



"If music be the food of love, play on."
William Shakespeare

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

★ February

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



Happy St. Valentine's Day to everyone. Love is in the air here at BIST...well it always is, as we love our school! But Cupid, in the guise of our Parents Community team and our Student Councils, has joined us today to make it an extra special day. A big thank you to both the PCA and councils for their assistance in our Valentine's gift service. *If you forgot it was Valentine's Day, the shops are still open!*



IGCSE Information Evening

Thank you to the parents who attended the information evening with engaging questions. The presentation can be found [here](#) or please feel free to contact Ms. Abbott.

Year 1 at The Experimentorium

Last week Year 1 had a fantastic trip to The Experimentorium where as well as having fun, they learnt a number of things about the science of sights, sounds and forces.



Basketball...

...is in the news again. Monday was a triple-header with our Key Stage 3 Inter-house competition in the morning and the Under 14 boys and Under 16 girls travelling to QSI for a game after school. In the house competition, the Leopards triumphed. Away at QSI, our Under 14 Boys team defeated their hosts 35-31 in a close game. Our U16 Lionesses had a more clear cut victory winning 37-26. Yesterday QSI visited BIST to play the Senior Lions, and in a close game the Lions won 54-47 to make it four victories in a row against QSI and a full house of wins this week. Next week sees the annual Tbilisi Classic tournament. Our Lionesses will be hoping to retain their crown as champions and our Under 14s will hope to go one better than last year's silver medal. Our senior Lions will not be competing to retain their crown as they have opted to enter an international tournament in Turkey at this time and test themselves at a higher level.



2629 POINTS



2520 POINTS



2543 POINTS



2242 POINTS

PSHE Day

Today was PSHE Day in Secondary, when students have special lessons on different topics within the Personal Social and Health Education curriculum.

CERN Trip

Next week sees our first ever joint BIST and BGA trip to CERN in Switzerland. A number of Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be travelling to Geneva specifically to visit and participate in workshops at Conseil européen pour la Recherche nucléaire as well as the History of Science and Red Cross museums.

Mother Language Day

Next Wednesday is Mother Language Day globally and here at BIST. We have a number of special activities for students in different year groups and even parents running sessions in Arabic, Chinese, Estonian, Farsi, Hebrew, Italian, Russian, Spanish and Yorkshire.

Primary Progress Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for demonstrating positive learning behaviours in recent weeks.

Primary School Positive Learning Behaviours Award Winners

Foundation 1	Emily, Rina	Year 3W	Amirkhan, Mattia
Foundation 2P	Lea, Safiya	Year 4B	Rada, Robert
Foundation 2S	Anna, Dror	Year 4D	Daniela, Ellen
Year 1T	Avery, Evren	Year 5A	Mariam, Maxim C
Year 1W	Emilia, Jojo	Year 5H	Nastia, Sasha
Year 2H	Anna, Haesol	Year 6R	Liza, Zavia
Year 2K	Boris, Zlata	Year 6V	Kivanc, Petr
Year 3B	Elene, Zlata	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

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