

The world is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.

BERTRAND RUSSELL

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

◆ November

- 1st - Diwali Art Event
- 1st - Secondary Halloween Disco (after school)
- 13th - PCA Committee meeting
- 14th - London Trip Departs
- 20th - Sixth Form Information Evening (6pm)
- 22nd - School closed (Staff Training Day)
- 25th - Maker Faire
- 27th - Parent Coffee Morning

● December

- 4th - Class Rep Meeting
- 7th - Christmas Market (12 - 5pm)
- 11th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 11th - EY/KS1 Christmas Show (1pm)
- 13th - Community Christmas Concert
- 13th - LAST DAY OF 1st TERM

◆ January

- 8th - FIRST DAY OF 2nd TERM



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been another busy week full of engaging activities, costumes, sports fixtures and of course ... lots of meaningful learning. We have received positive feedback about the information about the PCA I shared last week. We are putting together a calendar of information events aimed at the parent community. I will be asking you for feedback about what you would be interested in attending so we can make these as relevant and useful as possible. I hope you all enjoy a restful and fulfilling weekend.

NASTYA'S POEM FOR COBIS POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Nastya in 6K for winning our KS2 Magical Moments poetry competition! Her winning poem will now be entered into the COBIS poetry competition and we wish her the best of luck!

Magical Moments

*Magical Moments in my heart
My family and I will never part
We try every day, to make life an art
Do I want to make a new start?*

*Magical Moments in my heart
Sadness and loneliness can bite and smart
Laughing and giggling with my friends
Am I ready for year six to end?*

*Magical Moments in my heart
In my life I must play the main part
A new start is nothing to fear
Let's make the most of this final year*

*Magical Moments in my heart
The end can feel like the start
I am grateful to be stable
With food on our table
Magical Moments in my heart.*

PCA CHRISTMAS MARKET

This year's Christmas Market will be on Saturday 7th December between 12-5pm. Everyone is invited to attend so please do save the date. The PCA committee will also be asking for volunteers in the week before to help create the hampers for the raffle and to help decorate the sportshall on the Friday evening. We will also need volunteers for Saturday to help the event be a success.



HOUSE CAPTAINS ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice Captains! We wish them luck as they lead their teams in this year's House Competition, helping to run events and ensuring that the student voice is at the heart of the contest.

	TIGERS	PANTHERS	PUMAS	LEOPARDS
	Y7-8	Y7-8	Y7-8	Y7-8
House Captain	William B	Matteo M	Elizabeth G	Samantha K
Vice Captain		Danilo P	Gabriela D	
	Y9-10	Y9-10	Y9-10	Y9-10
House Captain	Ema N	Isabella M	Ketevan G	Nina Kh
Vice Captain		Yunwoo Lee	Katherine A	
	Y11-13	Y11-13	Y11-13	Y11-13
House Captain	Taron D	Anastasia U	Lucas G	Bega Ts
Vice Captain		Elene A	Anna ch	Alexandra F



SECURITY CARD PROTOCOL

We have deactivated all cards that have not been used for over 12 months. This is a standard safety procedure to ensure any cards that might have been lost and not reported cannot be used to access the building. As a reminder, if you or your child loses a card, please contact the administration immediately. We will deactivate it and arrange a new one to be printed.

PCA COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have received applications for the Vice chairperson for Primary and Secondary. However, we are still requiring a secretary and Treasurer. Please can I ask for a final time for any interest in either of these positions to email me by Tuesday 5th November.

PRIMARY FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Next week, we'll be celebrating Friendship Week! Students will engage in lessons and activities that explore the importance of friendship, ways to show kindness, and how to recognise and prevent bullying. This week offers a valuable chance to strengthen friendships and build a more supportive, inclusive school community.

COBIS ART COMPETITION ENTRIES

These are the works we've entered into the COBIS art competition in the KS3-KS5 category. The theme is 'magical moments'. Winners receive Amazon vouchers and amazing gift sets!

Additionally, the winning artwork may be featured at the COBIS Annual Conference in May 2025 — a wonderful opportunity for our talented students.



KS5: Kristina Untitled (Maria in a Halo) Digital Photograph



KS4: Yehyun K Bluebell Starlight



KS3: Isabella D Magic In You

These are some amazing entries from our KS1 and 2 students. What talented artists we have and some lovely interpretations of the 'Magical Moments'.



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SPORTS REPORT

This week, our school teams had the opportunity to participate in several friendly matches, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship. On Wednesday, our Year 6-7 students went to Buckwood, where they fought hard, rallying from a 2-0 deficit. Although they ultimately lost 4-2, their resilience and determination were commendable.

Our LIONS Basketball team also played their first friendly game of the season. Dominating throughout, they secured a decisive victory with a final score of 40-31!

We are proud of our teams' efforts and look forward to more exciting matches and victories in the season ahead!



COBIS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2024

Anastasia helped out with numerous community and charity projects throughout the last academic year leading to her COBIS International Award for **Significant Contribution to the Wider Life of the School**. This year Anastasia won the BIST Positive Attitude Award at the Sixth Form Awards Assembly and was elected as the Head of the Academic Committee. She has already set up a Peer-to-Peer mentoring system. Congratulations, Anastasia.



Y2: A DAY IN THE LIFE

As part of our IPC unit, **A Day in the Life**, Year 2 pupils are learning about various careers. To enrich this learning experience, we've invited special guests to share insights about their jobs and the skills necessary for success.

Recently, we welcomed Sarah from the Dog Organization of Georgia (DOG). Her visit provided valuable information about her role and strengthened our connection with the community project linking Year 1 and 2 with DOG.



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY

We have enjoyed two days of Halloween costumes with the Secondary pupils looking forward to the Disco tonight. Here are a few photos of some great costumes!



PRIMARY AWARDS

Pupil Progress Certificates 01.11.25

Foundation 1	Andrea-Lawrence, Lea	Year 3W	Minori, Youhanna-Maroun
Foundation 2G	Semen, Lucas K	Year 4B	Savva, Ada
Foundation 2N	Intars, Yunqi	Year 4D	Tia, Platon
Year 1S	Patryk, Jan	Year 5A	Ava, Philippa
Year 1T	Anri, Amy	Year 5H	Maroska, Laura
Year 2H	Mikayil, David	Year 6K	Thomas, Tatiana
Year 2P	Eric, Arina	Year 6P	Halka, Yuval
Year 3M	Milana, Murad	Congratulations to all our winners!	

YEAR 5 EXPLORES ANCIENT GREECE

On Wednesday, our Y5 students started their new IPC unit, "Ancient Greece" with an exciting hands-on activity! They made delicious feta cheese wraps with fresh salad. It was a fantastic way to spark their enthusiasm for the upcoming lessons.




CLASS REP MEETING FEEDBACK


Our Class Reps play a vital role in supporting the school and parental community. We held our monthly class rep meeting where we discussed the organisation of the Christmas market as well as a variety of other issues they raised on behalf of their class communities. Please **find here** the minutes of the meeting.

HOUSE POINTS


PUMAS
1685 POINTS


LEOPARDS
1257 POINTS


PANTHERS
1415 POINTS


TIGERS
1304 POINTS

Mr. Robert Snowden
Principal

Mr. Adam Whybro
Head of Secondary School

Ms. Katie Karmazyn
KS2 Coordinator

Ms. Zoe Abbott
KS4 Coordinator

Sophie Kasrashvili
Head of Administration
& PA to Principal

1st November, 2024

Mr. Simon Rooney
Head of Primary School

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Christelle Van Heerden
KS3 Coordinator

Mr. James Parker
Head of Sixth Form

Ms. Ana Jirkvelishvili
Attendance Officer

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