

*"You must do the thing you think you cannot do"*

Eleanor Roosevelt

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BIST CALENDAR

#### ● October

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)

10th-Friday - Non-Uniform Day for Primary Pumas House

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

14th-Tuesday-School Closed-Public Holiday Svetitskhovloba

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

15th-Wednesday - Year 9 Bake Off Competition

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

27th-Monday - Start of School - 8:00am

29th-Wednesday - PCA Meeting - Christmas Market Planning

30th-Thursday - Parent Meeting for UK Performing Arts Trip to London

31st-Friday - Whole School - Halloween Dress up day. Come to school wearing your favourite Halloween costume

#### ● November

3rd-Monday - Night at the Theatre (Pt1)

5th-Wednesday - Parent Coffee Morning

10th-Monday - UK London PA Trip Departs (Y7-13)

14th-Friday - UK London PA Trip Returns (Y7-13)

26th-Wednesday - PCA Meeting

#### ● December

19th-Friday - Last Day of Term

## INTERNATIONAL GALA COUNTDOWN!



9TH OCTOBER, 2025

4:30 - 8:00

 British International  
 School of Tbilisi

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



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been another busy week at BIST as we build up to one of the highlights of the school year - our International Gala. Thank you in advance to everyone taking part - it is your time, effort and commitment that will ensure this will be such a wonderful event.



It has been great to see many parents this week joining our coffee morning on Wednesday and the parent's meetings in primary. Ensuring we are providing the individual support your child needs is one of the key features of a British Education. I am also looking forward to seeing many parents over the coming weeks at the Breakfast with the Principal. Please see the special section on this in the Newsletter.

We are also reminded in this week's edition of how wide ranging our community is, seeing our youngest students learning to read their first letters alongside our oldest students making life-defining decisions about university applications. Being part of BIST means the support and opportunities are an integral part of what we provide for our students on a daily basis. I am looking forward to seeing many of you next week where we celebrate our diverse range of culture and international identities - and of course food.

## ORDER YOUR BIST UNIFORMS EASILY ONLINE!

Just a quick reminder:

You can now order your BIST uniforms easily online through our [Google Form](#) until 5<sup>th</sup> October.

No need to fill it out again if you've already placed your order.

Sports Hoodies and Sports Trousers are only available by advance request, so please make sure to pre-order them through the form.

You can still place your order in person at school if you prefer.

Thank you for helping us make the process smoother for everyone!



## BIST AT THE ANNUAL SCIENCE PICNIC

Last Saturday, BIST students participated in the annual Science Picnic at Ilia State University. Our Science Team guided students through exciting experiments exploring air pressure, static electricity, and other STEM activities. It was a fun and educational day, full of curiosity and discovery!



## CELEBRATING OUR BIST COMMUNITY AT THE TBILISI MARATHON!

We were thrilled to see so many members of our BIST community take part in the Tbilisi Marathon! From students and staff to parents and family members, it was a fantastic moment to celebrate our collective spirit, determination, and enthusiasm.

Here's a snapshot capturing the incredible energy, encouragement, and true BIST spirit from the day!



## BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Next week we are delighted to host our Breakfast with the Principal events. These mornings are a chance for parents to join the Principal and key members of the leadership team for an informal breakfast, hear school updates, and share thoughts or questions in a relaxed setting. We look forward to welcoming you and enjoying good conversation over coffee and pastries.



## SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:  
[Foundation / Y1-Y13](#)



## SECONDARY HOMEWORK GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

Homework plays a vital role in reinforcing classroom learning and helping students develop independent study skills. To ensure this process remains effective, balanced, and manageable, we follow a clear approach.



We are mindful of the demands on our students' time, which is why homework is limited to a maximum of three subjects per day (and usually only two). Each individual assignment is designed to be completed within 30 minutes, ensuring that students can consolidate their learning without compromising their well-being or family time. Much of our homework is set and managed through Google Classroom. We recognise that this involves an element of screen time, which we consider an essential part of modern education that helps prepare students for future academic and professional environments. We encourage you to help your child establish a quiet and consistent workspace while also monitoring their work discreetly. By allowing them to take ownership of their assignments, you help them develop a vital sense of responsibility and autonomy. All students are instructed to carefully note down the homework tasks in their Day Planners. Please be assured that this screen-based work is strictly academic in nature. Homework will not include computer games. The only exception is the use of carefully curated interactive tools, such as the learning games within our MyMaths software, which teachers specifically choose to enhance understanding in an engaging way. If in doubt, check that. If you have any concerns that your child is consistently spending more time on their homework than recommended, please encourage them to stop and discuss any problems with their subject teachers.

Please find attached the [Homework Timetable](#) for your reference and planning.

## GREAT BAKES, GREAT CAUSE!

This week's bake sale was a wonderful success, raising 225 Lari! Combined with our previous event, we have now raised a total of 641 Lari in support of DOG Organisation Georgia.

A big thank you to **Bushra (8Z)**, **Liliana (8A)**, **Alexander (8A)**, and **Mariia (8A)** for their fantastic contributions. The judges and students alike praised every delicious bake, and each of these talented bakers will receive a house point. Congratulations to Mariia, whose apple cake was voted the best bake of the week!

Looking ahead, Year 9 will be competing in two weeks for the title of Best Bake and a place in the Great BIST Bake Off, taking place on **Wednesday, 15th October**.

We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who has contributed food and resources for Imedi. To give more students a chance to take part, the donation deadline has been extended until Friday, 10th October to give more time for students to donate.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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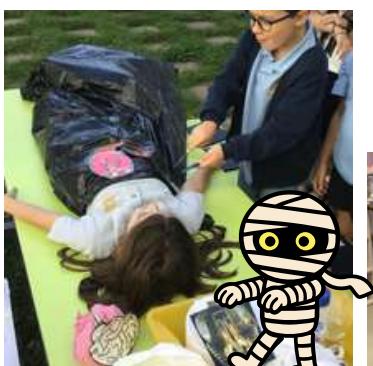
## FOUNDATION 1 – LETTER EXPLORATION

This week, Foundation 1 has worked exceptionally well and thoroughly enjoyed exploring a brand-new letter. The children enthusiastically engaged in tracing activities and practised their fine motor and sensory skills. It was wonderful to see their focus, excitement, and growing confidence as they developed both creativity and precision through these exercises.



## THE FASCINATING WORLD OF MUMMIFICATION

This week, 4B has been learning about the fascinating process of mummification! Students explored the steps the Ancient Egyptians used to preserve bodies, discovered the reasons behind this tradition, and even tried some fun classroom activities to bring history to life.



## PRIMARY AWARDS

### Resilience Certificates 03.10.2025

Foundation 1	Theo, Dion	Year 3W	Moyi, Daniel
Foundation 2	Sesili, Andrea	Year 4B	Cloe, Gabi
Year 1S	Sasha, Semen	Year 4S	Laura, Minori
Year 1T	Ellen, Yusi	Year 5P	Dobrynia, Shujin
Year 2C	Amalia, Lucas	Year 5C	Luca, Valeria
Year 2L	Adam, Asya	Year 6K	Lekso, Malwina
Year 3M	Gio, Gabriella	Year 6P	Finn, Valeria

**Congratulations to all our winners!**

## ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB – KS1



This week in Arts & Crafts Club, our KS1 students explored the exciting world of character design through colour and creativity. We started by reading a story about colour mixing, which set the stage for the children to experiment with paints and discover new combinations of their own. Later, we enjoyed a story about a colour-changing chameleon, sparking the children's imaginations to design unique characters. Each student created an action-filled artwork, capturing movement, personality, and vibrant colour. Their pieces truly brought their colourful characters to life, showcasing both creativity and joy.



## YEAR 5 – READING JOURNEY

Year 5 are close to finishing their class novel, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo. Throughout their reading sessions, the pupils have brought the story to life through role-play, hot seating, drawing character graphs, and creating story maps.

The novel has been an emotional roller coaster, as Edward meets and loses friends along his journey. The class are eagerly anticipating the ending, and we encourage you to ask a Year 5 pupil whether they would recommend the book - their enthusiasm speaks for itself!



## HOUSE POINTS

 <b>PANTHERS</b> 235 Points	 <b>PUMAS</b> 317 Points	 <b>LEOPARDS</b> 261 Points	 <b>TIGERS</b> 233 Points
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Congratulations to our primary students in the **Pumas house**, who have now won the weekly house point totals four times! Next Friday, all Pumas house students in Primary are invited to come to school dressed in their house colour: blue. This is a special house celebration, not a regular **non-uniform day**, so please ensure outfits are blue-themed.

# UNIVERSITY FAIR AT BIST!

With universities from across the UK, Austria, Germany, Czechia, Lithuania, Turkiye, Dubai and Italy, including US and Australian university campuses overseas, our BIST/BGA university fair was a fantastic opportunity for students to explore global options. There were different types of university opportunity like research universities, liberal arts colleges, collegiate universities, summer schools (including Oxbridge ones), International Year One and even integrated masters (bachelors and masters combined) programmes.



## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY!

### BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE WEEK (OCT 4 – OCT 10)

#### The Space Age Begins

**October 4, 1957** - the Soviet Union launched **Sputnik 1**, the world's first artificial satellite. This single event officially kicked off the Space Age and started the global race for space technology.



#### First Two-Way Phone Conversation

**October 9, 1876** - Alexander Graham Bell and his assistant, Thomas Watson, held the first successful two-way telephone conversation over an outdoor telegraph line connecting Boston and East Cambridge. This breakthrough was a pivotal moment for global communication technology.

## INTERVIEW WITH SANDRO G. - CHAIR OF COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**What made you want to take on the role of Chair of Community Connections, and what excites you most about it?**

I wanted to take on the role of Chair of Community Connections because I enjoy bringing people together and strengthening school spirit. I am excited to create opportunities that help students feel more connected, as well as organise events that benefit the wider community.



**If you could design any dream project to support the community, no limits, what would it be?**

It would probably be a massive fundraiser to support research on terminal illnesses.

**What's been your favourite Community Connections moment so far this year?**

My favourite Community Connections moment this year was the bake sale, where we raised 416 Lari for the dog shelter.

**How do you balance being a leader in Community Connections with schoolwork, clubs, and everything else you do?**

I balance these things by staying organised, setting priorities, and managing my time so that I can excel in both academics and leadership to the best of my ability.

**If you had to sum up Community Connections in three words for someone new to the school, what would they be?**

Impactful, Generous, Caring.

## FIRST FRIENDLY MATCH FOR YEAR 7 & 9 GIRLS' TEAM

On Friday, September 26th, our BIST Year 7 & 9 girls' team played their first friendly match against BGA. The players demonstrated excellent teamwork and determination throughout the game, but were narrowly defeated 3-1. We are proud of their efforts and are confident that, with continued commitment and training, they will develop further over the year and celebrate many successes in future matches.



**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

**October 3rd, 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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