

# THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY



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School of Tbilisi



“The good shines out of you like a lighthouse in a storm.”

Civic Green

## UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

### ✦ October

- 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

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the success and achievements of our students from the academic year 2022-23 at our annual Secondary Awards Evening. The event was started by our school band playing and singing one of my favourites, Caravan of Love, reminding me of my own teenage years and listening to The Housemartins. The theme of the evening was resilience, one of the BIST Learning Goals and the speeches and poems read by our senior students and staff reflected this. There were awards for attainment and progress from each faculty for each year group, awards for community service participation and a number of special awards. Lucas and Salome in Year 13 and Adam from last year's Year 13 were awarded their COBIS Student Award certificates for their contributions to the school and wider community. The AS Level Achievement award was collected by Maksymilian in Year 13 and the A Level Achievement Award was won by Eren and, as he is studying now at top French university Sciences Po, was collected by a very proud Mum.

## International Week and Evening

International Week is approaching fast and there is a lot of 'country-stall' chatter on Classlist. Hopefully it will be another fantastic BIST evening! Here is a [survey](#) if you would like to be involved.

## Classlist

Currently, we have 68.5% of all parents on Classlist with 85.7% of students with at least one parent as a member (exceeding the 84.9% we had at the end of last year). If you are not yet a member of this online community, please follow this [link](#). A small number of parents have listed themselves as parents for only one of their children when they have more than one child at school. If you want to check this, please go to **View Profile - My Family - Add Another Child**.

## Initial Progress Reports and Meetings

Last Friday, mentors and classteachers sent out initial progress emails to all parents about how well children have settled into the new school year. On Monday and yesterday, parents had the opportunity to discuss this face-to-face with mentors and teachers. Thank you to all the parents who made the most of this opportunity.

## Secondary House Captains

Last week our Secondary House Captains were selected. They are Alex M and Filippo Kai for the Leopards, Natalia C and Yunwoo for the Panthers, Anna C and Sophia S for the Pumas, and Paulina and Sophie G for the Tigers. Joining the house captains in a new student leadership role with Temo in Year 13 as Student Sports Ambassador. The group will work with Mr. Saunders, our Head of Houses, on running house activities and sports events.

## Allez les Bleu!

Last Wednesday, our Under 14 girls football team played away at the French School and it proved to be a great performance from our girls in their first competitive fixture of the season. After a goalless first half getting used to a very bouncy hardcourt pitch, three second half goals from captain Yunwoo, Sophie G and Hazel and a clean sheet by our stalwart defence, were more than enough to see off a spirited French School team.

On Monday our Senior Boys played away at QSI and unfortunately lost out in an eleven goal thriller. Tuesday saw our Senior girls in action against BGA with a convincing 6-0 victory in the 'Lisi Derby'. A solid performance by the whole team with Anna Sofia, Krissie, Marya and Paulina on the score sheet.



On Thursday last week, our Key Stage 3 volleyball team played against QSI and came out winners two sets to love (25-10, 29-27).

## STEAM Action!

Here are a few photos demonstrating some of the STEAM activities our students have been involved in over recent weeks. They include animation, water-powered rockets and 3D modelling.



## International Student Research Symposium

Next week, BIST and BGA will be hosting the Second International Student Research Symposium. We will be joined by 15 Year 10-13 students from schools across Georgia in Period 5 and 6. During this time, students will present their independent research on topics across disciplines, including but not limited to *Navigating the AI Frontier: Challenges and Opportunities of AI*; *How Corruption and its Economic Consequences Help Run the Vicious Cycle for More Corruption*; *The History of the Colour Pink*, and *How the United States Ruling of Roe v. Wade can Affect Women's Rights Globally*. We invite parents to attend from 13:30 to 15:30 on 13th October.

## Parents Coffee Morning

This morning, our Parent Coffee Morning was on the theme of Third Culture Kids and led by Mr. Priest. Thanks to all the parents who came along to listen to this interesting topic.

## Primary School Uniform Award and Early Years Progress Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for their pride in wearing the school uniform in Years 1 to 6 and for progress in Early Years.

### Primary School Uniform Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Kate, Roman	<b>Year 3W</b>	Ivan, Mattia
<b>Foundation 2P</b>	Leia, Mira	<b>Year 4B</b>	Finn, Rada
<b>Foundation 2S</b>	Dror, Matvey	<b>Year 4D</b>	Aleksandria, Reema
<b>Year 1T</b>	Lara, Marta	<b>Year 5A</b>	Andria, Elisa
<b>Year 1W</b>	Ephraim, Gabriella	<b>Year 5H</b>	Karina, Zardusht
<b>Year 2H</b>	Chris, Sofia	<b>Year 6R</b>	Liza, Sara
<b>Year 2K</b>	Chuxian, Samat	<b>Year 6V</b>	Losanda, William
<b>Year 3B</b>	Nana, Viktoria	<b>Congratulations to all our winners!</b>	



**892 POINTS**



**795 POINTS**



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**704 POINTS**

**Mr. Stephen Priest**  
Principal

**Mr. Alex Timmis**  
EYKS1 Coordinator

**Ms. Zoe Abbott**  
KS4 Coordinator

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

**4th October 2023**

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