



"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"
George Eliot

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

★ February

- 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 week we see two different groups of students from our older year groups fly off to Geneva and Antalya. On Monday morning, BIST and BGA scientists headed to Switzerland with Mr. Mace and BGA staff to visit the nuclear research centre, CERN and participate in workshops at CERN and the History of Science Museum as well as enjoying the sights of Geneva. Today the Lions Basketball team jetted off to Antalya to participate in an international basketball tournament with Mr. Saunders and coaches Mr. Giorgi and Mr. Sandro. We hope to show you some photographs of the physics and basketball action next week.

In last Thursday's KS4&5 Inter House basketball, the Pumas won the tournament. This weekend our Under 14s boys and Under 16 girls basketballers take part in the SRAA Tbilisi Classic basketball tournament. We hope to see a crowd of student and staff supporters roaring on the Lions!

Mother Tongue Day

Today 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.

International
Mother
Language
Day

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FEB



Book Week

Our literary celebration is next week and there will be lots of book-related activities and competitions culminating in a *Dress Up As Your Favourite Book Character* Day.

Mid Year Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Conferences

On Friday, parents of Foundation 1 to Year 10 students will receive the Mid Year Progress Reports via the Parent Portal. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss the reports, student progress and targets for the remainder of the year on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Information on how to make appointments will be shared by classteachers for primary classes. A letter from Mr. Whybro is sent today about how to book appointments in Secondary - the booking form for Secondary is also linked [here](#).

Parents Coffee Morning

Next week we have our Parents Coffee Morning - don't forget to mark it in your diaries!

HOUSE POINTS



2980 POINTS



2942 POINTS



2868 POINTS



2379 POINTS

Valentines Disco

Our Key Stage 3 students, supported by the Student Council, had a fantastic disco party to celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday evening. Lots of dancing, party games, snacks and fun for all.



Primary Friendship Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for demonstrating acts of friendship in recent weeks.

Primary School Friendship Award Winners

Foundation 1	Jachym, Nil	Year 3W	Aldiyar, Kian
Foundation 2P	Elias, Sofia	Year 4B	Alex, Aya
Foundation 2S	Matthew, Sara	Year 4D	Constantin, Emma
Year 1T	Lloyd, Zhangling	Year 5A	Andrew, Lina
Year 1W	Andrei, Nina	Year 5H	Aisha, Misha O
Year 2H	Aida, Zoe	Year 6R	Mary, Sandro
Year 2K	Kopala, Samat	Year 6V	Andrew, Dorian
Year 3B	Gustas, Tia	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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