

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY
British International
School of Tbilisi

"They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel"

Carl Buechner

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

● September

28th-Sunday - Tbilisi Marathon

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

● October

1st-Wednesday - Primary Parents Meetings 'settling in' (3:40 - 5:20 pm)

1st-Wednesday - Parent Coffee Morning - 8:30am

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)

7th-Tuesday - PCA Meeting

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

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

17th-Friday - 4:30pm - 27th-Monday - 8:00am Half Term Holiday

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to start by saying I am very proud of our Duke of Edinburgh students from Year 11 and 12 who have completed their 3 day Silver Expedition in the Georgian countryside. This international award is highly regarded and also supports our students' holistic development.

It has also been great to see lots of uptake in both Lions Club activities and the new extra provision we have added to our co-curricular program. We are now offering 104 different activities across the week for our students! This week I have had the opportunity to attend the UCMS launch of the World Cup that will be held in Tbilisi on 6-7 December. BIST has developed a great partnership with UCMS over the years and we look forward to seeing our students compete on the world stage again. Thank you to all parents that have contributed to our Tbilisoba Harvest table today. It is very important that we support and respect local traditions as well as our wider international community. Finally, I would also like to wish anyone competing in the Tbilisi half marathon or 10K on Sunday good luck. We have over 15 runners from the school so please cheer us on if you see us!



ORDER YOUR BIST UNIFORMS EASILY ONLINE!

To make the process of purchasing school uniforms as smooth and convenient as possible, we are now offering an online [Google Form for uniform orders](#). This form will be updated monthly with the latest deadlines and sent to you via our newsletter.

Please note that you can still place orders in person at the school if you prefer.

Important: If you have already placed your uniform order, you do not need to fill out this form again.

Please also note that if you wish to purchase a Sports Hoodie or Sports Trousers, these items must be pre-ordered through the form, as they are only available by advance request.

We hope this new system helps simplify your uniform purchases and ensures your child is ready and comfortable for school.



INTERNATIONAL GALA EVENING



Please find the welcome [letter here!](#)

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9TH OCTOBER, 2025

4:30 - 8:00

PLEASE COMPLETE INTERNATIONAL GALA GUEST REGISTRATION FORM [HERE](#)



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS UPDATE

The Community Connections Student Leadership Team continues to work hard to raise money for DOG Organisation Georgia and would like to remind you of the next bake sale, taking place on Wednesday, October 1st. This bake sale will be run by the Year 8s.

If you are in Year 8 and would like to take part, please make sure you are signed up either in class or by using the QR code attached to this newsletter.

We will also hold a drive for Imedi Care Home. Please bring non-perishable food and other items next week.



Priority items include adult diapers, crayons, and color pencils/markers - if everyone contributes one item it will make a huge difference to our extended community. You can drop these off in Room 205 from Monday morning.

KS2 MATHS CLUB

In Maths Club, our KS2 students put their problem-solving skills to the test by solving coded puzzles using a cryptographic technique called Caesar shifting. Working in pairs or small groups, they used cipher wheels to decrypt four spy messages. The fastest team in each challenge won a small prize!



STAFF TRAINING

Fifteen of our staff from across both primary and secondary have been taking part in Mental Health First Aid training. This training is being led by Mind Your Health, a well respected organisation based in Dubai. This added skillset will help our staff support any students who are facing challenges with their mental health and need a trained adult to talk to. Our staff will complete their training within approximately one month, after which time we will share with students and parents the names and photographs of all who have completed the qualification.



KEY STAGE 3 DRAMA CLUB



Every Wednesday, our Key Stage 3 students come together to have fun and express themselves in a safe and supportive environment. This year, they are also preparing for our first secondary show in over five years, *How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse*, which will be performed in 2026!



BIST SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

At BIST, the safety and wellbeing of every student is our highest priority. We are committed to building a secure, supportive, and inclusive environment where all children feel safe, valued, respected, and heard. Safeguarding is not just about responding to concerns but about creating a culture where students know they are protected and can flourish both academically and personally.

As part of our safeguarding practice, we:

Empower our students to speak openly with trusted adults whenever they feel worried, unsafe, or concerned for someone else. No issue is ever considered too small to share.

Provide a dedicated Safeguarding Team, led by our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and supported by trained deputies, who are available to listen, advise, and take appropriate action where needed.

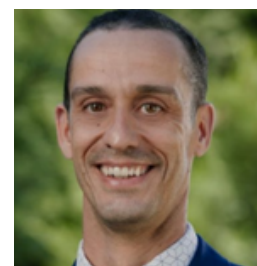
Work in close partnership with families, recognising that safeguarding is a shared responsibility between home and school. We encourage open communication so that concerns can be addressed promptly and effectively.

Ensure all staff are trained and vigilant, equipped to identify signs of harm or distress and to act quickly in the best interests of the child.

Promote student wellbeing proactively, through pastoral care, PSHE education, digital safety awareness, and the creation of safe spaces within school.

Maintain clear procedures and policies, regularly reviewed to meet international safeguarding standards and best practice.

If you have any safeguarding queries, wish to discuss a concern, or would simply like advice, please do not hesitate to contact our Safeguarding Team.



Your partnership helps us ensure that every child at BIST can learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and nurturing school community.

Please see the [attached](#) document for full details.

KS3 DEBATING CLUB – BALLOON DEBATE

This Monday, the KS3 Debating Club had a lively Balloon Debate! After 13 spirited rounds, students decided to save Beyoncé over Marie Curie. Some notable figures they chose not to save included George Washington, Taylor Swift, and Queen Elizabeth II.

A particular highlight was the energetic discussion on whether divorce or being “killed” by friends was worse! It was a fantastic display of critical thinking, teamwork, and persuasive skills.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW HEAD STUDENTS!

Congratulations to our new Head Students **Taron D.** and **Anna Ch.** There were many fantastic candidates this year but these two really blew everyone away. We look forward to sharing more from them in the near future!



EXPLORING GEORGIA: SILVER AWARD HIKE COMPLETED

This week, BIST students successfully completed the Adventurous Journey section of their Duke of Edinburgh's International Silver Award. Over three days, they hiked 45 km through a region of Georgia known for its rich history and stunning landscapes. Along the way, students documented distinctive local architecture, from intricately carved Georgian churches to the well-preserved Lutheran church in Asureti, a reminder of 19th-century German settlers. The challenging hike tested their endurance on steep climbs and descents, and they rose to the occasion with determination and resilience.



HOUSE POINTS

 PANTHERS 154 Points	 PUMAS 212 Points	 LEOPARDS 174 Points	 TIGERS 197 Points
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JOIN THE FUN: PCA & CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Parent Community Association (PCA) plays an important role in supporting our school community, helping organise events, and contributing to initiatives throughout the year.

As we prepare for our Christmas Market, we are looking for parents who would like to get involved specifically for this event. You don't need to commit to being a permanent PCA member - this is a wonderful opportunity to help plan, organise, or volunteer at the market and be part of the festive fun!

If you would like to participate, please complete the Google Form [here](#).

We look forward to seeing many of you join in the festive preparations and help make this Christmas Market a memorable one!

Our first meeting to plan the Christmas Market will be on Wednesday 29th October at 08:30am - more details to follow.

PRIMARY AWARDS

Wonderful Writer Certificates 26.09.25

Foundation 1	Cooper, Niv	Year 3W	Renee, Ignaty
Foundation 2	Andrew, Megumi	Year 4B	Milana, Nika
Year 1S	Kira, Yuqi	Year 4S	James, Chuxian
Year 1T	Leyla, Solomon	Year 5P	Mizuki, Kuzey
Year 2C	Ariana, Leia	Year 5C	Vivian, Zlata
Year 2L	Lucy, Soma	Year 6K	Noelle, Lucija
Year 3M	Joel, Ellie	Year 6P	Lidar, Samuel

Congratulations to all our winners!

BIST AT THE SCIENCE PICNIC



This Saturday, BIST will be participating in the annual Science Picnic at Ilia State University! Join our Science Team and students to explore exciting experiments on air pressure, static electricity, and other engaging activities led by the STEM Team.

Event details:

Location: Ilia State University Yard, K. Cholokashvili Ave 3/5, Tbilisi

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Come along and experience science in action!

SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

Foundation / Y1-Y13



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY!

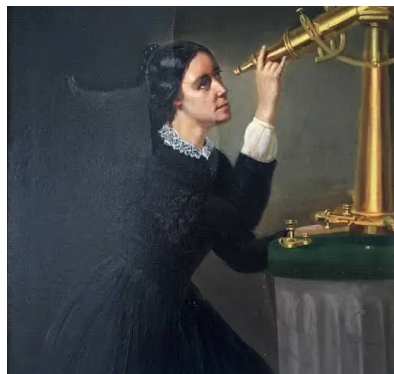
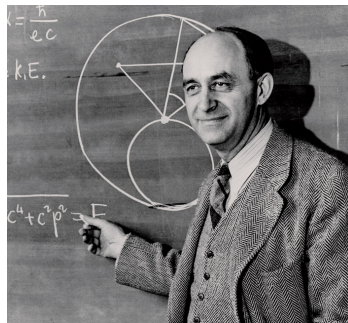
BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE WEEK

(SEPT 29 – OCT 3)



29th September, 1901 -

Physicist Enrico Fermi was born. Fermi is known as one of the "Architects of the Nuclear Age." He won the 1938 Nobel Prize in Physics for his pioneering work on induced radioactivity.



1st October, 1847 – Maria Mitchell discovers a new comet. Using a homemade telescope, Mitchell spots a moving “star” and calculates its orbit, becoming the first American woman honored for a telescopic comet discovery..

2nd October, 1836 - Naturalist Charles Darwin returned to England aboard the HMS Beagle after a five-year global journey. The specimens and exhaustive observations he gathered on this voyage would form the factual backbone of his groundbreaking Theory of Evolution by Natural Selection, detailed 23 years later in On the Origin of Species.



3rd October, 1990 - The formal unification of East Germany (German Democratic Republic) and West Germany (Federal Republic of Germany) officially ended 45 years of post-World War II division.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ANASTASIA P.

Stepping onto the campus of BIST felt like entering a community designed for success. The environment here is more than just a place to study, it's a place of positive energy and teamwork. The community is incredibly supportive, with students from all backgrounds coming together to help each other succeed. Whether it's a late-night study session or a group project, there's always a sense of shared purpose. The classrooms are modern, well equipped, and designed for interactive learning, while the entire school's aesthetic is both comfortable and inspiring.

What truly sets BIST apart, however, is the dedication of the teachers. They aren't just teachers but, mentors who are genuinely invested in our growth. They go above and beyond to provide extra help, clarify complex topics, and offer guidance on our academic and personal journeys. This, combined with an amazing academic system that offers innovative resources and flexible learning pathways, makes studying at BIST a truly worthwhile experience. I couldn't have asked for a better place to pursue my education.

TBILISOBA AT BIST

On Friday, 26 September, our students came together to celebrate Tbilisoba, the traditional festival of Tbilisi. The day was filled with vibrant colors, joy, and a wonderful sense of community. Students enjoyed showcasing the spirit of the celebration, and the atmosphere truly reflected the warmth and diversity of our school.



Robert Snowden
Principal

Thomas Browning Stamp
Assistant Principal (Co-curricular)

Joe Daly
Vice Principal Secondary (Academic)

Thomas Thuston
Vice Principal Secondary (Pastoral)

James Parker
Head of Sixth Form

September 26th, 2025

Simon Rooney
Head of Primary

Katie Karmazyn
Assistant Head of Primary

Sophie Kasrashvili
Head of Administration

Nina Rusishvili
Attendance and Data Manager

Ia Sisauri
Communications and Events Manager

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