

"I long, as does every human being, to be at home wherever I find myself"

Maya Angelou

UPCOMING EVENTS

● October

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday 13th	Breakfast with the Principal (KS2 Y3-6)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
Tuesday 14th	School Closed - Public Holiday Svetitskhovloba		
Wednesday 15th	Y7 Trip to Mtshetka (Humanities)		
Wednesday 15th	Class Rep Meeting	Primary School Canteen	8:30-10:00am
Friday 17th	Half Term Holiday Begins		4:30pm
Monday 27th	Second Half Term Begins		8:30am
Wednesday 29th	PCA Meeting - Christmas Market Planning	Secondary Building Room 203/1	8:30am
Thursday 30th	Parent Meeting for UK Performing Arts Trip to London		
Friday 31st	Whole School - Halloween Dress-up day. Come to school wearing your favourite Halloween costume		
Friday 31st	Primary and Secondary Halloween Disco/Party	Theatre	During the school day

BIST CALENDAR

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a fantastic International Week that culminated in last night's Gala. What an incredible evening it was where we were able to celebrate our variety of cultures and international identity in combination with our Georgian locality and traditions.



Thank you to every parent that contributed to creating such wonderful stalls and food for us all to enjoy! Of course throughout the week, our pupils have also enjoyed learning about different countries in their classes, with inter-cultural understanding being at the heart of our community.

I have also welcomed parents for a 'Breakfast with the Principal' in Foundation, KS1, 3, 4 & 5 this week. It has been very useful to share information specific to the age of the children; from Phonics programs to University guidance. I welcome any parent in KS2 to come and join us on Monday morning at 8:30! Although the presentations only cover a brief overview of the wider conversations we have, I hope you find them useful. Enjoy the weekend!

EDURIO - STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



We're delighted to share that BIST has partnered with **Edurio**, a trusted platform that helps schools gather valuable feedback from families. This partnership will allow us to strengthen communication and better understand your experiences, ensuring we continue to grow and improve as a school community.

Next week, you will receive a letter containing links to two short surveys - one about School Food and another about Transport. **We kindly ask all families to take a few minutes to complete these.** Your feedback will play an important role in helping us review and enhance these key areas of school life.

On October 31st, we will also launch our Annual Whole School Survey, which will give us valuable insights and allow us to compare our progress against both national and international benchmarks.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts. Your voice truly helps shape the future of our school.

ORDER YOUR BIST UNIFORMS EASILY ONLINE!

To make uniform purchases easier, we now offer an online [Google Form for orders](#). It will be updated monthly and shared via our newsletter.

You can still place orders or buy items in person at school if you prefer.

Note: Sports Hoodies and Sports Trousers must be pre-ordered through this form or at the school shop.

Please complete the form by **5th November** for next month's pre-orders.



SCHOOL MENU

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



2C'S SCIENCE SLUSHIES!

On Friday afternoon, 2C wrapped up their IPC unit with a tasty and scientific twist, creating delicious slushies without using a freezer!

The students conducted an experiment to explore how salt affects ice by lowering its freezing point, and used this science to make their slushies. Everyone had a fantastic time making and enjoying these cool, tasty treats!



UKULELE CLUB IS UP AND STRUMMING!

We're excited to share that our Ukulele Club is now underway! This fun and engaging club gives students the opportunity to explore music while developing confidence, rhythm, and teamwork.

The ukulele is a wonderful first instrument, small, light, and easy to learn making it perfect for children of all ages.



PRIMARY AWARDS

Wonderful Writer Certificates 26.09.25

Foundation 1	Amalia, Dion	Year 3W	Arina, Liliana
Foundation 2	Uraz, Julia	Year 4B	Kopala, Elian
Year 1S	Emily, Anna	Year 4S	Zlata, Mark K
Year 1T	Isak, Maria	Year 5P	Timur, Michael
Year 2L	Mehmet-Demir, Amara	Year 5C	Mattia, Bar
Year 2C	Sofia, Lucas	Year 6K	Aruuke, Francois
Year 3M	Elle, Masha	Year 6P	Maohan, Nicolas

Congratulations to all our winners!

LITTLE CHEFS EXPLORE FRANCE IN FOUNDATION 1

As part of our International Week celebrations, Foundation 1 had a wonderful time exploring the rich culture of France!

The children rolled up their sleeves and baked delicious croissants - an activity they absolutely loved. It was a truly sweet and joyful day, filled with smiles, laughter, and lots of learning along the way.

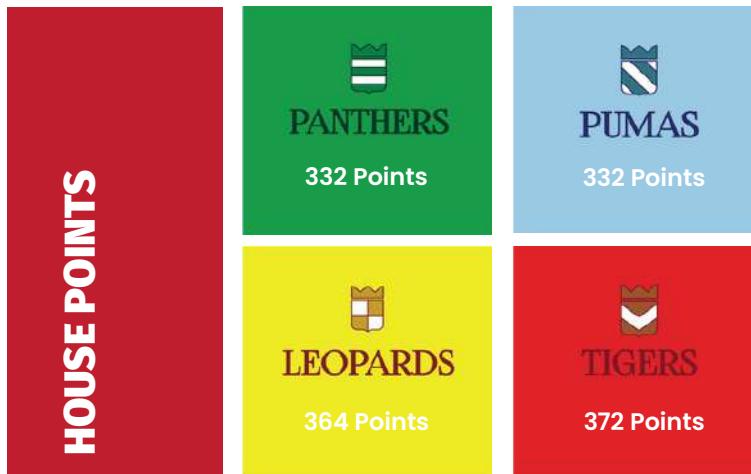


PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL KICKS OFF THE YEAR

This week, our newly elected Primary Student Council held their first meeting of the year. The students shared their goals for how they can make a positive difference in our school community and discussed what leadership means to them - from being kind role models to listening to others' ideas. They are excited to represent the student voice and will be working together on ways to improve our school in the coming weeks.

Here is a list of the representatives from each year group:

3M	Ellie	Gabi
3W	Ephraim	Marta
4B	Dario	Dorothy
4S	Chuxian	James
5C	Emili	Leu
5P	Gustas	Robert
6K	Kiasha	Mariam
6P	Erdem	Polina



FRIENDLY BASKETBALL COMPETITION 2025

On 8 October, we were proud to host the Friendly Basketball Competition 2025, welcoming over 150 students from BIST, BGA, and the German School. The event was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm.

Our Primary teams - Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6, girls and boys - competed in some truly exciting matches. Each game was played with energy, determination, and respect, making the day a memorable experience for everyone involved.

We are delighted to see our students growing in confidence on the court while forging new friendships through sport. A big thank you to all the players, coaches, and families who supported this wonderful event.



BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL

This week, we had a series of wonderful and informative Breakfast with the Principal meetings.

You can now view the presentations from the completed Key Stage sessions below.

- [Early Years & KS1 - Breakfast with the Principal](#)
- [KS3 - Breakfast with the Principal](#)
- [KS4 & 5 - Breakfast with the Principal](#)

We're already looking forward to meeting the parents of the remaining Key Stages next week!

SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the Secondary Student Council for 2025–2026. These students have been elected to represent their class or key stage and will play a key role in contributing to our school community over the year.

Chair	Nivedita Lisa Th.	10A	Benita Gh.
7A	Lins G.	10Z	Sophia S.
7Z	Samuel N.	11A	Mariam G.
8A	Liza G.	11M	Vitaly R.
8Z	Andrew H.	11Z	Sabrina R.
9A	Victoria M.	KS4	Ketevan G.
9Z	Vera S.	12A	Aliaksei M.
KS3	Sandro U.	13A	Luka Sh.
KS5	Alexandra F.	13Z	Daria M.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD

As you may have seen, recently our students in Years 11 and 12 successfully completed their Adventurous Journey - an exciting part of the **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program**.

This is a personal development programme for young people aged 14 and above, and we are proud to be the only school in the region offering it.

We still have a few places available! If your son or daughter is interested and will be 14 or older during this school year, they are welcome to come to **Room 302 during club time on Thursday** to learn more.

For further information, please visit intaward.org or contact [Mr. Graham](#).



PLAN YOUR PATH: UNIVERSITY UPDATES & STUDY PROGRAMMES!

Welcome to our latest update, your essential guide to what's happening this week and next! We've included key dates for University Visits and exciting global Study Programmes. Don't miss the details on the HPAIR Leadership Program and the Yale International Relations Association Global Essay Competition 2026. Click [here](#) for all the dates and sign-up information!



INTERNATIONAL WEEK AND GALA



What a truly fantastic week it has been at BIST! Our annual International Week has once again filled the school with colour, excitement, and cultural pride. Students have explored traditions, languages, stories, and customs from around the world, celebrating the diversity that makes our community so special.

The week concluded with our International Gala, a highlight of the school calendar and a wonderful celebration that brought together students, families, and staff. The campus was alive with flags, our students, music, dance, delicious food, and beautifully decorated stalls representing countries from every corner of the globe. It was a joyful afternoon where our entire community came together to share, learn, and enjoy the spirit of unity that defines BIST.

A huge thank you to all the families who contributed their time, creativity, and culinary skills to make the event such a success. Your enthusiasm and generosity truly brought the celebration to life.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to our Gala Prize Winners:

- **Best Dressed Student: Iren (Year 7)**
- **Best Dressed Adult: Padmaja (Devansh's Mother)**
- **Most Inviting Stall: Türkiye**
- **The Food You Will Always Remember: Hungary**



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 10th, 2025

Simon Rooney
Head of Primary

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Assistant Head of Primary

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