

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY
British International
School of Tbilisi

"I think true success is intrinsic... It's love. It's kindness. It's a community."

Tom Shadyac

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a wonderfully positive week at BIST, marked by our latest Breakfast with the Principal, which welcomed more than 25 parents. I am truly grateful to everyone who took the time to join.



These mornings offer invaluable insight into what life feels like across our community from Foundation all the way through to Sixth Form. Hearing your experiences and perspectives helps us ensure that every family feels informed, supported, and connected. (For the photos see section below "Breakfast with the Principal")

Alongside celebrating what is going well, parents continue to offer thoughtful and constructive ideas that help us refine our practice. Recent suggestions include enhancing work-experience opportunities for our older students, organising a community book swap, establishing a more standardised approach to homework books in KS2, and planning targeted parent sessions on how Mathematics is taught within the UK system, which we look forward to introducing next term.

I really enjoyed our older students performing their iGCSE and A Level drama pieces on Wednesday, watching our girls football team and it has been fantastic to see so many parents able to watch and support the Primary Swimming Gala. The last two weeks are always very busy and exciting and I am looking forward to all the opportunities to come together as a community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

● December

BIST CALENDAR

10th Wed.	Music Extravaganza Pt1	Theatre	3:30-4:45pm
11th. Thu.	5P Class Assembly 5P Parents Invited to attend	Theatre	9:30-10:00am
13th. Sat	BIST Christmas Market	Sport's Hall	11:00am-3:00pm
17th Wed.	KS1 and Foundation Stage Christmas Show	Sport's Hall	1:30-2:30pm
19th. Fri.	Christmas Community Sing Along	Sports Hall	
19th. Fri.	Last Day of Term 1		

SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

[Foundation / Y1-13](#)



BIST AT THE IWAG

CHRISTMAS MARKET 2025



We were thrilled to participate in the IWAG Christmas Market 2025, and it was truly a wonderful experience for our school community! Our Children's Corner was a huge hit, offering a wide range of creative and hands-on activities.

Young visitors enjoyed art and craft activities, including decorating pre-made air-dry clay ornaments in festive shapes and colors, and adding their own personal touches with paint markers and ribbons.

Our STEM activities also drew lots of excitement, with students exploring 3D printing, experimenting with robotic arms, playing music on Makey-Makey electronic pianos,

building tiny brushbots, creating with 3D pens, and discovering immersive experiences with VR headsets.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their creativity, curiosity, and technical skills, while engaging with the wider community in a festive and inspiring atmosphere. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and the joy they brought to everyone at the market!



CHRISTMAS MARKET 2025 - TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE ITEMS

Our Christmas Market will take place on Saturday, **13th December 2025, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**, and we are excited to continue our festive traditions with a **Christmas Raffle and a classic British Tombola!**



We would be grateful for your support and invite pupils to bring items that can be used for raffle hampers or the tombola. The raffle will be drawn at 2:00pm, and the tombola will run throughout the day.

Contribution Dates: **Monday 8th December – Thursday 11th December**

Collection Points:

Primary: Pupils should give their items to their teacher. Our Christmas helpers will collect these and bring them to the Administration Office, Secondary Building.

Secondary: Pupils can bring items directly to the Administration Office, Secondary Building.

Examples of suitable items: Small Christmas decorations, candles, socks, assorted chocolates and cookies, lotions/face masks, tea/coffee, snacks (biscuits, nuts, dried fruit), honey, jams, notebooks/scratch books, small stationery items, books, small board games, soaps, mugs, cheese, wine, beer, other beverages and accessories.

We thank you in advance for your generous contributions and for helping us make this year's Christmas Market a memorable celebration for our community.

Year 5 Explore Ancient Greek Pottery!

This week, Year 5 pupils had an exciting trip to the Modi Ceramic Project to celebrate their learning in our IPC unit on Ancient Greece. They discovered how pottery was an essential part of Ancient Greek life, used both practically and artistically. Pupils also got hands-on experience, creating their very own clay cup or bowl - a fun way to bring history to life!



PRIMARY AWARDS

IPC Superstar Certificates 05.12.25

Foundation 1	Julia, Ella	Year 3W	Daniel, Ignaty
Foundation 2	Megumi, Uraz	Year 4B	Noah, Cloe
Year 1S	Anna, Kira	Year 4S	Rusudan, Chuxian
Year 1T	Lucas, Rina	Year 5P	Vika, Gustas
Year 2 L	Jinxu, Sandro	Year 5C	Mattia, Oscar
Year 2 C	Nick, Amalia	Year 6K	Robert, Emil
Year 3M	Gio, Lloyd	Year 6P	Erdem, Finn

Congratulations to all our winners!

Breakfast with the Principal



3M Outdoor Learning at Lisi Lake

This week, 3M enjoyed a wonderful outdoor learning experience at Lisi Lake. The children spent the morning exploring the beauty of autumn, using all five senses to gather inspiration for their upcoming poems. This sensory adventure sparked some truly creative ideas, and we look forward to sharing their finished autumn poems with you soon!



Martkopi Shoebox Appeal

We are delighted to announce the launch of this year's **Martkopi Shoebox Appeal** in partnership with World Vision. As a whole-school community, our aim is to prepare 45 shoeboxes filled with essential items and small gifts for vulnerable children in our community.

Across the school, Primary classes and Secondary tutor groups will each be organising one or two boxes, supported by the Primary Student Council and Community Connections in Secondary.



This collaboration allows our students to take an active role in service, empathy, and giving during the winter season.

Each shoebox will contain a selection of items (soft toy, a pack of cards, crayons, warm socks, etc.), and every student will be invited to contribute one or two items to help complete their class or tutor group's box. Teachers will share the specific list with students so they know what to bring.

Your support truly makes a difference. Together, we can ensure these children receive something special and meaningful this winter. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.

KS1 Show Reminder- “Children of the World”

We warmly invite you to our EYFS & KS1 annual production, Children of the World, on **Wednesday 17th December at 1:30pm** in the School Sports Hall. Every child from Foundation to Year 2 has been working hard on songs, dances, and actions to create a wonderful performance. Doors open at 1:10pm via the BGA/Primary BIST security entrance, and the show will last approximately 40–45 minutes. After the performance, children will return to their classrooms, and parents wishing to take their child home may collect them directly from the classroom. Please fill out the [Google form](#) to confirm your attendance and support rehearsals at home by practising songs and lines shared on Seesaw. If a Year 2 student cannot attend, please let the class teacher know so lines can be adjusted. For any questions, contact m.kazaishvili@bist.ge.

Christmas Sing-along Reminder



Join us for our annual Christmas Sing-A-Long on **Friday, 19th December 2025, at 2:00pm** in the School Sports Hall. This festive event is a wonderful way to celebrate the first term and the upcoming holidays. Please complete the [form](#) to register any guests without a school ID and ensure they bring proof of identity. After the event, students may be taken home - please inform class teachers or tutors. Those remaining will be supervised until buses depart at 4:45pm. For questions, contact s.corless@bist.ge.

Night at the Theatre

Wednesday evening saw the first of our special showcases for A Level and GCSE Drama - Night at the Theatre Part 1. Our students performed their Individual and Group script plays to an audience of their families, friends and teachers; taking them on a rollercoaster of emotions! The comradery and support was amazing, and the students performed professionally! These pieces will be submitted to our examining board - Cambridge, in the near future and will go towards their final grades for either their GCSE or A Level. Our next Night at the Theatre (Part2) will be in March, which will showcase their devised pieces - plays created and performed by the students! We hope to see you there!



Music Extravaganza Reminder

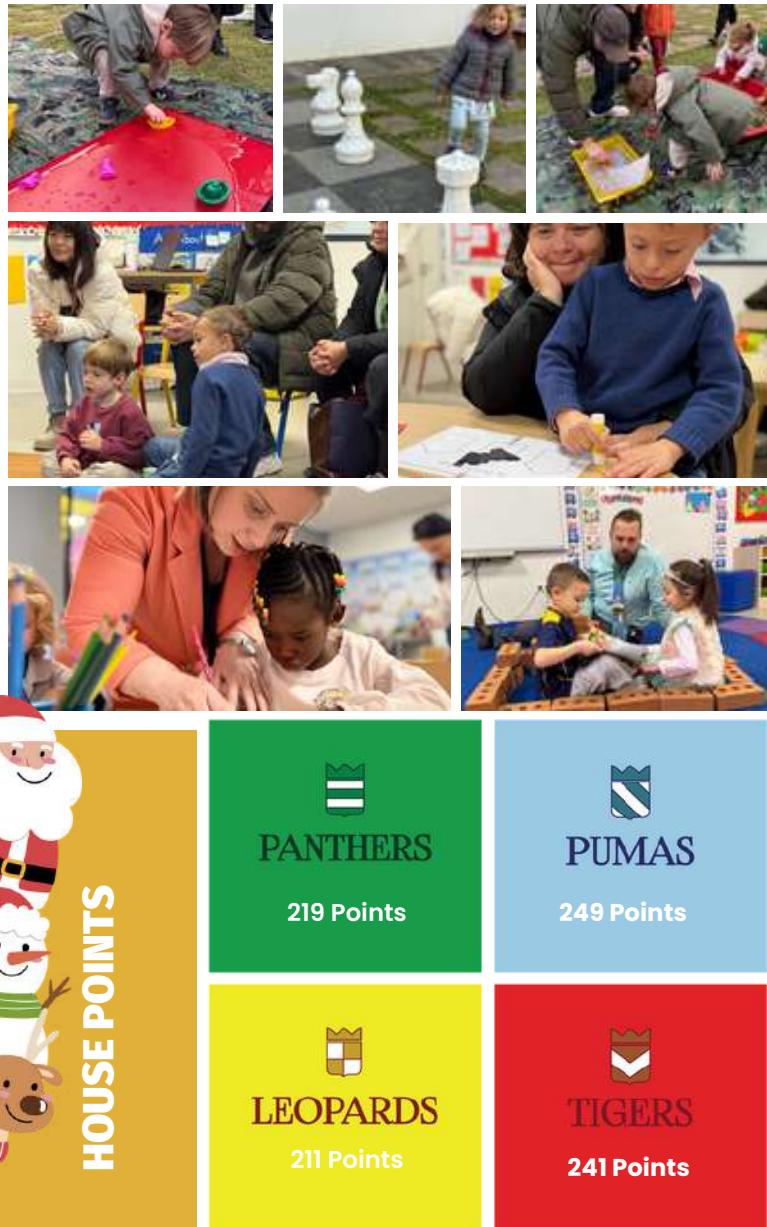
We are delighted to invite you to next week's Music Extravaganza - a celebration of our students' creativity, hard work, and musical progress. Throughout the term, students have developed their skills through private lessons and participation in school bands, and they are excited to share a wonderful mix of solo and group performances. We are very proud of their achievements and look forward to enjoying an afternoon of music together. Please see the programme [here](#).

The Music Extravaganza will take place on 10th December in the Secondary Theatre at 3:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact e.grigalaityte@bist.ge. We look forward to seeing you there!

Open Day for Early Years - 5th December

Our recent Early Years Open Day on 5th December was a wonderful experience for both parents and children, offering a closer look at the interactive activities and engaging learning experiences our school provides for our youngest learners.

A reminder that our next Open Day is scheduled for **12th December**. If you know anyone interested in our educational programme for children aged 2-4, don't forget to [share this link](#) so they can register - or feel free to register yourself.



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5th December, 2025

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U13 Girls Football – Friendly vs. French School (3 December)

The U13 Girls delivered an excellent performance in their friendly match against the French School, securing a confident **4-1 victory**. From the opening whistle, the team showed great energy and organization. Their teamwork in midfield created several scoring opportunities and good defending limited the opposition's chances. It was a well-earned win and a great demonstration of how much progress the squad has made this term. Well done, girls!



U18 Boys – Tbilisi Independent School Sports League (4 December)

The U18 Boys recorded an impressive **6-1 victory** over BGA 2 in their latest Tbilisi Independent School Sports League fixture, securing their place in the Semi-Finals. The team started strongly, maintaining control of possession and applying constant pressure on the opposition's defence. Their attacking play was dynamic and confident, resulting in a series of well-worked goals. Defensively, the boys remained organised and disciplined, limiting BGA's chances and securing a convincing win. A fantastic performance and a well-deserved result—congratulations to the team!

