



"If a book is well written, I always find it too short."
Jane Austen

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

★ February

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

It is a Leap Year and tomorrow we all get to come to school on the 29th February - the first time this has happened at BIST since 2016! As the British old tradition goes, women are 'allowed' to propose to men...I wonder if any of our female parents or staff will take up this opportunity. We would all also like to say Happy Birthday to Tauasar in Year 11 - who only gets a birthday once every four years!

Our Nuclear Scientists

Last week a number of BIST and BGA science students flew to Geneva and visited CERN for a tour, to meet the Georgian physicists currently seconded to CERN and participate in science workshops. The group also visited other sites in Geneva including the History of Science Museum where they also participated in a workshop. The visit was a great success and a fantastic learning opportunity - as well as fun!



Lions on Tour

Our Lions basketballers were in Antalya from Wednesday to Monday where they participated in an international basketball tournament. The team faced off against a variety of international and Turkish teams. The Lions proved too strong for the opposition though, winning all their games. Captain Temo was also named as player of the tournament.



International Women's Day

There is a long weekend ahead for next week and school is closed for International Women's Day on Friday 8th March. We will be celebrating the day in school on Thursday with a number of IWD-themed competitions and events.

SRAA Basketball

This weekend also saw the annual SRAA Tbilisi Classic basketball tournament. As the senior Lions were away on international duty, it was up to the girls team and juniors to represent our school. The juniors reached the final, but unfortunately were for a second year running thwarted in their goal of the top prize and had to settle for second place. The Lionesses, however, continued their impressive form and retained the title of champions. The team dedicated their win to Marta, a grade 3 BGA student who sadly passed away last week after a long illness.



Reports and Parents Evenings

We hope you all enjoyed reading the informative comments in our Mid Year Reports for all years up to and including Year 10 - I did! It is great to read about the fantastic progress that students are making. We would also like to thank the parents who attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday and Tuesday to learn more about this progress and the future targets for their children.

Book Week

This week is Book Week and we are all very excited about it! Tomorrow and Friday 1st March, we will be hosting a Book Fair in the Atrium for Primary students. Children will be given an opportunity to browse through the books and can bring in money if they would like to purchase a new book. We are also very excited to see all the amazing book character costumes on Friday.



3408 POINTS



3309 POINTS



3268 POINTS



2740 POINTS

UKMT Intermediate Challenge

A few weeks ago, a number of students participated in the UK Maths Trust's Intermediate Challenge (for Year 10 and 11 students). Our students produced the best results we have had at this level of the competition, with two gold certificates (Alex M and Maia P), six silver certificates (Lazare K, Sofia J, Daria M, Taron D, Niklas K and Sophie G) and seventeen bronze certificates. Well done to all those students who took part.

Treeplanting Day

Our annual Treeplanting Day is on 12th April. Over the lifetime of this project, we have planted over 800 trees. This year we would like to get over the magic 1000 mark. Students, parents and staff can purchase a tree by bringing 30 GEL either to the school office or their classteacher/mentor (in an envelope with the purchaser's name on it). We will then order the correct number of trees and the tree's 'owner' will get to plant it at Lisi Lake (just beyond the gate nearest school). Please help us get beyond 1000!

Alice In Wonderland

Our Key Stage 2 show, Alice in Wonderland, runs for two performances on 26th (5.30pm) and 27th (1.30pm) March. Tickets are now available via our [Online Booking System](#).

Primary House Points Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for achieving the most House Points in recent weeks.

Primary School House Point Award Winners

Foundation 1	Davit, Louie	Year 3W	Lidia, Michael
Foundation 2P	Lea, Samar	Year 4B	Imran, Finn
Foundation 2S	Matvey, Soma	Year 4D	Igot, Lekso
Year 1T	Damiane, Eric	Year 5A	Tatiana, Tosia
Year 1W	Alessandra, Maxime	Year 5H	Anna K, Karina
Year 2H	Benjamin, Rijad	Year 6R	Anna, Tara
Year 2K	Cloe, Vicky	Year 6V	Losanda, Yehryoung
Year 3B	Ada, Ali	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
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Ms. Tata Petashvili
Secondary Office Manager

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