

# THE ROAR

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“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

**Maya Angelou**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[School Calendar](#)

### ✻ June

- 26th-30th - Sixth Form Bridging Course Week 3 (in school)
- 29th - PCA Staff Appreciation Day
- 29th - Secondary Student Council Family Feud
- 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

We have reached the last week of term and our last newsletter for this academic year. From everyone at BIST, we hope that everyone has a pleasant and safe summer holiday wherever you may be going and whatever you may be doing. For those students who are returning to BIST next academic year, we look forward to hearing about their summer adventures. For those students who are leaving the school for new schools around the world or university, we wish you well and remind you that you will forever be part of the BIST family.

## SingUp!

This morning the whole school gathered to record this year's SingUp! song, See You Again, which is this year dedicated to our friends, families and all those suffering due to the war in Ukraine. When the team releases the video, we will share it with all parents through the usual channels.

## Work Experience

Our Year 11 and 12 students completed a work experience placement last week at a number of fantastic organisations and businesses 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... The bridging course has continued this week with university prep sessions, driving lessons and a golf day.



## Last Day Arrangements

Our End of Year Show is on Friday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Following the show, students will return to their classes to collect their belongings and will then be released to parents, embark on school buses or make their own way home. Please note that on Friday school will finish at 3.00pm. School buses will depart shortly after 3.00pm and revised drop off times will be sent to parents. If your child is normally collected by parents, carers or drivers, please ensure they are collected at 3.00pm.

# Graduations

Two graduations took place at BIST on Friday. In the morning, our Foundation 2 students and their graduation from Early Years through to Year 1 were celebrated in a ceremony for them and their families. In the evening, it was the turn of our Year 13 who graduated from school in readiness for leaving to go to university in the new academic year. There were speeches by students, a parent and staff before the official awarding ceremony.



## House Challenge

Secondary students today have been taking part in a house challenge event today. This has seen the students engaged in a variety of sporting and academic challenges in house teams as a competitive fun event, but also as a different way of learning to work together in teams.

## BIST v BGA Swimming

Friday of last week saw a swimming match between primary students at BIST and those at BGA. In a close competition, with both schools scoring a number of first place gold medals across the 22 disciplines, BIST won the overall tournament by achieving 12 first place golds, 16 second place silvers and 14 third place bronzes. Well done to our swimmers!

## Staff Leavers

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye and farewell to a number of staff on Friday. The departing international staff have an average of over 4 years service at BIST which is a testament to their commitment to BIST. We thank all our departing staff for their efforts and achievements whilst working for BIST. The staff we are saying goodbye to are: Ms. Cait, Mr. Chris, Ms. Gabi, Ms. Irma, Ms. Martina, Ms. Nikita, Ms. Rusa, Mr. Shayan, Ms. Solly, Ms. Stacey M, Ms. Tamta, Mr. Graham, Ms. Konarski, Ms. Krasnoff, Ms. MacPherson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Parnes, Ms. Rodea. Temporarily, Ms. Sophie, our Early Years teacher, will be leaving us for her maternity leave and we wish her well and look forward to meeting the new member of our extended family.

## English Celebrations

Our EAL team led an end of year EAL celebration on Monday. The event acknowledged and showcased the hard work, dedication and determination of all our EAL students.

## New Classes and Mentor Groups

Parents will be sent which primary class or secondary mentor group their child(ren) is in by the end of this week.

## New Staff Members

We have recruited some fantastic new teachers to join the BIST team next academic year and look forward to welcoming them to Tbilisi and the school in August. A list and brief biographies can be found [here](#).

## Primary STEM Awards

Last Friday, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students for their contribution towards our Primary STEM Week.

### Primary STEM Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Ari, Soma	<b>Year 3W</b>	Haralds, Michael
<b>Foundation 1/2</b>	Elliot, Neo	<b>Year 4D</b>	Joon, Sophia
<b>Foundation 2</b>	Ellie, Kai	<b>Year 4L</b>	Kelli, Luo
<b>Year 1A</b>	Polina, Samat	<b>Year 5S</b>	Doron, Lev
<b>Year 1J</b>	Benjamin, Karen	<b>Year 5T</b>	Samantha, Sandro
<b>Year 2C</b>	Amanda, Konrad	<b>Year 6R</b>	Ria, Vica
<b>Year 2K</b>	Chae-Ah, Timur	<b>Year 6V</b>	Ekrem, Tornike
<b>Year 3B</b>	Ava, Robert	<b>Congratulations to all our winners!</b>	



# Secondary School Building Official Opening

On Wednesday evening of last week, we welcomed parents, staff and friends of BIST to our official opening event for the new school building. Although we have been using the building for lessons for a while now, the theatre and recording studio were only recently completed and therefore our official opening was last week. Our special guest, cutting the ribbon and official opening the building, was His Excellency, Mr. Mark Clayton, the British Ambassador to Georgia. Parents and guests were treated to a fantastic variety of student-led activities and displays covering Art, Computing, Drama, Music and Science.




## STEM Week

Last week, the focus in Primary School was on Design and Technology in our annual STEM Week. There were some amazing class projects based around design including boats, water filters and pneumatic animals amongst other great concepts.



## HOUSE POINTS

 <b>PANTHERS</b>	 <b>TIGERS</b>	 <b>PUMAS</b>	 <b>LEOPARDS</b>
<b>10407 POINTS</b>	<b>9118 POINTS</b>	<b>8683 POINTS</b>	<b>8585 POINTS</b>

**Mr. Stephen Priest**  
Principal

**Mr. Alex Timmis**  
EYKS1 Coordinator

**Ms. Sadie Rodea**  
KS4 Coordinator

**Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili**  
PA to the Principal

**28th 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**  
Office & Resource Manager

**Mr. Adam Whybro**  
Head of Secondary

**Mr. James Miller**  
KS3 Coordinator

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Head of Administration

**Ms. Tata Petashvili**  
Secondary Office Manager

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