

THE ROAR

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Masterchef: The Professionals competitor

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

★ December

2nd - PCA Christmas Market
5th - PCA Committee Meeting
6th - Nikolas Tag / Sinterklaas activities
7th - Maker Faire STEAM event at BIST
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
9th-16th - Year 11-13 Mock Exams

Dear Parents

Last week it was Health & Fitness Week for everyone at BIST with daily fitness events, learning about the importance of staying healthy and lots of fun with sporting fixtures and class competitions. This week for our Secondary students is Rugby Week, where students will get taster training sessions during PE lessons from coaches from the Georgian national team. This morning our parents' coffee morning had two foci with Mr. Priest explaining the GL testing system of CATs and Progress Tests used at BIST and PCA Chair, Kate, leading a discussion on how the PCA could use funds it has collected this year. Mr. Priest's presentation can be found [here](#).

Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market is this Saturday from 11.00am to 3.00pm. There is a raffle of Christmas Hamper Baskets on the day at 5 GEL a ticket and a wide variety of stalls selling a huge array of crafts and Christmas stocking fillers. Food will also be available from a range of vendors.

Caritas Food Drive

The Primary Student Council continues to collect suitable items until the 8th December. Any of the following non-perishable items are accepted: 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.

Anastasia Reaches For The Stars

In the Leonardo da Vinci competition for young scientists hosted by the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, BIST student Anastasia from Year 12 and two friends, won the top prize for their innovative and low-cost telescope design. Read Anastasia's own report on Classlist and on our Facebook page.



Sports News

On Friday last week, Secondary school swimmers took to the pool as part of Health & Fitness Week in a shared gala with BGA. All competitors participating did so with a positive atmosphere in an electric event. The top accolades go to Aleksei in Year 10. For non-swimmers in Secondary, there was the annual Lisi Ridge Hike of around 16km and a picnic lunch. Also on Friday, our Lions academy girls and boys teams were in action on the football pitch against the French School. The girls secured a hard-fought 1-1 draw. For the boys, it was a 'bad day at the office' and although they played well in parts, they struggled against a strong French team. The Under 15s Lions basketball team had a convincing 49-24 victory over St. George's School on Wednesday. Yesterday, our Primary Boys played football against BGA and lost out 4-2 with two late goals in a thrilling encounter. Yesterday and today our Under 11s Handball team have been in competition at the university - a full report on this will be available next week. Please also see the separate article on Saturday's multisports event.



Primary School Health & Fitness Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for demonstrating a great attitude towards Health & Fitness last week. The awards were handed out in assembly by our Primary House Captains who also presented to the students on the importance of Health & Fitness.

Primary School Health & Fitness Award Winners

Foundation 1	Jachym, Rina	Year 3W	Amanda, Lidia
Foundation 2P	Elias, Sandro	Year 4B	Aleqsandre, Benjamin
Foundation 2S	Ariana, Mate	Year 4D	Leo, Misha
Year 1T	Elle, Joel	Year 5A	Elisabet, Luca
Year 1W	Beyza, Kai	Year 5H	Aoi, Jakob
Year 2H	Anna, Mark	Year 6R	Data, Nice
Year 2K	Davide, Sima	Year 6V	Dorian, Yehryoung
Year 3B	Ivan, Mateo	Congratulations to all our winners!	



3056 POINTS



2859 POINTS



2891 POINTS



2821 POINTS

International Multisports

On Saturday, BIST and BGA hosted the Cambridge International School from Yerevan for a day of basketball, football and volleyball. In the girls' football, BIST's B team came third and BIST A lost out on first place in a penalty shoot out with BGA. In the Volleyball, BIST and BGA shared the honours for first place. The BGA boys won the football with BIST in second and the positions were reversed for the Basketball with BIST winners. The overall boys trophy was shared between BIST and BGA. The overall girls trophy went to BGA with BIST 'A' in second place and BIST 'B' in third.



Maker Faire

On Thursday, 7th December, BIST is excited to present 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. We can't wait for you to see all the great creations on display and can't wait for everyone to attend. "We are all Makers!"

Lucas, Y13

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