



"I believe that the foundation of democratic liberty is a willingness to believe that other people may perhaps be wiser than oneself."

Clement Atlee

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

● March

- 28th - KS2 Sports Day
- 28th - EYKS1 Easter Egg Hunt
- 28th - Last Day of Term 2
- 29th - Start of Easter Holiday

◆ April

- 10th - First Day of Term 3
- 10th - University Guidance presentation (1430)
- 10th-12th - AS Level Art exam
- 11th-12th - IGCSE Art exam
- 11th - Y6V Coca Cola factory visit
- 12th - Y6R Coca Cola factory visit
- 12th - Treeplanting Day
- 12th - International Award training day
- 17th - Class Parent Reps meeting (0830)
- 17th & 18th - French, German and Spanish IGCSE speaking exams
- 22nd - Start of KS/2 Language Rotation 4
- 22nd - Shakespeare Day
- 22nd-27th - Secondary Languages trip to Madrid
- 24th - Musical Extravaganza (1530-1700)
- 25th - UK Maths Trust Junior Challenge
- 26th-27th - Senior boys volleyball away @QSI
- 27th - Last day of 'normal' lessons for Y11-13 students
- 29th - Start of Cambridge exams study leave period
- 29th-30th - Y10 Overnight trip

Dear Parents

We are so lucky at BIST and being in Georgia to get to celebrate some festivals twice! This coming weekend, in the 'Western' calendar, it is Easter and we get to repeat our celebration of Easter in May in the Georgian calendar. Easter is obviously a Christian festival, but festivals celebrating the start of Spring and the rebirth of nature after Winter occur around the world. Therefore we would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and/or a Happy Welcome to Spring-time! Tomorrow at school, the Easter Bunny will be visiting before school and our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children will be searching for the chocolate eggs that our shy, evasive and furry rabbit friend has left in the courtyard. Please note that as it is Good Friday on Friday, the Easter Holiday starts Friday and school is closed. School re-opens on Wednesday 10th April. We hope you all have an enjoyable holiday, but we hope that our students in Year 11 to 13 concentrate on preparation for their forthcoming IGCSE, AS Level and A Level examinations.

Black Sea Games

There was a festival of sporting action on Friday and Saturday with the Key Stage 3 Black Sea Games at BIST. Teams from BES Ankara and MEF Istanbul joined BIST and BGA in the event that saw competitions in football, basketball and volleyball. BGA were the overall winners this year for the first time with BIST team 1 coming second and BIST team 2 coming fourth. BIST team 1 won the boys basketball and the mixed volleyball events. Well done to all athletes and our supporting students and staff.



Alice in Wonderland



Yesterday evening saw the first showing of our Key Stage show, Alice in Wonderland and today was our second and final performance. The show was fantastic with wonderful dialogue and amazing singing. Well done to all our performers and thank you to staff and parents for supporting the students. Photos will follow soon...

Nowruz

On Thursday of last week, our Primary students celebrated Nowruz with a cultural assembly explaining the festival and with musicians from the Iranian community. This was followed by Nowruz themed activities such as egg painting.



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!

Term 3 Public Events List

We have a busy Term 3 and all our key events are published on the [website calendar](#). Here is a [summary](#), but please note this is a PDF version published now and may be amended. Any amendments will be reflect-ed on the website calendar, in the newsletter and via email to the relevant parents.

UCMAS Exams

Last week, over 55 students successfully completed their UCMAS International Grading Examination for 2024. We are happy to announce a 100% pass rate among our students. These results are a testament to their hard work and dedication.



Space Camp October 2024

Parents and students in Years 5 to 8 will have received a letter about a joint BIST-BGA visit to Izmir in Turkey and the Space Camp. This is a great opportunity for learning in a hands-on way about space. Our students who visited in May 2023 thoroughly enjoyed the trip and learnt a lot also.

Primary School Uniform Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for taking pride in their school uniforms and in Early Years for academic progress in recent weeks.

House Points



4987 POINTS



5240 POINTS



4872 POINTS



4135 POINTS

Primary School Uniform and EY Progress Award Winners

Foundation 1	Ellie, Kate	Year 3W	Jej, Oscar
Foundation 2P	Abi, Adam	Year 4B	Jiarui, Moisie
Foundation 2S	Matvey, Vasilina	Year 4D	Erem, Leo
Year 1T	Alejandra, Lara	Year 5A	Lloyd, Olga
Year 1W	Coco, Kai	Year 5H	Anna K, Aoi
Year 2H	Leyi, Xavier	Year 6R	Seoyeon, Xavia
Year 2K	Davide, Murad	Year 6V	Dominik, Gabriella
Year 3B	Mateo, Timur	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

27th March, 2024