

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY



British International
School of Tbilisi



“Stay hungry, stay humble. There's always room for improvement.”

Joe Root

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

🌟 September

- 27th - KS3 Girls Football away @ French School
- 27th - Secondary Awards Evening
- 29th - Initial Progress 'Settling-in' email to parents
- 30th - Iliaini Science Picnic from 12:00 to 18:00
- 2nd - Initial Progress 'face-to-face' meetings
- 2nd - U18 Boys Football away @ QSI
- 3rd - Initial Progress 'face-to-face' meetings
- 3rd - KS4 Girls Football v BGA
- 3rd - UK Maths Trust Senior Maths Challenge
- 4th - Parents Coffee Morning
- 9th - International Week
- 12th - International Gala Evening - 4.30pm-7.30pm
- 13th - BIST & BGA University Fair @ BIST
- 13th - Tbilisoba Day (Primary)
- 13th - International Student Research Symposium @BIST
- 13th - Last Day of Term 1.1
- 14th-22nd - School closed for Half Term Break
- 23rd - First Day of Term 1.2 - School re-opens



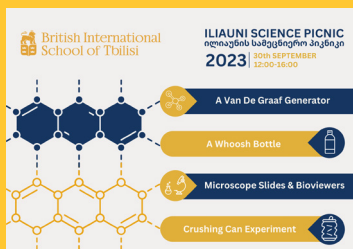
Dear Parents

Today is our annual Secondary Awards Evening when we celebrate the achievements of students in and outside the classroom from the academic year 2022-23. There will be photos and a write up in the newsletter next week, but look out on Facebook and Classlist for more. Today also sees our KS3 Girls Football Team play its first competitive fixture of the season away at the French School. Scores to be announced later. Next week our KS4/5 Girls play BGA. In two friendly, but competitive games last Friday our KS3 Boys and our U18 Boys footballers played BGA - both teams sadly lost 2-1 and 3-1 respectively.



Iliaini Science Picnic

Our Science team of students and staff will be at the Iliaini Science Picnic in Vake this Saturday. Please pop along to this excellent event and also our stall to see some exciting science experiments and demonstrations in action. The event is being held at **3 K. Cholakshvili Ave**, from 12:00 to 18:00.



Initial Progress Reports

On Friday, parents will receive an email from Classteachers or Mentors detailing their child's initial progress - what we refer to simply as a 'settling-in report'. This indicates how well a student has settled into their new class (or new school environment) academically and socially. Please note the report does not include grades as it is too early in the school year to have sufficient evidence to provide accurate grading. For parents who have concerns following the report, we have opportunities to meet classteachers or mentors on the following Monday or Tuesday. Classteachers or mentors may also contact parents if they have concerns that they want to discuss with you.

International Week & Tbilisoba

International Week and Tbilisoba are approaching fast! To explain these events for new parents...International Week is a week-long celebration of different countries and cultures. Each class from Foundation to Year 13 'adopts' a country and learns a little about its culture and current issues. The highlight of International Week is the International Evening which will take place on Thursday 12th October in the sports hall. This is where parents of different nationalities run stalls offering information about their country and culture and providing food from that culture. Here is a [survey](#) if you would like to be involved! Prizes are awarded for the best stalls and the best national dress costumes for both students and parents. Tbilisoba is the 'Festival of Tbilisi' and an annual event in the city where traditional displays of harvested products are on show. Each class in Primary will be making and decorating their own Tbilisoba display. Please see information from classteachers about how you can contribute. Also on Tbilisoba Day, the Classroom Learning Support of each class will run a lesson on their own regional culture within Georgia with wonderful stories about life in Guria, Kakheti and Racha to name a few.

UKMT

Next Tuesday our Year 11 to 13 mathematicians are competing in the prestigious UK Mathematics Trust Senior Challenge. This is a test of their ability to apply mathematical concepts and also win a chance to compete in further challenges. The Intermediate (Year 9 and 10) and Junior (Year 7 and 8) challenges follow later in the school year.

Coffee Morning

Don't forget next week is our second coffee morning of the year. All parents are invited and the topic for discussion will be on Third Culture Kids (and versions of TCKs).



Unifrog Online and BIST & BGA University Fair

Our Sixth Form students participated in the first annual Unifrog Online International University Fair. Students engaged with the online 'virtual' fair that allowed them access to representatives from universities as diverse as the University of Cambridge, University of Toronto, IE University (Spain) and Queen Mary University London. After the initial introduction and virtual 'booths' where students spoke to representatives from universities and filled their 'virtual' backpack with information, they got the chance to attend sessions on What makes a great personal statement?, What makes an excellent Common App essay? and Why Study in the Netherlands, amongst others. The fair was a great success and our students took some useful and exciting insights into university admissions and university life from it. On the 13th October, in the sports hall we will be hosting approximately 20 universities from the UK, USA and other countries in our own BIST & BGA University Fair. Our senior students will get the opportunity to meet admissions team members face-to-face.

Primary Positive Enthusiasm Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for the Positive Enthusiasm they have shown over the first few weeks at school.

Primary Positive Enthusiasm Award Winners

Foundation 1	Isak, Jachym	Year 3W	Kuzey, Oscar
Foundation 2P	Mehmet Demir, Samar	Year 4B	Jakob, Robert
Foundation 2S	Jules-Eren, Sara	Year 4D	Emma, Mariam
Year 1T	Avishag, Lloyd	Year 5A	Mariam, Maxim C
Year 1W	Eden, Yuan	Year 5H	Anna G, Joseph
Year 2H	Karen, Zoe	Year 6R	Data, Samantha
Year 2K	Cloe, Davide	Year 6V	Gabriella, Hili
Year 3B	Leonid, Mila	Congratulations to all our winners!	



907 POINTS



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769 POINTS

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Principal

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

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KS4 Coordinator

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PA to the Principal

27th September 2023

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