

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY



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“Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success.
If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”

Albert Schweitzer

UPCOMING EVENTS

✻ June

- 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 - Year 1A Saguramo visit
- 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 - Official Opening Evening for the new BIST building event from 6.00pm
- 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

Monday was obviously a very trying and tiring day for all. We thank students, staff and parents for their flexibility, resilience and patience.

Last week our students in Years 7 to 10 had their Summer Assessment Week. Lots of hard work and effort over the year has produced some great results for students - although a small number of students may be a little disappointed if they did not achieve the grades they wanted, we must remember that these assessments are in themselves a way to learn about how to approach exams before the higher stakes assessments in Year 11, 12 and 13. Well done to all our students. Results from the tests are being shared with students this week and the Year 7, 8 and 9 GL Progress Reports for the online assessments will be shared with parents in time for the End of Year Parent-Teacher Conferences. Initial data extracted suggests that the students in Years 7 to 9 have mirrored their peers in Year 2 to 6 and achieved great levels of average progress. This week also sees the end of the IGCSE, AS Level and A Level examinations with a last exam, A Level Economics, on Friday. It has been a tough six week period for our Year 11, 12 and 13 students and now they await publication of their results by Cambridge in August. The Year 11 and 12 students return to school on Monday to start the Bridging Course - an exciting, fun and extremely useful preparatory programme for students entering Year 11 and 12 next academic year.

World Scholar's Cup

Saturday and Sunday saw BIST again host the World Scholar's Cup regional round. A fantastic event where students in Years 5 and above participate in debate, creative and persuasive writing, general knowledge quizzes, etc. All our student participants did so well, but special mentions must go to those who won trophies and Mr. Miller who has tirelessly worked on WSC for many years now.



Year 1 and 2 in Saguramo

Our Year 1 and 2 students have been and will be visiting Saguramo where they have been or will be picking strawberries, making bracelets and involved in a range of other craft activities.



Getting Our Feet Wet!

Studying Geography at IGCSE means you have to get your feet wet! On Tuesday, our Year 10 Geographers went to the Dighmistskali River, a picturesque valley just to the North of the Lisi valley. Students investigated the velocity and other characteristics of the river at different points. The data from this will form the basis of their IGCSE coursework into Bradshaw's Model on rivers.

Primary Swimming Gala

Today has been our Primary Inter-house Swimming Gala with events for all age ranges from Foundation 1 to Year 6. More details and results next week.

International Award

Today our Duke of Edinburgh's International Award group departed on their Silver Practice Journey - three days of hiking and camping in the Aragvi Valley. This is a training journey and later this month, they depart on their assessed version to the Borjomi National Park.

Leavers and Books

If your child is leaving BIST this summer, please ensure that all library books, textbooks and other school resources are returned before they leave the school. Security deposit reimbursements will not be transferred until all a student's books are accounted for. Textbooks from students who are studying at BIST next year will also be collected back in - with the exception of Year 10 and Year 12 IGCSE and AS/A Level textbooks.

Success in Batumi

Year 9 student Aliaksei has been in Batumi over the weekend competing in the Adjarian open swimming championships. Aliaksei has won four medals during the championships - he took first place in the 50m freestyle, third in the 100m freestyle, third in the 4x50m relay and third in the 4x50m medley. Well done Aliaksei.



Gala Dinner

Tickets are on sale for just 260 GEL. 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.

PCA AGM at Coffee Morning

On the 21st June at the scheduled Parents Coffee Morning, our wonderfully supportive Parent Community Association chair and committee members will run an annual general meeting with feedback on the year, plans for next year and recruitment of new committee members to replace those who are sadly leaving us this summer.

New BIST Building - Official Opening Ceremony

On the evening of Wednesday 21st June, we have a very special event to celebrate the official opening of our new building. Although we have been using the building since October, final work on the theatre and recording studio has only just been completed and thus we are now ready to have an official ceremony from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Please note this event in your diaries!

Soccer Aid

On Friday it is Soccer Aid Day at BIST. Students and staff are encouraged to wear football shirts (I will be proudly wearing my Barnsley FC shirt for the day) and pay a voluntary 5 GEL donation towards purchasing sports equipment for our community partner, Lisi Public School. We also have the Big Match, one long continuous football match running from 8.45am to 3.20pm in which all the children from Foundation 1 to Year 10 will participate. Year 5, on their trip, will have their own game at Orbeti.

Year 8 in Aragvi

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week it was the turn of Year 8 to visit Aragvi for their annual overnight adventure. The students participated in a range of activities including team-building, sports, hiking and an evening campfire.

Year 5 in Orbeti

Tomorrow our Year 5 students head to Orbeti for an overnight adventure. More details on their adventures next week.

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	Dror, Soma	Year 3W	Charbel Maroun, Misha P
Foundation 1/2	Avery, Ernie	Year 4D	Aidin, Timofei
Foundation 2	Jojo, Nina	Year 4L	Andria, Mariam
Year 1A	Fourqan, Murad	Year 5S	Dorian, Losanda
Year 1J	Elian, Emily	Year 5T	Sandro, Shervin
Year 2C	Alexis, Konrad	Year 6R	Fafa, Maria
Year 2K	Kuzey, Wilgot	Year 6V	Emma, Randy
Year 3B	Alex, Imran	<i>Congratulations to all our winners!</i>	

HOUSE POINTS



9801 POINTS



8622 POINTS



8188 POINTS



8101 POINTS

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Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Sadie Rodea
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili
PA to the Principal

7th June 2023

Ms. Alexandra Backhouse
Vice Principal & Head of Primary

Mr. Simon Rooney
KS2 Coordinator

Mr. Les Pemberton
Head of Sixth Form

Ms. Tamuna Skhiereli
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