



"The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

**Dr. Seuss**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ◆ May

- 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-19th - GL Progress Tests in Years 2 to 6
- 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

Summer seems to have arrived! This is great with nice weather and even more opportunities for learning outside the classroom. As well as the many trips running this week and over this term, it has been great to see a variety of classes using our outdoor spaces for learning activities. It is important to remind parents of the need to send students to school with a water bottle and if they are involved in trips or outdoor activities to pack some sunscreen.

### Trips!

Last week we saw students from Secondary school visit Barcelona and Paris. The students have been visiting these cities to participate in Spanish and French language schools and also enjoy some of the sites, sounds and tastes of these wonderful cities.



Some of the BIST cast members of the BGA-led Aladdin Jr. musical (tickets on sale soon for the June performances) have been in Birmingham this week for a theatre festival and workshops with West End actors and coaches. At the festival, the cast won the award for Best Ensemble performance - well done team!



In the early hours of Tuesday morning, students from Year 6 to Year 8 set off to Izmir in Turkey to visit the [Space Camp](#) and participate in three days of space-related activities and a one day tour of Izmir's historical sites. Later this week, Year 3W will be overnighing in Saguramo on their trip (with Year 3B going later in the term), Year 4 will be overnighing in Bazaleti and our Bronze [International Award](#) students in Secondary will be heading off on their practice expedition in preparation for their assessed expedition later this term. Next week the first of our joint BIST-BGA Athens history and geography trips departs.

## Study Leave Year 11-13

The study leave arrangements for Years 11-13 started yesterday as the Cambridge IGCSE, AS and A Level examinations started in earnest yesterday. We wish all our students the best of luck, but as we know it is preparation and hard work rather than luck that proves the difference in examinations. Students in Years 11-13 are welcome to come into school when they do not have exams and teachers are available for revision sessions at their normal lesson times. Study leave ends on the 9th June with the last examinations and the students are expected back in school full time for the Bridging Course from the 12th June.

## Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Cade from Year 5T. Cade has won our medal this week as he always makes a great effort with his reading which has helped him improve his comprehension skills and to learn more about the world around him. He even reads his library books to his younger siblings. Well done Cade!



## Coronation Picnic



All Primary parents should have received a letter about our Coronation Picnic on the 11th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. There will be food and activities for the students and parents from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. There is also a cake competition for parents to participate in!

## GL Progress Tests

During the week commencing 15th May, students in Years 2 to 6 will take their GL Progress Tests. Year 2 sit these in English and Mathematics and Years 3 to 6 in English, Mathematics and Science. The tests are done on a computer. Progress Tests assess the skills and knowledge developed over the school year and report back on the level of progress made. A parental report for each test and for each student will be supplied to all parents in June. The results of tests are for the school's internal use only to assist teachers in supporting students. They are not something we want the students to be worried or stressed about; we want them to do as well as they can, but we do not want students spending hours on revising and preparation. Students in Years 7 to 9 will sit their Progress Tests in early June.

## Public Holidays

Don't forget that next week school is closed on the 9th and 12th for Victory Day and St. Andrew's Day.

## Save the Date! BIST Gala Dinner

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

## Enterprise Week

Last week across Primary School it was Enterprise Week where the students were involved in a range of Enterprise-linked activities. The students visited local businesses such as Tene, a small company that makes USB cables from recycled materials. They also made and sold baked goods and had the opportunity to meet and listen to guest speakers from our parent community and beyond. The students loved being exposed to different Enterprise situations and learning about jobs, careers, passions and even finance.

## Primary Progress Awards

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

### Primary Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Jules, Rintaro	Year 3W	Alexandra, Reema
Foundation 1/2	Andre, Neo	Year 4D	Anna G, Misha S
Foundation 2	Ephraim, Jojo	Year 4L	Alex, Lina
Year 1A	David, Victoria	Year 5S	Bushra, Emma
Year 1J	Aida, Karen	Year 5T	Igor, Nice
Year 2C	Amirkhan, Eliana	Year 6R	Ria, Sofia
Year 2K	Vera, Vika	Year 6V	Ekrem, Tina
Year 3B	Moisei, Sandro	<b>Congratulations to all our winners!</b>	



**8831 POINTS**



**7715 POINTS**



**7307 POINTS**



**7305 POINTS**

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