

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY
British International
School of Tbilisi



"Life is beautiful. It's about giving. It's about family"
WALT DISNEY

UPCOMING EVENTS



◆ January

- 8th - FIRST DAY OF 2nd TERM
- 8th - 15th: A Level Mock Examination Period
- 9th - Year 3 Trip to The Experimentorium
- 15th - Parents Coffee Morning - Preventing Bullying
- 15th - 23rd January: IGCSE (Year 11) Mock Examination Period
- 22nd - Class Rep Meeting
- 22nd - Black Sea Schools Year 6 Online Maths Competition
- 24th: A Level Mock Exam Grade Sheet published to parents
- 24th - Lunar New Year Celebrations
- 31st: iGCSE Mock Exam Grade Sheet published to parents
- 27th - 31st: DEIJ Week in Secondary

★ February

- 1st - Lions Basketball Invitational Tournament Day 1
- 2nd - Lions Basketball Invitational Tournament Day 2
- 3rd - 4th: KS5 and Year 11 Post-Mocks Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 3rd - 6P Transition Day in Secondary
- 4th - 6K Transition Day in Secondary
- 5th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 5th - Valentine's Day Party (Secondary)
- 21st - F1 - Year 10 Mid-Year Progress Reports Published to Parents
- 24th - F1 - Year 10 Parent Teacher Conferences (Online)
- 25th - F1 - Year 10 Parent Teacher Conferences (In School)
- 28th - School Closed for National Holiday

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of term seems to have arrived very quickly with so much happening across the whole school. This week we have had some delightful festive events that have brought joy and excitement to the school community. I hope you enjoy seeing the pictures of them in this week's newsletter.

I want to thank you all for the support, encouragement and feedback you have given throughout this first term. We have a very special and unique international community at BIST and it is one of which we should all feel proud. As we move into the Winter break, and we reflect on the events both locally and around the world, we know that our values of compassion for and acceptance of people from all backgrounds and beliefs are ones we cherish and bring us together in celebration of our diversity.

I know many people from our community will be travelling locally or internationally to spend time with loved ones around the world, and I wish you all a safe and joyful time. If you are celebrating over the festive season, whether it be Christmas, Yule, Hanukkah, or another event of significance, may these create happy and meaningful memories for you all. I look forward to seeing everyone at the start of next term and hearing about your wonderful experiences.

PARENT COFFEE MORNING SCHEDULE



Thank you for giving feedback about what you would like information sessions to focus on for the Parent coffee mornings. Topics such as Bullying, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Technology addiction & Internet Safety, Safeguarding and curriculum information have seemed popular. If you have any expertise or have links to organisations that could be involved in these sessions, please contact Mr Rooney s.rooney@bist.ge as we would like to involve the wider community.

PCA COMMITTEE



On Wednesday, the PCA committee met to discuss a range of issues, one of which was reviewing the way the PCA constitution is designed with the aim of increasing parental engagement with the school.

NEW SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT



On Thursday, BIST hosted a fantastic concert in collaboration with the New Music School. Our students from 5 - 18 years old that have additional lessons outside of school hours at the New Music School gave some incredible performances on drums, vocals, piano, guitar and violin. We look forward to further collaboration next year.



CANTEEN MUSIC SHOWS

This week, our secondary and primary cafeterias were filled with festive cheer as we hosted live Christmas song performances. The Year 7 music band and choir showcased their talent, performing a selection of holiday classics to bring joy to our students, teachers, and staff.

The performances created a warm and lively atmosphere, with everyone enjoying the music during their lunch breaks. These moments not only highlighted the hard work and dedication of our young musicians but also added a special festive touch to the school community.



FS & KS1 SHOW



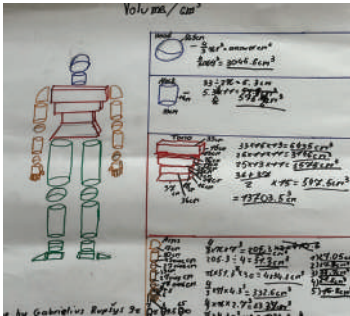
On Wednesday BIST's youngest students from Foundation to Year 2 had their Christmas show called 'Ralph the Reindeer'. Our littlest learners were reindeer and Year 1 were the fabulous elves. The Year 2 children did a splendid job as narrators and other speaking parts including animals, elves and of course Santa, Rudolph and Ralph the Reindeer. Thank you so much to parents for coming to watch the show and for helping to prepare the wonderful costumes.



YEAR 8 & 9 MATHS



Our students have been involved in some impressive maths projects, applying their creativity and problem-solving skills. Y9 students have recently completed a project where they modeled themselves and calculated their surface area and volume. Meanwhile, Y8 students have been busy designing and building their own robots. Mr. Voshchenko has been impressed with the quality of their work and their collaborative efforts in class.



A HO-HO-HOLIDAY SURPRISE!



Our Primary School was filled with holiday cheer as Santa Claus and his jolly elf made a special visit to each classroom. The students were overjoyed to meet Santa and receive a special gift. We hope these creative tools will spark some holiday fun and inspire some festive artwork. Here is the instruction and information about the gift.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH




Yesterday our wonderful cooks delighted our taste buds with a special Christmas feast! We enjoyed chicken, sausages, baked potatoes, green beans, stuffing, Christmas tree pastries and broccoli soup! Our meal was made even more festive by us dressing up in our Christmas jumpers and costumes!

HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS




Congratulations to Years 8A and 9Z for reaching 250 House Points this week! Tutor groups who have achieved this milestone will be given a non-uniform day pass in the coming weeks to celebrate their hard work. We look forward to lots more House events planned for the new year, with plenty of opportunities for students to show us their qualities.


PUMAS
2959 POINTS


PANTHERS
2920 POINTS


TIGERS
2363 POINTS


LEOPARDS
2376 POINTS



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13th December, 2024

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