



*"The harder I practise, the luckier I get."*

**GARY PLAYER**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

### ◆ May

1st - PCA Committee Meeting 0830  
1st-2nd - International Award Bronze Practice Expedition  
1st-2nd - Y4D Bazaleti Lake overnight adventure  
3rd - School Closed for Orthodox Easter  
6th - School Closed for Orthodox Easter  
7th-8th - Y4B Bazaleti Lake overnight adventure  
9th - School Closed for Victory Day  
10th - Y10 National Museum visit  
13th-17th - Y2-6 GL Progress Test Week  
16th-17th - Y1&2 Overnight Adventure  
17th - Museum Day  
17th - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day  
17th-18th - Black Sea Schools Football Tournament  
20th-21st - International Award Bronze Qualifying Expedition  
22nd - Parents Coffee Morning - 0830  
24th - School Closed for Half Term Weekend  
27th - School Closed for Half Term Weekend  
28th-31st - Y7-10 GL Progress Test and Summer Assessment Week  
29th-31st - International Award Silver Practice Expedition  
29th-31st - Y6 Lagodekhi Adventure  
30th-31st - Y3W Tskneti Adventure  
31st - Y2 Botanical Gardens visit

### ★ June

1st-2nd - World Scholars Cup (hosted by BGA)  
3rd-4th - Y8 Aragvi Overnight Adventure  
5th - Primary Interhouse Swimming Gala  
5th - PCA Committee Meeting  
5th-6th - Y9 Aragvi Overnight Adventure  
6th-7th - Y3B Tskneti Adventure  
6th-7th - Y5 Orbeti Adventure  
7th - Socceraid Day  
10th - Y6V Transition to Y7 Day  
10th-14th - Enterprise Week  
10th-28th - Bridging Course for Y11 and Y12  
11th - Y6R Transition to Y7 Day

12th - Parent Class Reps meeting  
12th - Evening of the Arts  
13th - Last day of Cambridge exams  
13th-14th - Y7 Aragvi Overnight Adventure  
14th - Primary Student and Parent Summer Picnic  
15th - PCA Car Boot Sale  
19th - Parents Coffee Morning  
19th - Community Outreach Sports Day  
19th-21st - International Award Silver Qualifying Expedition  
20th - Foundation Graduation  
20th - Graduation Ceremony for Year 13  
21st - Pirosmani Day  
21st - End of Year and GL testing reports published  
24th & 25th - F1 to Y10 Parent Teacher Conferences  
25th - PCA Committee Meeting  
26th - Sing Up recording day  
26th - BIST Sportspersons' Award Dinner  
28th - End of Year Assembly  
28th - Last day of the school year

## DEAR PARENTS

გილოცავთ აღდგომის დღესასწაულს!

As May arrives, we are in full swing on trips and exams. Our overnight trips have started and we are very proud of our ability to offer all students in Year 1 to Year 10 an overnight experience somewhere here in Georgia, as well as those students in older year groups who do the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award the chance to hike parts of this beautiful country. Study leave started this week for our Year 11 to Year 13 students and we have already had 86 papers sat over 8 subjects - out of a total of 1077 in 40 different subjects at IGCSE, AS Level and A Level over the next 6 weeks. We wish our students good luck, but please see this week's quote!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALIAKSEI!



At the Open Swimming competition in Baku this week, Aliaksei from Year 10 received the bronze medal in the 200m medley and was a finalist in the 50m and 100m freestyle.

# SPORTS NEWS

Yesterday, the Senior Girls Volleyball team played against QSI and came out victorious winning two sets to one. Well done to our senior girls volleyballers. On Friday and Saturday of last week our Senior Boys team participated in a tournament at QSI, although a number of our older and more experienced players are busy with exams and not available, the team played well and battled valiantly, but unfortunately came away without any silverware. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week our Under 11s Handball teams have been participating in a tournament in Gldani - as we go to print on the newsletter, both boys and girls teams are in the semi-finals.

## MADRIDISTAS!

Our Spanish language students returned from a fantastic week away in Madrid at the weekend. As well as lessons at a language school every morning, the students also got to see and taste the sights of this great city.



## TRIPS THIS WEEK

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, our Year 10 students enjoyed a stay at Lopota Lake. The students did all the planning and arrangements for this trip themselves. Lots of fun was had by all in this excellent team-building opportunity. This morning our International Award Bronze group set off for their practice journey ahead of their qualifying journey later this year. Also setting off this morning were Year 4D on the first of the Year 4 overnight trips to Bazaleti Lake.

## SPELLING BEE

Yesterday, our Year 6 to Year 9 students participated in a spelling bee. Much lexicographical fun was had by all! The podium placings of the Year 6 and 7 competition were in first place - Matteo in Y7, second - Olivier in Y7, and third - Nice Y6. In the Year 8 and 9 competition, there were joint winners Sophie G in Y9 and Andreu in Y8, with Tamar in Y8 in second and Ketevan in Y9 in third. Well done to all the participants.



## BEWARE -PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AHEAD!

There is no school this coming Friday and Monday as we celebrate Georgian Easter. We hope all our community enjoy their time with family and friends. Please also note we are closed for Victory Day on Thursday 9th May. With only 3 school days between newsletter days, there will be no edition of The Roar next week. Unfortunately for some of our Y11 to Y13 students, there is no holiday as there are some exams on all three of these days - spare a thought for them when you are enjoying your long weekend.



## MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA



Last Wednesday, after school, our Performing Arts team of teachers and peripatetic music teachers hosted our Musical Extravaganza miscellany. This great event showcased our choir and the students who have peripatetic music lessons and the great progress they have made as singers and instrumentalists. We look forward to more music and some art and drama at our Evening of the Arts in June.



## CAR BOOT SALE

We have had to move the Car Boot Sale to the 15th June due to a clash via the Tbilisi Open Air music festivals - as the road to school is often closed or overly congested during this event. For those who want to sign up to the Car Boot Sale and sell your second hand and unwanted items, please use this [link](#).

# PCA NEWS

Our PCA Committee is made up of the following members who have all worked incredibly hard this year and are much appreciated by other parents and school.

**Chair** - Nino Gvasalia

**Treasurer** - Natia Tokadze

**Secretary** - Irma Lavit

**Vice Chair Primary** - Szilvia Kökényesi

**Vice Chair Secondary** - Shabnam Farahani

**Staff Representative** - George du Preez

Ex-officio members are the school's Principal, Vice Principal and Head of Administration.

An election for new officers will be held in September. If you are interested in standing, please speak to one of the current committee members.

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TIGERS

**3843 POINTS**



PUMAS

**3756 POINTS**



PANTHERS

**3673 POINTS**



LEOPARDS

**2968 POINTS**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIENDSHIP AWARD CERTIFICATES

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for demonstrating Friendship in recent weeks.

### Primary School Being Green Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Kate, Jachym	<b>Year 3W</b>	Aldiyar, Fedor
<b>Foundation 2P</b>	Elias, Lea	<b>Year 4B</b>	Constance, Luka
<b>Foundation 2S</b>	Erhan, Sara	<b>Year 4D</b>	Igor, Maohan
<b>Year 1T</b>	Liya, Lloyd	<b>Year 5A</b>	Andrew, Andria
<b>Year 1W</b>	Emilia, Reni	<b>Year 5H</b>	Anna E, Joseph
<b>Year 2H</b>	Elian, Karen	<b>Year 6R</b>	Adam, Shervin
<b>Year 2K</b>	Youhanna, Zlata	<b>Year 6V</b>	Elouan, Hili
<b>Year 3B</b>	Kuzey, Lucja	<b><i>Congratulations to all our winners!</i></b>	

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Principal

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1st May, 2024

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