



“The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.”
Vidal Sassoon

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

✻ June

- 19th-23rd - Sixth Form Bridging Course Week 2 (work experience)
- 19th-23rd - STEM Week in Primary
- 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 - 11.00am
- 23rd - BIST v BGA Swimming Competition
- 23rd - Year 13 Graduation Ceremony
- 23rd - End of Year Reports issues (F1 to Y10)
- 26th - Primary School Transition Day
- 26th - EAL students Celebration event
- 26th-30th - Sixth Form Bridging Course Week 3 (in school)
- 26th&27th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 27th - Book sale for parents - 2.30pm-4.00pm
- 28th - Secondary School House Challenges Day
- 29th - PCA Staff Appreciation Day
- 30th - Summer Show
- 30th - Last Day of the School Year

✻ July

- 3rd-21st - BIST-BGA Summer Camp

✻ August

- 28th - Open Afternoon 1.00pm-4.00pm
- 29th - School reopens for the 2023-24 academic year

👤 Dear Parents

As we reach the penultimate week of the school year and the penultimate newsletter, we still have a big week and a half left with lots happening at BIST. This week we look forward to our Foundation Graduation and our Year 13 Graduation on Friday. These are both fantastic events celebrating the achievements of the youngest and oldest students at the school. The final week of school sees Parent Teacher Conferences for all years up to and including Year 10 following the publication of the End of Year Reports this Friday and the GL Progress Test reports. Please follow the information sent out by email on how to make appointments. Next week also sees a Transition Day for all Primary School students, when they visit the year above in readiness for next year; a Secondary House Challenge Day; and the End of Year Show on Friday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Please note that on the last day of term school will finish at 3.00pm. School buses will depart shortly after 3.00pm and revised drop off times advised next week

English Celebrations!

The EAL team is happy to announce their end of year EAL celebration for Monday, 26th June 26th, from 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the Primary School Atrium. We will use this time to acknowledge and showcase the hard work, dedication and determination of all our EAL students. Parents and families are welcome to come and celebrate with us!

New School Building Official Opening Ceremony

Don't forget this starts at 6.00pm tonight. Please come along to see the work of some of our talented students, our new building and snacks and drinks!

2023-24 Academic Year

It may seem like a long way away, but our new school year commences on Tuesday 29th August. Our annual open afternoon will be on Monday 28th August at 1.00pm.

COP Sports Day

On Thursday afternoon, our Community Outreach Programme welcomed children from Lisi Public School and the Martkopi Asylum Seekers Centre. The children played sports in mixed teams with BIST students. Our friends from Lisi and Martkopi went home with big smiles on their faces. Thanks to all students and staff involved and in particular Mr. George. We would also like to thank our sponsor for this event [Voyager en Georgie](#).



Bridging Course

This week our Year 11 and 12 students are on Work Experience gaining valuable insights into what careers look like from the inside. Our students have gone to a variety of placements including British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Ernst & Young, National Bank of Georgia, Caucasus Barcode of Life, Institute for the Development of Freedom of Information, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, UN Global Compact Network, Sun Petroleum Georgia, McDonalds, etc...

Primary Thoughtfulness Awards

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

Primary Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Ariana, Varvara	Year 3W	Bingyu, Emma
Foundation 1/2	Evren, Sandro	Year 4D	Anna K, Misha S
Foundation 2	Daniel, Emilia	Year 4L	Elisabet, Thomas
Year 1A	Boris, Pouyan	Year 5S	Dobrynia, Mark
Year 1J	Amelia, Luke	Year 5T	Cecilia, Matthew
Year 2C	Alexis, Veronika	Year 6R	Balma, Yerbolat
Year 2K	Nana, Tia	Year 6V	Ioanna, Malek
Year 3B	Aya, Jakob	<i>Congratulations to all our winners!</i>	

PCA AGM

This morning was the annual general meeting of the Parent Community Association during parents coffee morning. Reports from officers were given including on a number of the highlights of the PCA's year. Nominations for all positions on the PCA Committee were due at 5.00pm today. Next week an electronic election will take place and the results announced on the morning of Friday 30th June.

Entente Cordiale

Last Wednesday and Thursday saw a number of football and basketball fixtures for both boys and girls teams against the Ecole Francais. There were mixed fortunes across all the games, but a lot of great sport was seen again at BIST.



International Award

Last week our Silver Award group completed their assessed Adventurous Journey. This means that many of the group have taken a major step towards completing the Silver Award which will happen next year.



Smart Up!

Thursday afternoon also saw the students and instructors run a demonstration event for parents showing what they have been creating in this STEM after school activity programme. Students who completed the programme were also awarded with certificates.



HOUSE POINTS

 PANTHERS	 TIGERS	 PUMAS	 LEOPARDS
10265 POINTS	8985 POINTS	8616 POINTS	8427 POINTS



This year's BGA musical featured a number of BIST students in leading roles - Anna Sofia in Year 9, Anna C and Mariam in Year 10 and Natalia in Year 12. It was an amazing show over two nights at the Marjanishvili Theatre. Well done to all the actors and back stage crew!



Well-Being and Pirosmani Day

On Friday, Well-Being and Pirosmani Day was celebrated by a variety of well-being activities across Primary School where students got to try yoga, art therapy and other relaxing activities. Students from across various year groups made Pirosmani-style art that is now proudly displayed.



Sleepover!

Our Year 1 and 2 students had a fantastic time at the sleepover in school on Thursday. For many of these youngsters it was their first night spent away from their parents. However, missing Mum and Dad was all forgotten in the excitement of the activities and sleeping over at school.



Yekaterinenfeld-Bolnisi

Yesterday our Year 9 and 10 German students visited Bolnisi to discover some of the fascinating German history of this interesting town. The trip was completed with a German meal at a restaurant in Tbilisi. Year 7 and 8 German students go tomorrow.

Book Sale

Friday's Book Sale in Primary School saw 1072 GEL raised for student council funds. Well done to our Primary Student Council team for organising this. There will be a book sale in school for parents on Tuesday 27th at 2.30pm-4.00pm.



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21st June 2023

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