



“Ambition is good, but we need to be able to deliver.”

Monica Galetti

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ May

- 23rd-25th - Year 6 Lagodekhi Expedition
- 24th-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)
- 31st - Year 2C trip to Saguramo

✻ June

- 1st - Year 2K trip to Saguramo
- 3rd & 4th - World Scholars Cup @BIST
- 5th - Year 1J Saguramo visit
- 5th & 6th - Year 8 Aragvi Adventure
- 5th & 6th - Year 6 Secondary Transition Days
- 6th - Year 10 Geography Fieldwork
- 6th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 7th - Primary Swimming Gala
- 7th-9th - International Award Silver Practice Expedition
- 8th&9th - Year 5 Orbeti Adventure
- 9th - Soccer Aid Day
- 9th - Last day of Year 11-13 study leave
- 12th&13th - Year 7 Aragvi Adventure
- 12th-16th - Sixth Form Bridging Course Week 1 (in school)
- 13th - Parent Class Reps meeting - 8.30am
- 14th&15th - Year 9 Aragvi Adventure
- 14th&15th - International Award Silver Qualifying Journey
- 15th - Community Outreach Programme sports day
- 16th - Pirosmani Day
- 17th - BIST Gala Dinner
- 19th-23rd - Sixth Form Bridging Course Week 2 (work experience)
- 19th-23rd - STEM Week in Primary
- 20th - Year 9&10 German groups trip to Bolnisi
- 21st - Parents Coffee Morning - 8.30am
- 21st - Evening of the Arts event from 6.30pm
- 22nd - Year 7&8 German groups trip to Bolnisi
- 23rd - Foundation Graduation
- 23rd - Year 13 Graduation Ceremony
- 23rd - End of Year Reports issues (F1 to Y10)
- 26th-30th - Sixth Form Bridging Course Week 3 (in school)
- 26th&27th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 29th - PCA Staff Appreciation Day
- 30th - Summer Show
- 30th - Last Day of the School Year

👥 Dear Parents

Last week was again a busy week for trips and adventures outside school. More details of this can be found below. It was also a busy week for our students in Years 2 to 6 who sat their GL Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science. The tests measure progress against the English National Curriculum for individual students and identify strengths and areas for development. For students who sat the Progress Tests last year, there is also useful data on the amount of progress made in comparison with how these students performed last year - this is what in education we refer to as 'value-added'. There are a tiny number of students (3 out of 176) who were not able to take the tests last week due to absence from school, but the value-added average scores are excellent across all three subject areas. Well done to our Year 2 to 6 students and of course their dedicated teachers and learning supports. Next week, our Year 7 and 8 students will take their Progress Tests in English and Maths and our Year 9 students in English, Maths and Science. The Year 7 to 9 students will also sit summer assessments in their curriculum subjects based on all the learning they have done this year. The Year 10 students will sit summer exams based on the content they have covered so far on the IGCSE course, but based on real IGCSE past exam papers.

Trips

Our busy term of day and overnight trips has continued last week and this week. On Wednesday of last week, Year 7 students visited a variety of art galleries in support of their learning in Art where they have been inspired to produce art of various genres. Yesterday, Year 7 students visited the Rezo Gabriadze Puppet Theatre and the Museum of Illusions to support their studies in English. Also, last week our Early Years classes visited the adventure centre, Zaliko's. On Thursday and Friday, Year 3B overnighted in Saguramo and had great fun in the countryside. Yesterday our Year 6 students departed for Lagodekhi where they will participate in various activities in the national park. On Monday and Tuesday, our Year 10 students spent two days and a night at Aragvi Adventure Centre. After two successful trips back-to-back, our final group of students arrived back from the joint BIST-BGA Humanities trip to Athens at the weekend. Check out the photos below.



Book Donations

The Primary Student Council is happy to announce that they are having a book sale for primary students on Friday, 16th June. They will be selling children's books and using the proceeds to support Student Council work. For

BIST Primary Student Council is accepting donations of children's books in English for a book sale in mid-June.

Donated books should be in English, in good condition and appropriate for primary students. You can donate one or many books - it is your choice.

Please place your donated books in the box located near the staff photos in the atrium.

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DONATE YOUR UNWANTED BOOKS!



this sale the Student Council is asking for book donations. We are already accepting children's books that are appropriate for primary school students, written in English and in good condition (used and new). Donated books can be placed in the marked book donations box by the staff photograph board.

Volleyball

A much depleted squad of boys, through trips and IGCSE, AS and A Level exams, participated in a volleyball tournament on Friday and Saturday. The team came fourth after narrowly losing the semi-final and third-fourth play off game.



Gala Dinner

Gala dinner tickets are now on sale for just 260GEL. Don't miss out on the event of the year! Tickets must be paid for via electronic banking to the school account (note as Gala Dinner on the transfer) or in cash in person at our finance office. Once paid for, we will send the tickets home or you can collect them from school next week. Please also complete this [Google Form](#) so we can collate your details and meal choice.



Secondary House Quiz

Mr. Priest ran two secondary house quizzes last Thursday for Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10 students. A series of tough current affairs questions were asked and in the Year 7 & 8 category, the Tigers came first, Panthers and Pumas equal second and the Leopards in fourth place. In the Year 9 & 10 category, Panthers came out on top, followed by Pumas, Tigers and Leopards in that order.

Junior Maths Challenge

Students in Years 7 and 8 participated in the UK Mathematics Trust junior challenge earlier this term. Well done to all 17 students who participated. Silver Awards were received by Pitchan in Year 7 and Hazel and Timothy in Year 8. Pitchan was also awarded as top scorer in BIST.



Football tournament

Wednesday after school, sees the opening matches of the Black Sea Schools Football Tournament. BIST has four teams participating - our U15 Boys, U13 Boys and two U15 girls teams - competing against teams from BGA, UG School, Azerbaijan British College and Cambridge International School Yerevan. The tournament then runs through Thursday and Friday. Parents are encouraged to come along and watch!

Leaving at the end of the year?

We would like to thank parents for being part of the BIST community. We have received very positive comments from leaving parents about the learning, happiness of students and for our management and teachers and we wish good luck to our students and their parents for their future educational institutes. If any students are leaving BIST at the end of this academic year but yet to confirm, please ensure you have informed [Ms. Tumika](#) by 26th May to ensure a security deposit refund.

Primary Resilience Awards

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

Primary Resilience Award Winners

Foundation 1	Ethan, Matvey	Year 3W	Igor, Lekso
Foundation 1/2	Marta, Milan	Year 4D	Anna M, Misha O
Foundation 2	Kai, Maysa	Year 4L	Elisa, Maxim D
Year 1A	Mark, Zlata	Year 5S	Bushra, Lev
Year 1J	David, Zoe	Year 5T	Liza, Mary
Year 2C	Aldiyar, Mattia	Year 6R	Erdem, Tamara
Year 2K	Nicholas, Zlata	Year 6V	Ioanna, Tornike
Year 3B	Aleqsandre, Ondrej	Congratulations to all our winners!	

Reading Superstar

This week's Reading Superstar is Ellen from Year 5S. Ellen has won our medal this week as she can always be found enjoying a good book whenever she has some free time. Not only does she regularly borrow exciting books from our school library, she also brings in books from home to discuss with her classmates. Well done Ellen.



HOUSE POINTS



9228 POINTS



8127 POINTS



7738 POINTS



7680 POINTS

Parents Coffee Morning

A big thank you to Mr. Zwanenbeek, our Computer Science teacher, who led a [presentation](#) on Artificial Intelligence and its impacts on education this morning.

Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Sadie Rodea
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili
PA to the Principal

24th May 2023

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