



"There are three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus."

Bob Phillips

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

❄️ December

- 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
- 11th - UCMAS Awards Ceremony
- 12th - Term 1 Attendance Reports published
- 17th - Parents Coffee Morning
- 19th - School closed for Epiphany
- 22nd - Y11-13 Mock Exam reports released
- 22nd & 23rd - Y11-13 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 24th - Black Sea Schools Online Maths (Y6)
- 24th - Class Parent Reps meeting
- 29th - Start of KS1/2 Language Rotation 3



👤 Dear Parents

The Christmas holidays are approaching and everyone at BIST would like to wish all our community a happy holiday whether you are celebrating Christmas or another festival or just enjoying a restful break. We hope that your holidays are safe and relaxing and time with family and friends is treasured. The new term begins on Tuesday 9th January. The school office will be open until the 22nd December, on the 26th to the 28th December and from the 3rd January. However, emails will be monitored during the period when the office is closed.



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. Doors open at 1.30pm and the event takes place in the Sports Hall.



Friday 15th - afternoon arrangements

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. Parents will be advised of the earlier bus drop off time. We would ask all parents and carers to ensure children are collected at 3.30pm.

Dress Appropriately!

When we return to school, it will (probably) be wintry! Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the conditions. Remember: there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing.

The Big Little Nativity



Our EYKS1 show, The Big Little Nativity, was performed this afternoon to a wonderfully appreciative audience. The show was amazing and a big 'well done' goes to all our young stars and the team of staff who supported them. Photos to come via social media.



School Event Dates

A reminder that 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](#).

Maker Faire

Last Thursday, the school hosted the first ever Maker Faire in Georgia. Students across Primary and Secondary were able to interact with an amazing variety of STEAM activities during the day that included robot ball football, robot mazes, 3D printing and many more with demonstrations of CO2 powered rocket cars and a giant model roller coaster. The event was staffed by Secondary students and led by Lucas in Y13 who is always inspired to share his love of technology with others.



Volleyball

Saturday saw our Under 16 Girls Volleyball team participate in the Winter Cup tournament at Tbilisi Free School. Our team lost only one match, to BGA, on route to a final where they beat BGA to bring home the trophy. Congratulations to our team!



Primary School Progress Award Certificates



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

Primary School Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Ellie, Nicolas	Year 3W	Gabriela, Luca
Foundation 2P	Abi, Sofia	Year 4B	Emil, Laura
Foundation 2S	Matvey, Vasilina	Year 4D	Emma, Lekso
Year 1T	Damiane, Milan	Year 5A	Thomas, Tosia
Year 1W	Maysa, Reni	Year 5H	Anna K, Joseph
Year 2H	David, Luke	Year 6R	Cristian, Frank
Year 2K	Mark, Yazan	Year 6V	Bushra, William
Year 3B	Ada, Chae Ah	Congratulations to all our winners!	

LEOPARDS
3706 POINTS

PANTHERS
3493 POINTS

PUMAS
3420 POINTS

TIGERS
3354 POINTS

Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal



Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Zoe Abbott
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili
PA to the Principal

13th December 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