26th-29th - School Closed for Half Term Long Weekend

30th - School re-opens

30th - Summer Assessment Week (Y7-10)

👤 Dear Parents

We had a short week last week, but it was packed full of learning and activities, as well as preparation for forthcoming examinations and events. On Sunday, a group of our Secondary French language students departed for Paris where they will participate in a language camp and also explore the city. On Monday, they were followed by a group of our Spanish language students as they departed to Barcelona.

We also have a small number of our BIST performing artists, who are part of cast for the BGA-lead show Aladdin, in Birmingham this week for a musical theatre workshop.



Tickets for the BGA Aladdin show at the Marjanashvili Theatre will be available soon.

Enterprise Week

This week across Primary School it is Enterprise Week where the students will be involved in a range of Enterprise-linked activities. More on this next week.

International Award

Friday of last week was a special training day for our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's International Award students in preparation for their practice and qualifying (assessed) journeys later this term. The day started off with a hands-on workshop provided by AMC's Dr. Sergey on emergency first aid and was followed by a short hike, camp set up and cooking practice on the hills near school. Great preparation for the real thing.



Coffee Morning

This morning was the first parents coffee morning of the term where Mr. Simon about the importance of reading and gave parents a tour of the library.

Shakespeare Day

On Monday, Secondary students celebrated Shakespeare Day with a special assembly which included extracts from various Shakespeare plays. A number of Shakespeare related house competitions are happening this week.

Year 6 Tbilisi Mall

Yesterday our Year 6 students enjoyed a visit to the Carrefour in Tbilisi Mall as part of their current topic and as part of Enterprise Week.



Coronation Picnic

Thursday 11th is a date for the diary for all Primary parents as we celebrate the coronation of King Charles III with a coronation-themed picnic. Parents are welcome from 1.30pm. There will be a range of activities for the children, a picnic and parent-student cake competition.

Black Sea Schools Football

The Black Sea Schools Football tournament officially kicks off after school on Wednesday 24th May and runs through Thursday 25th and Friday 26th. Remember Friday 26th is a holiday, so students and parents are welcome to come and watch some football. BIST teams representing Year 7 and 8 Boys, Year 9 and 10 Boys and Year 7 to 10 Girls will play teams from BGA, Azerbaijan British College Baku and Cambridge International School Yerevan.

Save the Date! BIST Gala Dinner

Our parent and staff gala dinner is on Saturday 17th June - save the date in your diaries!

World Scholars Cup



The 3rd and 4th June sees the World Scholars Cup return to BIST. Information has been shared with parents and students of the relevant year groups. Please contact [Mr. Miller](#) if you require further information or would like to volunteer as a parental debate judge.

Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Ria from Year 6R. Ria has won our medal this week as she shows a wonderful passion for reading and is always ready to choose a new and exciting book each time she visits the library. Ria enjoys a wide range of literature and can discuss her chosen books with great maturity and insight. Well done Ria



London Performing Arts Trip - November 2023

We have an exciting trip planned for our first term back to school! In November, we will be taking our Year 7 to 13 students to London to see the sites, watch two West End shows and take part in two West End theatre workshops. Please sign up soon as places are filling up fast. Here is a [link](#) to the letter about this trip.

Primary Being Green Awards

Last Friday, in celebration of Earth Day, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated a keen environmental awareness in recent weeks.

Primary Being Green Award Winners			
Foundation 1	Anna, Matthew	Year 3W	Leo, Sofia
Foundation 1/2	Elliot, Evren	Year 4D	Anna, Sophia
Foundation 2	Coco, Ellie	Year 4L	Luo, Mariam
Year 1A	Keto, Kopala	Year 5S	Dominik, Losanda
Year 1J	Alisdair, Rose	Year 5T	Cade, Shervin
Year 2C	Sesili, Jei	Year 6R	Olivier, Vica
Year 2K	Ivan, Mila	Year 6V	Lily, Veronika
Year 3B	Laura, Luka	Congratulations to all our winners!	



8672 POINTS



7619 POINTS



7235 POINTS



7198 POINTS

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26th April 2023

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