

*"Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction."*

Germany Kent

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

### ● May

1st-2nd - Year 4 Overnight Trip to Bazaleti  
6th - Open Day  
7th - Class Reps Meeting  
7th - Music Extravaganza  
7th-8th - Duke of Edinburgh - Silver and Bronze Practice Journey  
8th - Virtual Open Day  
9th - School Closed, Victory Day  
10th-12th - Annual COBIS Conference (London)  
12th - School Closed, St. Andrew's Day  
14th - PCA Committee Meeting  
15th - Secondary Sports Day for Years 7-10  
16th - KS3 Talent Show  
19th-20th - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Journey to Manglisi  
22nd - Primary Summer Picnic  
23rd - School Closed  
26th - School Closed, Independence Day  
28th - Parents' Coffee Morning - Welcome to Secondary  
28th-30th - Year 6 Overnight Trip to Lagodekhi  
29th-30th - Year 3W overnight stay in Tskneti

## SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

Foundation

Y1-Y13

HOUSE POINTS



PANTHERS  
7421 POINTS



PUMAS  
7409 POINTS



LEOPARDS  
6192 POINTS



TIGERS  
6033 POINTS

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to our final term of the academic year. I hope everyone has enjoyed the break. It was lovely to see the children again returning with smiles on their faces and already we have had a busy first week. IGCSE and A Level examinations have started for our Year 11, 12 and 13 and will continue until mid June. We are reorganising the secondary rooming so that we have 2 quiet exam and preparation zones, with the Year 7-10 students using the other spaces.

In Primary, our Year 4 students have started off the residential trips with a great experience in Bazaleti Lake while the Sports Day yesterday was a great event that was enjoyed by our pupils and many parents. Thank you to everyone that was able to come and support your children and make it a real community event.

## KEY STAGE 2 SHOW

On Monday 14th April and Tuesday 15th April all our Key Stage 2 students took part in our annual performance. This year it was a Hint of Snow - a play they showed how friendship and teamwork can overcome anything! The children were brilliant, and the show was enjoyed by all!



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## OPEN DAYS AT BIST

We kindly ask for your support in spreading the word about the upcoming Open Days at BIST, designed for families exploring international education options in Georgia. These events offer prospective parents the chance to meet our leadership team, learn about our curriculum and co-curricular programmes, tour our facilities (in person or virtually), and participate in a live Q&A session. The In-School Open Day will be held on Tuesday, 6th May, from 10:00 to 12:00 at our campus, and the Virtual Open Day on Thursday, 8th May, from 13:00 to 15:00 online.

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the BIST community, please feel free to share this invitation. Registration is available at <https://forms.gle/qXbm6pPe>. For inquiries, contact [admissions@bist.ge](mailto:admissions@bist.ge). Thank you for helping us reach new families and share what makes BIST special.



## HOUSE UPDATE

Students have dived straight back into the House competition this term, with congratulations owed to Cristian F (7A), James B (7Z), Eva M (9Z), Alexandra N (9Z), Gabrieli R (9Z) and Sabrina R (10Z) for all reaching 50 HP. Yehyoung L (7A) went a step further and made it to 100 HP this week – well done! Y5-8 proved who knows their Austria from their Latvia in flag-based geography challenges. Meanwhile 7A caught up with 7Z as the second Tutor group to reach the big 1000 HP milestone, showing that youthful enthusiasm is a key ingredient of House success!

## EYFS & KS1 SPORTS DAY

EYFS and Key Stage 1 had a fantastic time at their sports day yesterday with some excellent skills and sportsmanship on display over the varied events. It was especially great to see the Year 1 and 2 students showing fantastic teamwork during their rob the nest team game. Results will be announced early next week with certificates being handed out at this time as well. Thank you to all the parents that came along to support the students and make it a great morning.



## YEAR 4 BAZALETI LAKE RESIDENTIAL

Year 4 had a fantastic overnight trip to Bazaleti Lake, filled with fun, friendship and adventure. The children enjoyed a scenic lake walk, sketching the beautiful surroundings and taking part in creative play by the water. They worked together during team-building activities and loved spending time with their classmates in such a special setting. The day ended perfectly with everyone toasting marshmallows around a cosy fire pit under the stars!





# SPORTS RESULTS

## FOOTBALL

### Junior League

13th April U9s had a difficult game where they went one nil up but ended up losing the game 5-1. Which is still a big improvement from the last time we played Iberia 2017.



U10s had a very one sided game eventually running out 11-4 winners. With Francois getting a hattrick from 3 well taken shots. It is good to see this team start to develop a better understanding of spacing and switching play.

U12s overcame a strong Iberia team 3-1 with Miron and Petr having great games when out of possession, winning the ball consistently to launch attacks. Tactically this team is becoming much more aware and had some fantastic passages of play.

On 29th April, Our U9 and U10 teams had the opportunity to compete against FC Shturmi on one of the modern pitches provided by the Georgian Football Federation.

Our U10 team had an outstanding performance, securing a 10-3 victory. The boys controlled the game both offensively and defensively. Nicolas and Lekso each scored an impressive hat-trick, showcasing their attacking talent, while Misha stood out with several crucial saves in goal.

The U9 team started strongly, taking a 1-0 lead into halftime. However, the experience of FC Shturmi proved decisive in the second half, as they turned the match around to win 4-1. Despite the result, our boys showed great potential and fighting spirit.

On May 1st our U13 team faced a tough challenge lost 3-1 against Jvarosnebi. A few defensive errors were costly, but the boys showed great potential and fighting spirit throughout the game. Other Fixtures

On 16th of April our U18 football team faced German School and won 9-2. Deme has scored 4 stunning goals leading the team to victory. The boys were dominating throughout the whole game.



## OTHER SPORTS

Our Lions handball girls U11 girls won 2 games on the Georgian Championship. They were great in the finishing phase and won both games 5-0 against Rustavi and Martve. They have their final three games at the end of May.



## PRIMARY AWARDS

### Reading Superstar Certificates 02.05.25

Foundation 1	Emily, David	Year 3W	Youhanna-Maroun, Boris
Foundation 2	Louie, Ellen	Year 4B	Michael, Ivan
Year 1S	Anna, Vasilina	Year 4D	Valeria, Luca
Year 1T	Lucy, Dror	Year 5A	Emma, Sandro
Year 2H	Mikayil, Gabriela	Year 5H	Maohan, Maroska
Year 2P	Renee, Evren	Year 6K	Misha O, Alma
Year 3M	Kopala, Benjamin	Year 6P	Lizi, Yuval

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2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025

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