



“While crossing one river ask about the others you still have to cross.”  
**Sudanese proverb**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

### ✦ November

3rd - Senior Basketball team away v GZAAT  
3rd - Secondary School Halloween Party  
6th - KS1/2 Language Rotation 2 begins  
9th - London Theatre Trip departs  
10th - Diwali Art event  
11th - Gala Dinner/Dance  
13th - London Theatre Trip returns  
20th - Health & Fitness Week  
21st - Class Parent Reps meeting  
21st - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day 2  
21st - Sixth Form Information Evening  
23rd - School closed - St. George's Day  
24th - Secondary Swimming Gala  
24th - Secondary Lisi Hike (non-swimmers)  
29th - Parents Coffee Morning

### ✦ December

2nd - PCA Christmas Market  
5th - PCA Committee Meeting  
6th - Nikolas Tag / Sinterklaas activities  
13th - Class Parent Reps meeting  
13th - EYKS1 Christmas Show  
14th - Primary Christmas Parties  
15th - Community Christmas Concert  
15th - Last Day of Term 1  
16th - Start of Christmas Holidays

### ✦ January

9th - First Day of Term 2

## 👤 Dear Parents

There are two major school events on the horizon! One for parents and staff only and one for parents, staff and students. The first of these is the **Gala Dinner** on the **11th November** from 6.00pm until late. This event is for parents and staff only. The dinner is at the Radisson Hotel and entry includes dinner with wine, a live band, a disco and a raffle with some amazing prizes. All proceeds from the dinner will be used to support the Georgian Down Syndrome Association, a long time community partner of BIST and a very worthy cause. Tickets cost 225 GEL per person. To book tickets, please use this [registration form](#). The form also includes instructions on how to pay. The previous gala dinner was a fantastic event that all enjoyed! If you are a business owner or part of a company or organisation that would like to sponsor the event in any way to provide further funds for the GDSA, please contact [Mr. Priest](#).

Our second major event coming up soon is for all our community as well as the public. This is our **PCA-led Christmas Market** on the **2nd December** from 11.00am to 3.00pm. For those of you who attended last year, you will remember what a great event this was with stalls selling a wide range of products and services and also a food court. This year is building up to be even better. If you would like to have a stall selling your own products or raising money for a charitable cause, please complete this [registration form](#).

## Geography in Mtskheta

Last week our Year 7 Geography students visited Mtskheta and the surrounding area on a field trip to look at the human and physical geography of the area and how it has influenced the development of the city.



## Year 6 Bakers

Last week saw our Year 6 classes visit the Ipkli Bakery to learn about how a modern bakery operates as part of their IPC topic. A quote from a student was:

"we were fascinated to see the whole process from start to finish! We began by seeing the small church where the bakers pray each day before starting work. We then saw the entire production process right from unpacking the flour to packaging the fresh loaves. We even got to try some delicious bread! Did you know that the factory produces 300,000 loaves each day and only closes on one day of the entire year?"



## Halloween Dress Up Day

It was all a bit spooky yesterday during our Dress Up Day with ghouls, monsters, witches and wizards replacing the children at BIST. In Key Stage 2's competition for best costume we had a four-way tie for first place between Jiarui (4B), Lina (5A), Maria (6R) and Losanda (6V).



## Anti-Bullying Week

We are excited to inform you that our primary school is dedicating the week of 6th to 10th November to anti-bullying awareness and activities, aiming to foster a supportive and inclusive environment for all our students. To kick off this important week, we invite your children to participate in Odd Socks Day on Monday, 6th November, by wearing mismatched socks to celebrate and embrace our unique differences. Throughout the week, students will engage in meaningful activities and discussions that promote understanding, empathy, and resilience against bullying. In Secondary, there will be similar activities during mentor times in the morning to raise awareness. The week ties in with an initiative across schools in the UK.

## Attendance Reports

Parents will have received the reports over the weekend. Please see our Attendance policy [here](#). This document also advises on how to keep school informed and has links to two health and illness advisory resources.

## Halloween Disco

This coming Friday evening, our Secondary Student Council are hosting a Halloween Disco for the students in Years 7 to 9. The event runs from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and tickets cost 10 GEL.

## Primary School Positive Learning Behaviours Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for demonstrating positive learning behaviours in recent weeks.

### Primary School Positive Learning Behaviours Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Isak, Louie	<b>Year 3W</b>	Aldiyar, Emili
<b>Foundation 2P</b>	Amy, Elias	<b>Year 4B</b>	Aleqsandre, Moise
<b>Foundation 2S</b>	Ariana, Mira	<b>Year 4D</b>	Erdem, Hyunmin
<b>Year 1T</b>	Avery, Lycaon	<b>Year 5A</b>	Janna, Tatiana
<b>Year 1W</b>	Andrei, Renee	<b>Year 5H</b>	Misha O, Nita
<b>Year 2H</b>	Nelson, Zoe	<b>Year 6R</b>	Adam, Frank
<b>Year 2K</b>	Keto, Zlata	<b>Year 6V</b>	Bushra, Ellen
<b>Year 3B</b>	Elene, Sofia	<b>Congratulations to all our winners!</b>	



**1974 POINTS**



**1910 POINTS**



**1896 POINTS**



**1793 POINTS**

**Mr. Stephen Priest**  
Principal

**Mr. Alex Timmis**  
EYKS1 Coordinator

**Ms. Zoe Abbott**  
KS4 Coordinator

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

**1st November 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

**Ms. Christelle van Heerden**  
KS3 Coordinator

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Head of Administration

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