

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY



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“Today is where your book begins, the rest is still unwritten.”

Natasha Bedingfield

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

★ November

- 23rd - School closed - St. George's Day
- 24th - Secondary Swimming Gala
- 24th - Secondary Lisi Hike (non-swimmers)
- 25th - Senior School Multisports at BIST
- 27th - Primary School Photograph Day
- 28th - Secondary School Photograph Day
- 28th - Primary Boys Football v BGA
- 28th - Y11-13 History students Napoleon movie evening
- 28th & 29th - U11 Handball team at a competition
- 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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Our COBIS re-accreditation visit ended on Thursday of last week with very positive feedback from the COBIS team across the full range of standards measured during the visit. These standards cover areas known as Compliance such as safeguarding, health & safety and student and staff welfare and also areas known as the Patron's Accreditation covering such issues as teaching and learning, leadership and communication. The COBIS team was made up of COBIS's most experienced Lead Improvement Partner, the principal and senior leader of a COBIS schools in central Europe and a recently retired senior leader of various COBIS schools - as such we very much value the feedback and advice they offer for our further development. Our visitors did say how wonderful our students were, which we knew anyway, and how open and engaged our staff were in the accreditation process and also the development of learning within the school. The verbal findings now have to be written up by the team and this must be presented to the COBIS Accreditation Director and then the COBIS Board for ratification before we are allowed to share them. Therefore we are unlikely to receive the written report until after the Christmas holidays. We will then share a summary of the findings with parents.

Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market is getting closer - 2nd December from 11.00am to 3.00pm. There is a raffle of Christmas Hamper Baskets on the day at 5 GEL a ticket. The PCA is asking parents to donate items suitable for the hampers - please send in items, preferably by 28th November, with your children and/or give them to classteachers or mentors.

St. Georges Day

Don't forget we have a day off tomorrow for the St. George's Day National Holiday!

Beaver Computing Challenge 2023

On Wednesday 8th November, 11 BIST students from Year 7 up to Year 13 participated in the first international Beaver Computational Thinking online competition based out of Canada and sat here in school. The students worked hard to solve as many challenging computer programming related questions as possible within 45 minutes. Tornike and Andreu in Year 7 and 8, were the only participants in this age group and scored well. In the competition for older students, Leo and Egor in Year 12 both scored a very creditable 80 out of 90, Lazare in Year 10 scored 84 and Niklas in Year 11 scored an amazing 90 out of 90.

Sporting Action

There was plenty of sport to report on from last week and earlier this week. On Thursday our Under 13 Girls Football team took on the French School and came out victorious with a goal from Heloise in Y8Z and an own goal by the French clinching the game in a close fixture. On Friday the Under 18 Boys struggled with a number of key players missing through injury and lost 5-1 to the Contemporary Education Academy. Monday saw the Under 14 Boys face St. George's British Georgian School win 5-2 in windy and wet conditions. On the basketball court, the Under 18 Lions lost out 57-62 to New School in a close game on Friday. On Monday the Lions faced the Lions Academy league team based here at BIST and won a very competitive fixture 51-47



Sixth Form Information Evening

Yesterday, Mr. Pemberton, the Head of Sixth Form, and his team lead an information session for parents about the Sixth Form at BIST and the Cambridge A Level programme. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

H&F Week

Although we encourage our students to be healthy and active all year, this week has been our Health & Fitness Week where we have made an extra focus of 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 on Friday..

Coffee morning on 29th November

Next Wednesday is our Parents Coffee Morning from 8.30am in the cafeteria. The topic this week is a brief explanation of CAT and Progress Testing by Mr. Priest and then a discussion led by our PCA Committee Chair, Kate, on how parents want to use PCA funds this year.

Caritas Food Drive

The Primary Student Council is happy to announce that we will once again be running our holiday food drive for Caritas Georgia. The food drive will start on Monday, 20th November and last until the 8th December. Please see the attached poster. This year we will be collecting the following non-perishable items: rice, sugar, buckwheat, pasta, sunflower oil. These items will be used to make emergency food packs that will be distributed to the elderly and socially vulnerable. Collection - students can bring items in and deliver them to their classteacher or mentor. Thank you from the Primary Student Council.

Remembrance Memorial



In honour of fallen servicemen and women of the UK and Commonwealth and of Georgia, the school commissioned a memorial that displays two poems on the theme of remembrance with poppies as a central theme. These poems are In Flanders Field by John McCrae and The Poppies of Krtsanisi by Lado Asatiani. On Friday of last week, we held a small ceremony to unveil the memorial and with readings of the poems by Mariam and Niklas in Year 11. The memorial was unveiled by our honoured guest, Flight Sergeant Searle of the Royal Air Force and British Embassy Defence Section.



Primary School Progress Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for demonstrating high levels of academic progress in recent weeks.

Primary School Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Davit, Semen	Year 3W	Jei, Kian
Foundation 2P	Abi, Adam	Year 4B	Luka, Sandro
Foundation 2S	Dror, Rintaro	Year 4D	Constantin, Serafina
Year 1T	Andre, Zhangling	Year 5A	Azzam, Bssam
Year 1W	Daniel, Nina	Year 5H	Anna E, Rand
Year 2H	Elian, Sofia	Year 6R	Cecilia, Vera
Year 2K	Murad, Teona	Year 6V	Kivanc, Lev
Year 3B	Daniel, Viktoria	Congratulations to all our winners!	

House Points



2677 POINTS



2701 POINTS



2754 POINTS



2587 POINTS

Rugby Week

In Secondary PE lessons next week it is Rugby Week! We are very lucky to have the services of a group of Georgian Rugby Football Union national team coaches in school working with students and staff.

