



"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realised I was somebody."

Lily Tomlin

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

★ January

31st - UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

■ February

2nd - Lunar New Year events
3rd & 4th - Lions Invitational Basketball Tournament
5th - Y6R Secondary Transition Day
6th - Y6V Secondary Transition Day
7th - IGCSE/Year 10-11 Programme Information Evening
12th - KS3 Inter House Basketball competition
14th - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day
14th - Valentine's Day events
16th - Valentine's Secondary Disco
16th & 17th - U18 Girls Volleyball Tournament
19th-23rd - BIST/BGA CERN Trip
21st - Mother Language Day events
21st-26th - Antalya Basketball Tournament Trip
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
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

Friday was Hot Chocolate Day courtesy of our wonderful Parent Community Association members. Students across the school, and our friends at BGA, got to enjoy a smooth, silky and rich warming drink with all proceeds going to the Jejeli children's charity. Watch out for more PCA activities via Claslist as Valentine's Day approaches!



Handball

Yesterday, we hosted a four team Handball tournament (for Under 12s) for the first time here at BIST and a thrilling action packed event it was. The BIST team played well for the beginners they still are in some close games, but ultimately the more experienced teams took the medal placings. It is great to see our students embracing this new-to-BIST sport and participating with passion.



Basketball

From our Sports Ambassador: "On Friday our Lionesses faced off against QSI here at BIST in an exciting showdown on the basketball court. It was a thrilling game and the final score was 44-11 in the Lion's favour. This showcased the girls exceptional skills and teamwork. It was a dominant performance, with Lion's exhibiting great determination and talent throughout the game. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off. This is just the start of their great season ahead. A great performance from all, despite a few players being injured and unavailable. This bodes well for the March's Tbilisi Classic where the Lionesses hope to retain their champion's crown". This coming weekend is the second edition of the Lions Invitational Basketball where our senior boys in Lions 1 and Lions 2 teams will face off against European School, GZ American Academy, IB Mtiebi School and New School over two days of competition. Spectators are encouraged to come along.



Black Sea Maths

Last week Mr. Wells ran the Black Sea Online Maths competition for KS2 students across the region in 13 different schools and he was very proud of the team. BIST came in 5th place this year. Congratulations to our friends at IBS Bucharest and Heritage Moldova who were joint winners.

IGCSE Evening

Specifically aimed at parents of current Year 9 students, there is an information evening on the 7th February where Ms. Abbott and Mr. Whybro will discuss the programme in Year 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.

IWAG Burns' Night

The International Women's Association of Georgia, whom a number of parents are members of, is organising a Burns' Night, an annual Scottish celebration of Robbie Burns. If you would like tickets please contact Nino or Tumika. Details can be found [here](#) on a poster.

Archaeologists in Dzalisi

Year 6 visited the Dzalisi archaeological site yesterday to study the remains of the Roman baths in support of their IPC unit. Samantha in Year 6 says: "I really enjoyed the trip because I am interested in history and how people lived in olden times. We even found out how the buildings were heated - they lit fires underneath and the heat was transported through long pillars and pipes! We also learned that the town was once called Zalissa and dates back to the 4th century!"



Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day

On Monday 5th February, Year 6R, and then on Tuesday 6th, Year 6V, will have their first transition day in Secondary. The students will spend the entire day in Secondary in lessons with Secondary teachers followed by a reflection session with Ms. Van Heerden.

Primary School Uniform and Foundation Progress Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for their efforts in smartly wearing their school uniform in recent weeks. As Foundation do not wear a uniform, they were awarded for the progress they have made recently.

New Staff Member

On Monday of next week, we welcome our new Head of Security to BIST. Mr. Otar Piduri joins us after previously working at the US Embassy and I am sure parents will get to know him when they visit the school.



Primary School Uniform and Foundation Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Nicholas, Roman	Year 3W	Alexis, Ethan
Foundation 2P	Leia, Mehmet	Year 4B	Constance, Maroska
Foundation 2S	Jinxu, Vasilina	Year 4D	Hyunmin, Philippa
Year 1T	Elliot, Maha	Year 5A	Azzam, Bssam
Year 1W	Aldric, Daniel	Year 5H	Aidin, Cole
Year 2H	Chris, Sofia	Year 6R	Cecilia, Frank
Year 2K	Keto, Youhanna	Year 6V	Hili, Lars
Year 3B	Aoyi, Timur	Congratulations to all our winners!	



2192 POINTS



2176 POINTS



2156 POINTS



1922 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

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