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"Genius - no, sometimes it is just hard work!" DOCTOR WHO

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

✦ June

19th-21st - International Award Silver Qualifying Expedition 20th - Y4D Mziuri Park trip

- 20th Foundation Graduation
- 20th Graduation Ceremony for Year 13
- 21st End of Year and GL testing reports published
- 24th & 25th F1 to Y10 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 25th PCA Committee Meeting
- 25th PCA Staff Appreciation Day event
- 25th Y6 Ethnographic Museum trip
- 26th Sing Up recording day
- 26th Y3 to Y5 watching Lions Aladdin Kids show
- 26th BIST Sportspersons' Award Dinner
- 27th Lions Aladdin Kids parents' performance
- 28th End of Year Assembly
- 28th Last day of the school year

Y7 ADVENTURE

On Thursday and Friday of last week, our Year 7 students participated in their adventure overnight camp at Aragvi. Lots of great activities were enjoyed and much fun was had.



GRADUATIONS!

Tomorrow is graduation day. First off in the morning we have our Foundation Graduation when we celebrate the achievements in Early Years and the move of F2 children to Year 1. In the evening, we celebrate our Year 13 students who are graduating and heading to great universities around the world

DEAR PARENTS

Last week was a busy week! We do like to keep busy here at BIST... The week ended with our annual Summer Picnic for Primary students and parents. There was music and singing and lots of fun activities. The parents' cake competition, always a highlight, was a close competition with Mrs Hosek and Mrs Tskhadaia taking home the prizes. Last week was also Enterprise Week across the school where the entrepreneurship of students was developed and celebrated. An enormous variety of fascinating products were released by student teams which suggests we certainly have some budding businesspersons at BIST!. Our Sixth Form Bridging Course also started last week for Year 11 and Year 12 students with the aim of easing their passage into Year 12 and Year 13 and creating a team atmosphere. This week our Bridgers are on work experience at a wide range of companies and organisations including Tbilisi School for Social Research, UNDP, Euro News, Confucius Institute, McDonalds, Coca Cola, Transparency International Georgia, Deutsche Wirtschaftsvereinigung, Hilton Batumi, Holiday Inn Telavi, Meama, L'Agence pour le Caucase du Sud, Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Axel, Stockton Records, Blox.ge and also here at BIST. Last Thursday saw the culmination of our Cambridge examinations for the May/June IGCSE, AS and A Level session come to an end. Over the space of 7 weeks. 1113 exams have been sat by 93 candidates across 40 subjects. The results are published on the 13th August. All students are being sent login details so that they can access the results from wherever they are on the 13th.





HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Last week saw the performance of the joint BIST and BGA musical. This year it was High School Musical. The cast had already won an award in Birmingham at a theatre festival and over the shows last week you can see why. The show was fantastic and highlighted the acting and singing abilities of students from both schools. Show-stopping performances as the leads came from Natalia B (Y12) and Lucas T (Y13); the other cast members from BIST were Alexandra N (Y8), Alsu O (Y10), Anna C (Y11), Anna Sofia T (Y10), Mariam T (Y11), Natalia C (Y13) and Nikoloz G (Y12).







LOST AND FOUND

From yesterday onwards, we are displaying lost and found items in the Atrium. Please make time to visit and collect any of your child's lost items (if they have lost any). Any unclaimed items will be given to charity at the end of term.

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday saw our first ever PCA Car Boot Sale, there were over 20 stalls. Unfortunately, there were not too many shoppers coming to buy...but an event the PCA hopes to build on next year.

SPORTSPERSONS' AWARDS AND DINNER

Next Wednesday is our first ever Sportspersons' Awards Dinner. This event is for the students who have represented the school at sport during the year. As well as dinner, there will be awards for various sports and contributions to school sports. If your child has not yet got their ticket, please contact <u>Mr. Saunders.</u>

PARENT LADY FOOTBALLERS REQUIRED!

On the last Thursday of the school term (27th June), we invite female parents to volunteer as footballers to play against our students and our female teachers. Please email <u>Mr. Priest</u> if you are interested. We have only had one parent sign up so far...more volunteers needed please.

END OF YEAR REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The End of Year Reports for all years from F1 to Y10 will be published on Friday. During this week, we have also been sharing the GL Progress Test parent reports for years 2 to 9. There will be an opportunity to discuss the reports at our Parent Teacher Conferences on the 24th and 25th June.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD SILVER EXPEDITION

Today, our Silver International Duke of Edinburgh's Award group set off on their three day qualifying journey and expedition of hiking, camping and cooking over three days. We wish them well.

PARENTS COFFEE MORNING

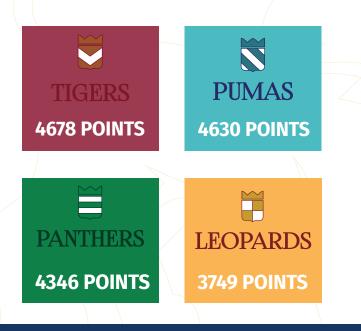
This morning, we had a special guest speaker on children's nutrition at our coffee morning. Varvara Tytova gave a very interesting talk on this topic.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENTERPRISE WEEK AWARD CERTIFICATES

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for their efforts during Enterprise Week.

Primary School Thoughtfulness Award Winners			
Foundation 1	Jachym, Rina	Year 3W	Jihyo, Lidia
Foundation 2P	Leia, Sofia	Year 4B	Aya, Maroska
Foundation 2S	Dror, Erhan	Year 4D	Misha, Nika
Year 1T	Giorgi, Milan	Year 5A	Elisabet, Olga
Year 1W	Demir, Jojo	Year 5H	Joseph, Sophia
Year 2H	Benjamin, Mark	Year 6R	Cristian, Samantha
Year 2K	Dario, David	Year 6V	Emma, Gabriella
Year 3B	Daniel, Vika	Congratulations to all our winners!	

HOUSE POINTS



ADVANCE NOTICE

Friday 28th June is the last day of the school year. Our usual special show will take place from 1.30pm to 3.00pm and all parents are welcome. School will end at 3.00pm and we ask all parents to ensure children are collected at 3.00pm. The buses will all leave shortly after 3.00pm and thus arrive at their destinations approximately 30 minutes earlier than the normal 3.30pm bus and 90 minutes earlier than the 4.30pm bus.

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