



“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.”

**Chinese Proverb**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ◆ May

**15th-19th - GL Progress Tests in Years 2 to 6**

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

**17th-18th - International Award Bronze Qualifying Journey**

**18th - Museum Day**

**18th-19th - Year 3B Overnight trip**

**19th - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day**

**19th & 20th - Senior Volleyball Tournament @QSI**

**22nd - Year 6R Tsodoreti Park visit**

**22nd-23rd - Year 10 Overnight trip**

**23rd - Year 7 Puppet Theatre and Museum of Illusions visit**

**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

Last week only saw three school days, so it might have been called in the media a ‘slow news week’. However, as always at BIST, we like to pack in a week’s worth of excitement into three days! All throughout last week, a number of Secondary students were in Athens on a joint BIST-BGA Humanities trip. This week the second group of students are in Athens.

## Trips This Week!

As well as our Athens trip, we have a number of other adventures this week. Our Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Bronze Qualifying Journey departed today for a hiking and camping (and camp cooking) adventure. Today our Year 7 students have been on an art appreciation day visiting a variety of galleries. Tomorrow sees Year 3B head to Saguramo for their overnight trip and Year 5 visit the Ethnographic Museum for the day.

## Next Week’s Trips

Next week our Year 10 students head to Aragvi for an overnight stay at the adventure centre, Year 6R head to Tsodoreti Park for the day for literacy based activities as their prize for winning the Book Week door decoration competition and our Year 7 students will visit the Puppet Theatre and Museum of Illusions. The whole of Year 6 head to Lagodekhi for two nights on Wednesday.



## Long Weekend Coming Up

Don't forget that school is closed on Friday 26th and Monday 29th May. Although our Secondary footballers will conclude the Black Sea football tournament against teams from Tbilisi, Armenia and Azerbaijan on Friday. Teachers are also in school on Monday for training. On Sunday and Monday, BIST is hosting middle and senior leaders from schools in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Romania, Turkey and Georgia for the Black Sea Schools teacher conference.

## Museum and Outdoor Learning Day

Tomorrow is Museum Day and Outdoor Learning Day where students will have the twin opportunities to talk about artefacts they bring to school and also to have a number of lessons outside. Outdoor Learning Day is a UK celebration of the fact that not all lessons need to be taught in a classroom.

## PSHE Drop Down Day

This Friday is the final PSHE Day for Secondary. This year the students have covered a wide range of topics from the UK's PSHE National Curriculum through these interesting and focussed days.

## Parents Coffee Morning



Next Wednesday, we have a parents coffee morning at 8.30am. As well as a chance for parents to meet and chat, Mr. Zwanenbeek, our Computer Science teacher, will give a talk on AI and education.

## Coronation Picnic

Thursday of last week saw the Primary students, staff and parents enjoy the Coronation Picnic in honour of King Charles III. There was music and singing, craft activities and fun sports for the children and parents to enjoy as well as a wide range of picnic foods. A number of parents participated in the eagerly awaited annual bake off and there were some amazing cakes to taste. Congratulations to our winners.



## Save the Date! BIST Gala Dinner

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

The tickets will be on sale next week.

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**17th May 2023**

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