

*Hope is the only bee that makes honey without flowers.*

ROBERT GREEN INGERSOLL

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

### ◆ November

- 11th - Primary School Photos
- 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

We have had another busy week in school as we move into November and the colder days and nights are upon us. We are starting to focus on the Christmas events and how we can celebrate together as a community. I hope you enjoy seeing some of the students' work, achievements and experiences of the past week. I am sharing again [here the minutes](#) and action points from the last Class Rep meeting so you can see how we are focussed on listening to feedback and improving the school for everyone.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday (the 2nd Sunday in November) is when in the UK we remember those who fell serving their countries in the First World War and subsequent conflicts. The red poppy is worn as a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. This Sunday Mr Snowden and a few members of staff will be attending a service at the British Embassy where they will be thinking about all those who have lost their lives or been injured as a result of conflict.



### *For the Fallen*

by Laurence Binyon (4th stanza)

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

## DIWALI

Primary students have been learning about the festival of Diwali during their art lessons. Diwali celebrates the festival of light in several religions and symbolises the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Happy Diwali to all of our families who celebrate!



## PCA UPDATE

I have not received any further applications for the PCA committee. I am asking to meet the 3 parents that applied for positions on Wednesday where we will discuss the set up of the PCA committee. I would like to thank a dedicated team of Class Reps for their efforts in organising the Christmas Market. If you are able to volunteer to support this event in the week before or on the Saturday, your help would be greatly appreciated.



## CHRISTMAS MARKET VENDOR CALL

As you know, This year's Christmas Market will be on **Saturday 7th December between 12-5pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend — it's the perfect opportunity to find unique gifts for your loved ones while supporting a great cause.

We're seeking a variety of vendors to join us, from handmade crafts and jewellery to delicious festive treats. If you're interested in showcasing your products and spreading holiday cheer, we'd love to have you on board. To request your spot, please complete the [application form](#) by **November 13th**.



## TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS

In an impressive showcase of teamwork, BIST secured a decisive 6-0 win against Buckswood. From the beginning, our team controlled the game, leading with a halftime score of 4-0. Each player contributed to the success, demonstrating determination and cohesion on the field. Congratulations to the players, coaches, and supporters on this well-deserved win! We look forward to more success in the upcoming games.



## LISI PUBLIC SCHOOL CHARITY UPDATE

On Monday, Lisi Public School received donations of sports and play equipment from BIST. The students and staff were really grateful and they appreciate the support shown from BIST.



## SECONDARY ART GALLERY VISIT

This week Secondary students studying IGCSE or A-level art were lucky enough to participate in a field trip to four of Tbilisi's diverse art institutions. The first stop was the immense collection at the Georgian Museum of Fine Arts. The students were stunned by the breadth and originality of great Georgian Modernist painters, sculptors and graphic artists. Next we visited Atinati Cultural Center and learnt about their mission to promote and preserve Georgian Art and culture. After a quick lunch stop in the gardens it was off to the small and eclectic contemporary Gallery Artbeat. Finally, after an exciting ride on the Metro through the center of the city we finished the trip at the Tbilisi Photography & Multimedia Museum to see a group exhibition showcasing cutting edge work from across Europe and Central Asia. By the end of the day the students felt full of fresh inspiration and keen to get back into the art room to create!





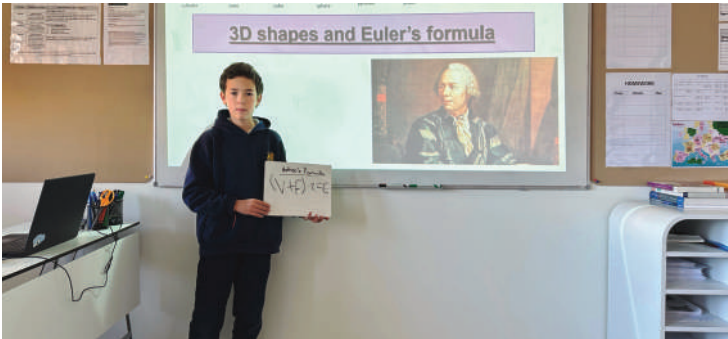
# HALLOWEEN PARTY

Over 100 pupils in Secondary enjoyed a seasonal night of fun at the Halloween Disco from 6pm - 8:30 pm. This event was organised by the Sixth Form Social and Events Committee. Although it was a great team effort, we would like to recognise Natalia in Year 13 and Taron in Year 12, the Committee leads for their dedication and leadership skills in making the event a great success.



# MATTEO'S RULE AND Y8'S MATHS ADVENTURE

Our Year 8 students took a creative journey back to the 18th century. The students had the opportunity to step into the shoes of the renowned mathematician Leonhard Euler, exploring the fascinating world of geometry. Notably, one of our students, Matteo, made an impressive discovery that we have named "Matteo's Rule." This rule highlights a specific relationship among the Faces, Vertices and Edges of 3D shapes. We are incredibly proud of Matteo's talent and dedication to learning.



# HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to Mariia in 10Z for being the first student to reach 50 House Points in this year's competition!




House Points are awarded to students who demonstrate core values, such as kindness and respect, as well as a high level of effort or achievement in school activities. We look forward to seeing further students reach this milestone in the coming weeks and months.


# PRIMARY AWARDS

Fantastic Friend Certificates 08.11.24			
Foundation 1	David, Gawargios	Year 3W	James, Anna
Foundation 2G	Nil, Louie	Year 4B	Kuzey, Elene
Foundation 2N	Intars, Philippos	Year 4D	Oscar, Noah
Year 1S	Leia, Vytis	Year 5A	Mariam, Daniel
Year 1T	Jules Eren, Sandro	Year 5H	Serafina, Maohan
Year 2H	Ellie, Aneta	Year 6K	Luca, Janna
Year 2P	Evren, Marta	Year 6P	Lina, Lizi
Year 3M	Dario, Zoe	Congratulations to all our winners!	

# HOUSE POINTS



**PUMAS**  
1921 POINTS



**LEOPARDS**  
1446 POINTS



**PANTHERS**  
1692 POINTS



**TIGERS**  
1472 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

8<sup>th</sup> 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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