

# THE ROAR

*"All children are creative."*

Sir Alec Clegg

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

### ★ December

7th - Maker Faire STEAM event at BIST  
8th - Student Council Christmas Sale  
9th - U16 Girls Volleyball tournament at Free School  
12-13th - Under 11s Handball Competition  
13th - Class Parent Reps meeting  
13th - EYKS1 Christmas Show  
14th - KS3 Debate - Do Elves Exist?  
14th - Y5H Charity Sale  
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  
9th-16th - Year 11-13 Mock Exams

## Christmas Concert

Friday 15th December is our Community Christmas Concert. All parents and family members are invited to attend. There will be performances from our talented students and the chance for everyone to participate in some seasonal community singing. The event runs from 1.45pm to 3.15pm. Please note that school ends at 3.30pm on the 15th - all buses will leave shortly after 3.30pm and there will be no clubs.

## School Event Dates

All our public and important in-school events and dates for January to July are available [here](#). Please note that this is a PDF and there are events in the pipeline that are not listed here yet and there will be further additions and amendments (hopefully a minimum of the latter) as the year progresses. Updates will be provided regularly as always and all dates appear on our [online live calendar](#).



## Dear Parents

*Wir wünschen euch einen schönen Nikolaustag! Sinterklaas kapoentje, gooi wat in mijn schoentje, gooi wat in mijn laarsje. Dank U Sinterklaasje! Happy Nikolaustag and Sinterklaas to those in our community celebrating today.*

Last Saturday saw our second Christmas Market, again organised by our amazing PCA team of parents. Over 60 stalls selling a wide variety of crafts, food stalls and entertainment were enjoyed by hundreds of guests from the BIST community and beyond. 50% of the proceeds (over 3000 GEL) are being donated to two charities voted on by parents, support for the Imedi Old People's Home and hygiene packs for the families at the Martkopi asylum seekers centre. The remaining proceeds are being split between PCA donations and grants for this year and the PCA's own funds for supporting other parental engagement activities.



## Handball

Last week our junior Handball team entered a tournament and their first ever competitive matches. And guess what! They won the whole tournament against schools and teams that have been playing the sport for much longer. Next week, the team will once again be in competition.



## We are all Makers!

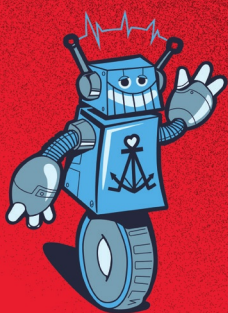
Tomorrow is our first-ever School Maker Faire. Parents and students from Year 3 to Year 10 are invited to attend to enjoy our celebration of creativity and innovation. On display, we will have over twenty hands-on activities for students and over ten class-made displays. Students will make toothbrush robots, their own DIY badges, popsicle stick harmonicas, and more! Plus, the students will be able to keep their creations after each activity. There will also be an art exhibition in the sports cafe as a part of the event. During the Maker Faire, we will also be selling branded merchandise such as pins and 3d models; parents are encouraged to send students to school with 5 GEL for them to purchase these products and help the school fund our electric car project. It is a great opportunity for you to see all the great creations on display and our student organisers and exhibitors are looking forward to seeing everyone attend.



### schedule

<b>Y3 - Y4</b>	<b>09:00 - 10:15</b>
<b>Y5 - Y6</b>	<b>10:40 - 11:55</b>
<b>Y7 - Y8</b>	<b>13:30 - 14:25</b>
<b>Y9 - Y10</b>	<b>14:25 - 15:20</b>
<b>ART EXHIBITION</b>	<b>09:00 - 15:20</b>

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### FIRST EVER School Maker Faire IN GEORGIA HOSTED BY BIST

#### SAVE THE DATE

07th DECEMBER

08:30-15:30

BIST SPORTS HALL

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## The Big Little Nativity

Our EYKS1 show, The Big Little Nativity, will be performed at 1.30pm-2.30pm on Wednesday 13th December. All parents are invited to join the audience (including those who do not have children in EYKS1). The show is in the Sports Hall and doors will open at 1.15pm.



## Student Council Christmas Sale

The Student Council will be taking orders on Friday this week for the Christmas Candy Cane and Card delivery service that will take place in the last week of term. Students across the school can purchase a candy cane and card to send to a friend or staff member. Candy canes with a card cost 5 GEL.

## BIST Calendar and Christmas Cards

Throughout the year to date, our students have been working on art projects and the best pieces have been selected for our 2024 BIST Calendar and our selection of Christmas Cards. These items will be available for



sale next week. On Monday you can buy them between 3.15pm to 3.45pm at the Secondary Building's entrance (near where Primary students are released at the end of the day; and from Tuesday onwards at the Sports Cafe every morning from 8.20am. They will also be on sale in the Sports Cafe at the EYKS1 show on Wednesday afternoon and the Christmas Concert on Friday afternoon. A selection of 6 Christmas cards costs 5 GEL and a BIST 2024 Calendar costs 15 GEL. Please note, purchases are CASH ONLY.

## Primary Christmas Parties

A special guest will be heading our way on Thursday 14th December for the Primary Christmas Parties. These start at 1.00pm and all Primary children are allowed to bring in snacks and wear party clothes.

## Winter Coats

BIST is partnering with the Salvation Army to collect donated winter coats for children who are in need of warm clothes for winter. Any donations of new or nearly new coats can be brought into school and left in our collection box in the Atrium.



## Mock Exams

Christmas is a time for giving...over some time to revision and study for our Year 11 to 13 students. The mock exams will run in the first two weeks of the new school year. Year 11 to 13 parents will be sent a timetable of the exams.

## 100 House Points!

Congratulations to Noor in Y8Z who is the first student to reach 100 points in the Secondary House Competition.



## Outdoor Learning

In Outdoor Learning, upper Key Stage 2 children will be shown how to light a fire using a magnesium fire starter. This is a useful skill for children to have an understanding of and provides a memorable experience. Students will be educated on how to safely light a fire under the supervision of an adult. Fire resistant gloves are provided to all learners and the correct safety protocols are followed as part of the Forest School curriculum. The first session with Y5H took place last week. Students have also had the opportunity to learn about the age of trees at Lisi Lake by measuring the circumference of the trees. We calculated that a handful of trees in the local area are more than one hundred years' old. We have also been learning how to draw the lake area using a one point perspective.



## Instrumental Music Lessons

Please check your parent portal for our Term 2 Private Music lesson letter, as registration is open and our slots are filling up quickly!

## Primary School Enquiry Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for demonstrating our Learning Goal, Enquiry, in recent weeks.

### Primary School Enquiry Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Nil, Rina	<b>Year 3W</b>	Kuzey, Oscar
<b>Foundation 2P</b>	Amy, Mehmed	<b>Year 4B</b>	Aya, Finn
<b>Foundation 2S</b>	Jules-Eren, Sara	<b>Year 4D</b>	Erdem, Michael
<b>Year 1T</b>	Andre, Aneta	<b>Year 5A</b>	Erekle, Iren
<b>Year 1W</b>	Ellie, Gabriella	<b>Year 5H</b>	Joon, Nika
<b>Year 2H</b>	Benjamin, Nikoloz	<b>Year 6R</b>	Helmer, Zavia
<b>Year 2K</b>	Chuxian, Cloe	<b>Year 6V</b>	Elouan, Emma
<b>Year 3B</b>	Kuzey, Mila	<b>Congratulations to all our winners!</b>	



**3204 POINTS**



**3233 POINTS**



**3437 POINTS**



**3138 POINTS**

**Mr. Stephen Priest**  
Principal

**Ms. Alexandra Backhouse**  
Vice Principal & Head of Primary

**Mr. Adam Whybro**  
Head of Secondary

**Mr. Alex Timmis**  
EYKS1 Coordinator

**Mr. Simon Rooney**  
KS2 Coordinator

**Ms. Christelle van Heerden**  
KS3 Coordinator

**Ms. Zoe Abbott**  
KS4 Coordinator

**Mr. Les Pemberton**  
Head of Sixth Form

**Ms. Tumika Sthapit**  
Head of Administration

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

**Ms. Tamuna Skhiereli**  
Office & Resource Manager

**Ms. Tata Petashvili**  
Secondary Office Manager

**6th December, 2023**

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