



"You're considered crazy until you're a genius."
Pep Guardiola

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

★ February

7th - IGCSE/Year 10-11 Programme Information Evening
12th - KS3 Inter House Basketball competition
12th - U14 Basketball team away @ QSI
13th - Year 6 Museum of Fine Arts visit
14th - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day
14th - Valentine's Day events
16th - Valentine's Secondary Disco
19th-23rd - BIST/BGA CERN Trip
21st - Mother Language Day events
21st-26th - Antalya Basketball Tournament Trip (U18s)
22nd-24th - Tbilisi Classic Basketball tournament (U15s and Girls)
23rd - Mid-Year Progress Reports published (F1-Y10)
26th & 27th - Parent Teacher Conferences (F1-Y10)
26th-1st - Book Week
28th - Parents Coffee Morning
29th - It's a Leap Year!

● March

6th - Class Parent Reps Meeting
7th - International Women's Day events at BIST
8th - School closed for International Women's Day
13th - PCA Committee meeting
16th - U16 Girls Volleyball Tournament
21st - Nowruz events @ BIST
21st - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day
22nd & 23rd - Black Sea Games (KS3) @ BIST
22nd - Year 11-13 Summative Reports published
26th - EYKS1 Sports Day
26th - Alice in Wonderland KS2 show (1730)
27th - Secondary Sports Day
27th - Alice in Wonderland KS2 show (1330)
28th - KS2 Sports Day
28th - EYKS1 Easter Egg Hunt
28th - Last Day of Term 2
29th - Start of Easter Holiday

Dear Parents



This Friday is the Lunar New Year and we send our best wishes to all in our community celebrating. The new year came a week early at BIST and was celebrated last Friday afternoon in Primary. Our friends from the Confucius Institute again came to entertain us with dances, calligraphy, music, a dragon and a giant panda. There was also singing from our own students from the Chinese language club. The show was followed by a 'crafternoon' of linked activities led by staff and our guests.



Volleyball

On Monday, our Volleyball team played in a four-way tournament with BGA and VCB, a volleyball academy that brought two teams. VCB are obviously a very accomplished academy and it was a tough test for our team. The third place position for BIST was a great effort. Well done team.



Basketball

Last weekend we hosted the second edition of the Lions Invitational Basketball where our senior boys in Lions 1 and Lions 2 teams faced off against European School, GZ American Academy, IB Mtiebi School and New School over two days of fantastic competition. The Lions were up against New School in a pulsating final that saw the Lions leading until a New School fight back in the fourth quarter. With the pressure mounting, the Lions moved up a gear and captain, and MVP winner, Temo, inspired them back into the lead and a 75-65 victory... and so the trophy remained with the Lions for a second successive year. Well done to our team and the coaching and tournament organising staff, and also thank you to those students who supported the event as tournament officials.



Martkopi

Starting this week and running through February, our student councils in Primary and Secondary have combined forces and are collecting non-perishable foods for the refugees at Martkopi. See the poster [here](#).

IGCSE Evening

Tonight, and specifically aimed at parents of current Year 9 students, is our IGCSE and Year 10 and 11 Information Evening from 6.00pm in the Secondary building theatre (4th floor) where Ms. Abbott and Mr. Whybro will discuss the programme in years 10 and 11 and the Cambridge IGCSEs. This event is open to parents outside of the current Year 9 who may also like to learn about the IGCSE programme here at BIST.

Valentine's Day

The PCA and Student Council are arranging a gift delivery service for Valentine's Day on 14th February. Students can pre-order and purchase a gift with the PCA this Friday and next Monday and the Student Council will arrange delivery of the gifts on Valentine's Day. The gifts available are: Roses - 10 GEL, Chocolates - 5 GEL, Cupcakes - 5 GEL. The gifts can be pre-ordered and payment made on Friday and Monday, at breaktime for Secondary students and during the morning for Primary classes. Therefore please send money into school with your child if they want to purchase a gift for somebody. If parents want to purchase, they can do this via their children, or on Friday at 8.45am. On Valentine's Day, there will also be a PCA Hot Chocolate sale.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, both Year 6 classes participated in their first transition day in Secondary. The students spent the entire day in Secondary in a variety of lessons with Secondary teachers followed by a reflection session with Ms. Van Heerden. Some quotes from our Year 6 students were: "I really enjoyed my day in secondary school because the studies were more challenging and it really pushed me to do my best."; "My favourite part was the English lesson, we learned the meaning of our names. I learned that my name means a serene and peaceful place."; "It made me very excited for next year because now I know more about how it works in Secondary. I liked being with the big kids too."; "I really liked it because we learned about new things that we haven't done in Primary yet like the periodic table. Did you know Dmitiri Mendeleev was the first to arrange the elements in the periodic table?"

Primary Progress Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for their progress in recent weeks.

Primary School Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Shiqi, Shiyu	Year 3W	Fedor, Sesili
Foundation 2P	Abi, Samar	Year 4B	Jakob, Sandro
Foundation 2S	Anna, Erhan	Year 4D	Aleksandra, Mariam
Year 1T	Lycaon, Marta	Year 5A	Abigail, Irenn
Year 1W	Eden, Reni	Year 5H	Anna G, Zardusht
Year 2H	Karen, Leyi	Year 6R	Nathaniel, Samantha
Year 2K	Adam, Minori	Year 6V	Ellen, Mark
Year 3B	Ivan, Leonid	Congratulations to all our winners!	



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

7th February, 2024