

# THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY



British International  
School of Tbilisi



"If you do not believe you can do it then you have no chance at all."  
**Arsene Wenger**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

### 🌸 November

- 17th - Remembrance Memorial event
- 17th - U18 Boys Football v Contemporary Education School @BIST
- 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)
- 27th - Primary School Photograph Day
- 28th - Secondary School Photograph Day
- 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

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Saturday evening saw our Annual Charity Gala Dinner in support of the Georgian Down Syndrome Association. The evening was a great success and very enjoyable with great food, nice wine, a live band and lots of fun. Thanks to all the parents who supported this event. So far we have raised over 18,000 GEL for the GDSA. We would especially like to thank the various organisations who sponsored or donated and in particular, Meama and TBC Bank.



## Sports Results

Last week and this we have had a number of sporting fixtures. Thursday saw the Lions senior basketball victorious over Contemporary Education Academy by a comfortable 62-25. CEA were also the opposition on Friday when the Under 14 boys football team beat them 7-2. On Saturday the Under 16 boys played against BGA and the German School losing both games unfortunately. Monday saw our Under 14 girls volleyballers play CEA and over two sets BIST won 2-0, 25-14 and 27-25.



## London Trip

On Monday, our London Theatre trip students returned to Tbilisi after a busy weekend of theatre workshops and enjoying performances. On Monday, our London Theatre trip students returned to Tbilisi after a busy weekend of theatre workshops - learning the illusion of fight scenes and a sneak peek and recreation of the opening scene of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. They experienced stage magic at the Harry Potter show - even meeting a member of the cast! And laughed a lot at The Play That Goes Wrong. They tried British favourites such as Fish and Chips, and the international tastes at Nandos and Wagamama - as well as lots of shopping and sightseeing!



## Sixth Form Information Evening

At 6.00pm next Tuesday (21st), we have our Sixth Form Information Evening. This is primarily aimed at Year 11 students, however, other parents are allowed to attend if they wish. The evening will talk about the programme offered in Year 12 and 13 here at BIST and preparation for university.

## Health & Fitness Week

Although we encourage our students to be healthy and active all year, next week we have our Health & Fitness Week where we make an extra focus on staying healthy and fit. The week concludes for our Secondary students with the inter-house swimming gala and a hike in the Lisi area for non-swimmers.

## Remembrance Memorial



The school has commissioned a special memorial with the poems In Flanders Fields by John McCrae and Poppies of Krtsanisi by Lado Asatiani that commemorate the fallen in the First World War and in the Battle of Krtsanisi in 1795. We will be holding a small ceremony to unveil the memorial on Friday at 10.55am. There are limited spaces available for this outdoor event, but parents are welcome to attend.



Don't forget to add the Christmas Market to your calendars. This is 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.

## Primary School Friendship Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for demonstrating consistent acts of Friendship in recent weeks.

### Primary School Friendship Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Emily, Louie	<b>Year 3W</b>	Amirkhan, Michael
<b>Foundation 2P</b>	Emilia, Mohammad	<b>Year 4B</b>	Ondrej, Sebastian
<b>Foundation 2S</b>	Lev, Sara	<b>Year 4D</b>	Ellen, Lekso
<b>Year 1T</b>	Eric, Liya	<b>Year 5A</b>	Lina, Maxim D
<b>Year 1W</b>	Alessandra, Neo	<b>Year 5H</b>	Anna K, Anna M
<b>Year 2H</b>	Emily, Mark	<b>Year 6R</b>	Cristian, Sara
<b>Year 2K</b>	Adam, Kopala	<b>Year 6V</b>	Dorian, Mark
<b>Year 3B</b>	Ali, Zlata	<b>Congratulations to all our winners!</b>	

## House Points



**2474 POINTS**



**2381 POINTS**



**2516 POINTS**



**2389 POINTS**

**Mr. Stephen Priest**  
Principal

**Mr. Alex Timmis**  
EYKS1 Coordinator

**Ms. Zoe Abbott**  
KS4 Coordinator

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

**15th 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

**Ms. Tumika Sthapit**  
Head of Administration

**Ms. Tata Petashvili**  
Secondary Office Manager