

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY
British International
School of Tbilisi

Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

◆ September

- 27th - Initial Progress 'Settling-in' email to parents
- 28th - Iliuni Science Picnic
- 30th - Initial Progress online meetings

◆ October

- 1st - Initial Progress 'face-to-face' or online meetings
- 2nd - Parents' Coffee Morning
- 9th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 10th October - International Gala Evening
- 14th-18th - School Closed - Half Term
- 21st - First day after Half Term

CAT4 ASSESSMENTS

Our students take GL CAT4 assessments on entry to the school and then in year 4, 7, 10 and 12 in September. For more information about CAT4 tests, [please click here](#). This is to help us to build a learning profile and help identify any strengths and areas in which we can support your child. If your child is in one of these 4 year groups, there is a parent report viewable in your Engage parent portal. If you have any problems accessing the portal, please contact office@bist.ge.

NEWSLETTER COMMUNICATION

Following feedback from the Class representatives at the meeting on Wednesday 18th, this weekly newsletter will now be sent to you on a Friday afternoon, summarising some examples of learning and events from the week as well as providing whole school information. You are also able to see any previous [newsletters on our website](#).

DEAR PARENTS

Last week on Wednesday I met with many class representatives where we discussed a whole range of topics including clubs, uniform, the PCA, communication with the school, classlist accuracy amongst other topics. Taking the time to listen to concerns and discuss possible solutions is a vital part of school improvement and I welcome these opportunities to get constructive feedback. I have been systematically meeting with staff at the school and will now focus on meeting groups of students to learn their perspective and thoughts about life and learning at BIST.

COFFEE MORNING



The Coffee Morning on the 2nd October will have a focus on the role of the PCA committee. We will follow this by the process of electing the members which is done through nomination and parental vote. I will share further information about this after the Coffee morning with all parents.

SCIENCE PICNIC

On **Saturday, 28th September**, from **12:00 PM to 5:00 PM**, our Science department and students will be participating in the [2024 Iliuni Science Picnic](#)—It is taking place at Iliuni State University ([N3/5 Cholokashvili Ave.](#)), and we will be presenting a range of engaging science activities in **Tent 24**. You are welcome to come and visit us.

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ILIAUNI SCIENCE PICNIC
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2024
28 September
12:00 - 17:00



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Collapsing Can

Van Der Graff Generator

02



03

Non Newtonian Fluids

Flame Tests

04



05

Colourful Reactions

FREEZING FUN

Last week students in 5H embarked on a fascinating science experiment to investigate the freezing point of water. They tested how different types of salt could affect the rate at which ice melts. Armed with ice blocks, toy cars, and various types of salt, students conducted controlled experiments to observe the effects.

After careful observation students concluded that table salt was the most effective in lowering water's freezing point. Using table salt, they were able to successfully free their toy cars from the icy blocks, demonstrating the scientific principle behind this real-world application.



YEAR 4'S EGYPTIAN EXPLORATION

Year 4 has been learning about the Ancient Egyptians as part of our Temples, Tombs and Treasures unit. Our young scholars have immersed themselves in the hieroglyphics and have written their names in a complex writing system used by the Egyptians. They've even created their own cartouches, the oval-shaped symbols that were often inscribed with the names of pharaohs and other important figures. It's been a truly enriching experience for our students as they unravel the mysteries of this ancient civilization.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

You may have noticed a change in communication from the school, particularly emails coming from **office@bist.ge**. This is a reminder about the information shared in last week's newsletter explaining the new system. Please note the minor amendments in bold from last week.

office@bist.ge - BIST Parent Engagement Centre Coordinator - Mariam Gorgiani

Any general queries related to administration, buses, general inquiries & information

attendance@bist.ge - Attendance Officer - Ana Jirkvelishvili

Absence from school / arriving late, request to collect early (please also include the tutor/mentor)

bistfinance@bist.ge - All payments for fees, residential trips, exams, etc.

pec@bist.ge - Daduna Dolidze - Head of PEC - Any concerns or feedback you want to provide.

You are also able to phone the school on +995 32 2 80 19 19 and Mariam will be able to help you.

All communication sent to groups of parents will come from **office@bist.ge**.

You can of course still contact teachers or relevant staff directly about academic or pastoral issues.

PRIMARY AWARDS

Reading Superstar Certificates 13.09.24

Foundation 1	Giorgi, Lea	Year 3W	Mark Ch, Chuxian
Foundation 2G	Emili, Davit	Year 4B	Vika, Aldiyar
Foundation 2N	Intars, Philippos	Year 4D	Anastassia, Nana
Year 1S	Mira, Sofia	Year 5A	Emil, Nika
Year 1T	Amara, Jinxu	Year 5H	Serafina, Hyunmin
Year 2H	George, Demir	Year 6K	Andrew, Anna G
Year 2P	Eden, Andrei S	Year 6P	Abigail, Elisa
Year 3M	Zoe, Davide	Congratulations to all our winners!	

Mr. Robert Snowdon
Principal

Mr. Adam Whybro
Head of Secondary School

Ms. Katie Karmazyn
KS2 Coordinator

Ms. Zoe Abbott
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Tamuna Skhiereli
Office Manager

27th September, 2024

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KS3 Coordinator

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