

"Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries"

James A. Michener

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

● September

24th-Wednesday - PCA Meeting 8:30 am

24th-26th Duke of Edinburgh International Award- Silver Expedition

26th-Friday - Tbilisoba celebration at Primary

28th-Sunday - Tbilisi Marathon

30th-Tuesday - Primary Parents Meetings 'settling in'

● October

1st-Wednesday - Primary Parents Meetings 'settling in'

1st-Wednesday - Parent Coffee Morning

1st-Wednesday - VI Form Achievement Awards

3rd-Friday - BIST University Fair (Y11-13)

6th-10th International Week

6th-Monday - Breakfast with the Principal (KS4&5 Y10-13)

8th-Wednesday - Breakfast with the Principal (KS3 Y7-9)

9th-Thursday - Breakfast with the Principal (KS2 Y3-6)

9th-Thursday - International Gala (set up from 2 pm - event starts 4:30 pm)

10th-Friday - Breakfast with the Principal (EYFS & KS1)

13th-Monday - Breakfast with the Principal (KS2 Y3-6)

14th-Tuesday-School Closed-Public Holiday
Svetitskhovloba

15th-Wednesday - Class Rep Meeting 08:30 am

20-27th - Half term break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week has been packed full of learning as you will see from the entries in this week's edition. Whether through extra curricular activities, outdoor learning or just dedication and effort in the classroom every day at school is a marginal gain in our children's learning journey. We are building up to our first big event of the year - the International Gala celebration - where we celebrate the traditions and cultures represented within our community. I look forward to seeing many of you at this wonderful event.



I also enjoyed meeting our class representatives on Wednesday where we discussed many issues at the school and as always, are doing what we can to listen and act to resolve them. We are pleased to expand our extra-curricular provision alongside the Lion's Academy Clubs beginning on Monday. Please do keep a close eye on the calendar as the events start to build up during the term. I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend!

JOIN CLASSLIST TODAY!



Many parents have already joined our school app, and we strongly recommend that you do too! The app is a simple and convenient way for parents to stay connected with each other and to keep up to date with news and upcoming events.

We encourage you to join and start exploring the app today.

[Click here](#) to download and get started!

COOKERY CLUB



We are excited to share a glimpse from our very first Wednesday Cookery Club! Our young chefs from Years 3-6 worked wonderfully together and had lots of fun preparing rainbow fruit skewers. It was a joyful start to the club, filled with teamwork, creativity, and healthy treats.

SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

[Foundation](#) / [Y1-Y13](#)



YEAR 5 YOUNG SCIENTISTS AT WORK!

As part of their IPC unit, Year 5 have been exploring the Scientific Method-a key foundation for all future experiments. To bring their learning to life, pupils carried out their very first scientific investigation of the year. They worked step by step: making predictions, observing carefully, recording results and drawing conclusions. The activity sparked plenty of curiosity and excitement, giving students a real sense of what it means to think like scientists.



YEAR 3M-EXPLORING CHOCOLATE



Year 3M have begun exploring their new IPC unit, Chocolate. Students learned about the history of chocolate and created a timeline to show how it has evolved through the ages. To bring history to life, they even tried Ancient Mayan hot chocolate, a rich and spicy drink enjoyed centuries ago!



JAPANESE CLUB



Japanese Club is one of the longest-running traditions at BIST, and students have already jumped enthusiastically into activities this term.

In the first weeks, they learned to write their names in katakana and practised simple greetings. More recently, they explored the delicious world of Japanese cuisine-from sushi and sashimi to tempura, yakitori, and ramen and even created colourful illustrations of their favourite dishes.

FOUNDATION 2 EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS AT LISI LAKE

On Thursday, 12th September, our Foundation 2 pupils enjoyed a wonderful outdoor learning experience at Lisi Lake. Surrounded by nature, the children took part in engaging activities designed to spark curiosity, teamwork and a love for the outdoors. One of the highlights of the trip was the discovery of a so-called "purple snake"-in fact, an earthworm! The children were fascinated to learn that earthworms thrive especially well in damp environments. This exciting find turned into a perfect moment of hands-on learning, showing how nature always has something new to teach us.



TBILISOBA CELEBRATION IN PRIMARY



Please note that the city-wide Tbilisoba festival will take place earlier this year, on 20-21 September, at Orbeliani Square and the surrounding area, due to the upcoming local elections.

At school, our students will celebrate Tbilisoba on Friday, **26th September**. Together, they will create a festive harvest table display in the Primary Atrium.

We kindly ask each child to bring one or two seasonal items (fruit, vegetables, flowers, or baskets-e.g. corn, pumpkins, grapes, marigolds, pomegranates, etc.). Students will help assemble the display and enjoy the celebration once it is complete.



To mark the occasion, Primary children are encouraged to wear their favourite autumn clothing or traditional Georgian attire. We look forward to celebrating this colourful tradition together!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AT BIST

This week, Community Connections hosted its first bake sale, raising **401€** for DOG Organisation Georgia. We are well on our way to our 1000€ goal, which we hope to reach with two more bake sales before October half term. A big thank you goes to Alexandra (7Z), Karim (7A), Halle (7A), and Iren (7Z) for their delicious contributions-each of you have earned a house point. All cakes, bakes, and biscuits sold out and were enjoyed by students and staff alike! Congratulations to Karim, whose Chocolate Chip Cookies won Best Treat, and to Halle, runner-up with her beautifully decorated chocolate cake. Karim will also be entered into the whole school Great BIST Bake Off in December.



The next bake sale will be on **Wednesday, 1st October**, led by Year 8 students.

Alongside this, Community Connections continues dog walking for the shelter, has set up a student chess club, and is planning a food drive to support Imedi Care Home during Tbilisoba. A special thank you to the Community Connections Student Leadership Team-your efforts are making a real difference!

TBILISI MARATHON

We are thrilled for the upcoming Tbilisi Marathon, where so many members of our BIST community will be taking part. From students and staff to parents and family members, this is a fantastic moment to celebrate our collective spirit, determination, and enthusiasm.

To mark the occasion, we warmly invite all participants and supporters to join us for a BIST Community Photograph near the start line, 28th September at 7:45am.



This will be a wonderful opportunity to capture our school pride and unity before the race.

We can't wait to see you there and if you spot anyone from our community out on the course, be sure to cheer them on loudly! Let's make this a day full of energy, encouragement, and BIST spirit.

HOUSE POINTS

 TIGERS 175 Points	 PUMAS 168 Points	 LEOPARDS 131 Points	 PANTHERS 123 Points
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PRIMARY AWARDS

Marvellous Mathematicians 19.09.2025

Foundation 1	Ella, Atlas	Year 3W	Andrei S, Eric
Foundation 2	Shabdan, Alexandre	Year 4B	Dario, Amelia
Year 1S	Semen, Aleksandr	Year 4S	Mark K, Jan
Year 1T	Solomon, Mia	Year 5P	Leu, Kian
Year 2 C	Aldiyar, Leyla	Year 5C	Sakura, Gabriela
Year 2 L	Elias, Nurbol	Year 6K	Benjamin, Leo
Year 3M	Davyd, Aneta	Year 6P	Maroska, Mikhail

Congratulations to all our winners!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP IN PRIMARY

We are delighted to announce that the Year 6 House Captain group interviews have now taken place. Our students showed impressive teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills throughout the process. The newly appointed House Captains and Vice Captains will be taking on their roles with pride and responsibility, helping to lead their houses, support younger pupils and represent our school in a range of events and activities this year.

- **Leopards:** Finn & Philippa
- **Panthers:** Lidar & Emil
- **Pumas:** Serafina & Nika
- **Tigers:** Malwina & Emma

A huge well done to everyone who wrote an application letter and made it to interview. They all showed real leadership by putting their names forward this year! We look forward to recruiting Primary Student Councillors in the coming weeks.



A LEVEL DRAMA AT BIST

We are excited to announce that A Level Drama is being offered this year! Our Year 12 students explore the fascinating world of theatre, combining theory and practical acting to understand how directors, actors, and designers transform a play into a live stage performance.



THIS WEEK WITH OUR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES!

UNIFORM PRE-ORDER DETAILS



Several parents raised concerns regarding the PE kit pre-order process. To make this process easier and more efficient, we will be offering a Google Forms where parents can select items, indicate sizes and confirm pre-order details.

Parents may also continue to place orders in person at the Sports Café, where a special order form is available, and uniform size charts can be consulted. We aim to ensure all orders are completed in time for the colder weather.

LIONS ACADEMY



We understand there were concerns regarding club registration confirmations. All emails sent to office@bist.ge have been forwarded to Lions Academy, and we hope you have received complete information. For those who have not received updates, our Assistant Principal Co-Curricular-[Thomas Browning Stamp](#) is actively following up to ensure all matters are resolved promptly.

ACTIVITIES UPDATES

We apologise for the minor delay with the Cooking Club. The club will continue working smoothly, and by the end of the term, you will have little chefs at home!

While class teachers and tutors will be sharing club information with you once again, we also kindly encourage you to take a look at the front section of your child's planner, where activities are listed by day-this is a great way to keep track together with your child and spark conversations about what they're enjoying the most!

BUS WHATSAPP GROUPS



During recent discussions, parents highlighted that some bus WhatsApp groups allow them to send messages, while others do not. This information has been passed on to our bus assistants, and the issue will be standardised so that communication across all groups is clear and consistent.



INTERNATIONAL GALA EVENING



9TH OCTOBER, 2025
4:30 - 8:00

Preparations are well underway for our much-anticipated **International Gala Evening** on **Thursday, 9th October**, a celebration of the rich cultural tapestry of our school community. With students representing over **40 countries**, the event promises an inspiring opportunity for parents and students alike to discover and appreciate the diversity around them. Guests will enjoy engaging cultural showcases, traditional performances, and the chance to savour exquisite international cuisine. The gala is a true reflection of our global spirit, bringing everyone together to celebrate the uniqueness and vibrancy of our school.

MR. DALY-DRESSED FOR SUCCESS:THE VALUE OF OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see our secondary students looking so smart and professional in their school uniform. Thank you to all parents for supporting high standards each day.



Our uniform is central to our school identity. It builds unity, removes distractions, and highlights what truly matters: effort, character, and ideas. A smart appearance also sets the tone for purposeful learning and reflects our high academic expectations. We ask for your continued partnership in ensuring students wear the correct uniform, without jewellery or makeup, every day.

Homework in the Secondary School

This week we introduced a more structured homework policy to support learning and build strong study habits. We encourage parents to check the Day Planner each evening and help create a consistent study routine at home. With your support, this approach will strengthen our students' independence, time-management, and readiness for future success.

Robert Snowden
Principal

Thomas Browning Stamp
Assistant Principal (Co-curricular)

Joe Daly
Vice Principal Secondary (Academic)

Thomas Thuston
Vice Principal Secondary (Pastoral)

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September 19th, 2025

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