

THE ROAR

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"A kind and compassionate act is often its own reward."

William John Bennett

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

● November

17th Mon.	Primary Portrait Day		
19th Wed.	Parent Rep Meeting	Primary Canteen	8:30-10:00am
26th Wed.	PCA Meeting	Secondary Building Room 203/1	8:30am
27th Thu.	6P Class Assembly 6P Parents Invited to attend	Theatre	9:30-10:00am
27th Thu.	Sixth Form A Level Presentation		

● December

1st. Mon.	Breakfast with the Principal (KS4&5 Y10-13)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
2nd. Tue.	Y5 (Group 2) Trip to Modi-Pottery and Ceramic Workshop in Tbilisi		
3rd. Wed.	Breakfast with the Principal (KS3 Y7-9)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
3rd. Wed.	Night at the Theatre (pt1) (Y9-13)	Theatre	4:30-6:30pm
4th Thu.	Breakfast with the Principal (KS2 Y3-6)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
4th. Thu.	Y5 (Group 2) Trip to Modi-Pottery and Ceramic Workshop in Tbilisi		
5th. Fri.	Breakfast with the Principal (EYFS & KS1)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
10th Wed.	Parent Coffee Morning	Primary Canteen	8:30-10:00am
11th. Thu.	5P Class Assembly 5P Parents Invited to attend	Theatre	9:30-10:00am
13th. Sat	BIST Christmas Market		11:00am-3:00pm
19th. Fri.	Christmas Community Sing Along	Sports Hall	
19th. Fri.	Last Day of Term 1		

EDURIO WHOLE SCHOOL SURVEY



We would like to remind all families to complete our Whole School Survey, launched through Edurio. The survey takes only 5-15 minutes and will remain open for a limited time. All responses are completely anonymous and confidential.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and help us make BIST the very best it can be.

Here is the [link](#).

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been another week full of events and activities at BIST. Our pupils have been engaging with anti-bullying week in tutor time and PSHE. We have had some exciting trips around Tbilisi while 24 secondary students have had an amazing experience in London.

Planning is well underway now for Christmas with BIST joining the IWA Fair as well as hosting our own Christmas Market and performances. It is always a busy but exciting time of year!

Higher up the school the Cambridge Examination series finished on Wednesday and our Y11, 12 and 13 students will be having their first of 2 mock exams next week to support their preparation for GCSE and A levels. The opportunity to review work and practice is vital for examination success that enables our students to access excellent universities. We believe firmly in this holistic approach where academic excellence is supported not just in the classroom, but in wider personal development and support we provide in our caring environment.



PRIMARY AND EARLY YEARS SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



Our Secondary students have already had their portraits taken, and now it's the turn of our Primary and Early Years students!

Primary and Early years: Monday, 17th November

If your child is unable to attend on these dates, a make-up day will be scheduled in Term 2.

Please take a moment to review the [Uniform Policy](#) and ensure your child arrives dressed appropriately for their portrait.

Students with PE lessons should also bring their PE kit.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to shine and be part of our school memories!

Thank you for your support in helping us make Portrait Day run smoothly.

SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

[Foundation](#) / [Y1-13](#)



YEAR 1S – MAGIC TOYMAKER ENTRY POINT

Year 1 has launched their new IPC topic, The Magic Toymaker, with an exciting and imaginative entry point. The courtyard was transformed into a playful world, featuring eight themed stations for children to explore a variety of toys: cuddly plushies, board games, puzzles, musical instruments, dolls and figures, alphabet and letter toys, pretend food, and colourful dress-up items. As they moved between stations, pupils discovered how toys work, what they are made from, and how they are used. The courtyard buzzed with curiosity and creativity as children touched, played, sorted, and shared their favourites, launching the new topic with hands-on exploration and joyful learning.



BIST BUS UPDATE

Big News for Our Little Travelers!

Our new specially designed car seats have arrived, which means our 3-4 year old children can now hop on our school buses too!

These comfy seats are specially designed for making every journey safe, happy, and cozy for our youngest learners. For detailed information see the [infographic](#). To register your child, please contact the [BIST Administration](#) and don't hesitate to share this news with fellow parents!

We're so excited to welcome even more little smiles on board!



PRIMARY AWARDS

Anti Bullying Award Certificates 14.11.25

Foundation 1	Theo, Julia	Year 3W	Eden, Andre
Foundation 2	Lea, Gawargios	Year 4B	Keto, Davide
Year 1S	Anna, Yuqi	Year 4S	James, Mark C
Year 1T	Maria, Isak	Year 5P	Sesili, Sakura
Year 2L	Alma, Eva	Year 5C	Emili, Luca
Year 2C	Lea, Vasilina	Year 6K	Leo, Mariam
Year 3M	Elizabeth, Ellie	Year 6P	Louisa, Polina

Congratulations to all our winners!

OUTDOOR MATHS FUN IN FOUNDATION 1

This week, Foundation 1 enjoyed a fun and engaging outdoor Maths session! The children explored and reviewed 2D shapes through exciting games and activities, jumping, running, and moving from shape to shape.

It was a joyful, hands-on way to learn, helping pupils to reinforce their understanding of shapes while enjoying the fresh air and teamwork.



5P ENJOYS OUTDOOR LEARNING AT LISI LAKE

This week, 5P had their first two sessions of Outdoor Learning! Pupils collected dry wood suitable for a campfire and worked together in teams to build a wood stretcher to carry it back to school. They did a fantastic job taking turns and supporting each other while transporting the wood. The children also explored different ways to build a successful campfire, learning important teamwork and practical skills along the way. We can't wait for next week's session, where they'll put their new skills into action with some outdoor cooking!



CELEBRATING ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AT BIST

This week, we proudly joined in Anti-Bullying Week, starting with a colourful and uplifting Odd Socks Day on Monday. Pupils and staff wore mismatched socks to celebrate individuality and remind everyone that it's okay to be different.

Throughout the week, students explored important themes of kindness, respect, and standing up against bullying during PSHE lessons and assemblies.

Engaging discussions and creative activities helped reinforce our commitment to a safe, inclusive, and supportive school environment for all.

It was wonderful to see our community come together to celebrate diversity and promote positive friendships!



EYE-OPENING ADVENTURES AT THE MUSEUM OF ILLUSIONS

Our Year 6 students visited the Museum of Illusions this week as part of their IPC unit 'Look, Hear!' The trip brought their learning to life as they explored mind-bending exhibits, optical illusions and hands-on light investigations. From walking through the rotating vortex tunnel to experimenting with mirrors, reflections and shadow tricks, the students were fully immersed in understanding how our eyes and brains interpret the world. They returned buzzing with curiosity and ready to apply their new insights back in the classroom.



GREEN CITIES, BRIGHT IDEAS

Our KS2 Architecture Club has been hard at work designing sustainable future cities on the web-based CAD platform Tinkercad.

Working in small project teams, students are developing a town-planning project that will later be brought to life as a physical model.



They have been combining creativity with real-world problem-solving - designing energy-efficient buildings, greener transport systems and community-friendly public spaces. This process is pushing them to think like urban planners by balancing aesthetics, function and sustainability while collaborating to turn their ideas into something they can eventually build and showcase.

BIST STUDENTS TO REPRESENT GEORGIA AT THE UCMAS WORLD CUP 2025

We are delighted to announce that several of our talented students will proudly represent Georgia at the UCMAS International Competition & World Cup 2025, taking place on December 6–7, 2025, at Georgian National University (SEU).

This prestigious global event will welcome over 1,500 students from more than 80 countries, making it one of the world's largest educational gatherings - and a truly historic moment for Georgia as the host nation.

Representing BIST will be:

Alejandra U. (3M),
Alexander C. (3M), Aoi K.
(7A), Ariana G. (2C), Boris R.
(4S), Charbel N. (6P),
Constance B. (6K), Elle G. (3M), Gabriela U. (5P), Jiarui C.
(6P), Jingxuan Z. (3M), Karen H. (4B), Lekso L. (6K), Mariam
U. (6K), Mark C. (4S), Moyi C. (3W), Nana Chloe K. (5C),
Robert L. (6K), and Youhanna N. (4S).



We couldn't be prouder of their hard work, talent, and dedication, and we wish them every success as they showcase their skills on the world stage!

The Award Ceremony will take place on December 7, where students will be celebrated alongside international representatives, including Ms. Sahar Harb, National Franchise Owner of UCMAS Georgia, and Prof. Dr. Dino Wong, President and Chairman of UC International Corporation.

Let's cheer on our young achievers as they make both BIST and Georgia proud!



PERISCOPE PERSPECTIVES IN YEAR 6

Year 6 have been looking at learning from a whole new angle this week as they designed and built their own working periscopes. Linking to our IPC 'Look, Hear!' topic, students explored how light travels in straight lines and how mirrors can redirect light to let us see over, around and beyond obstacles.

After examining real-life application in submarines, they got hands-on with cardboard, carefully measuring length, width and height before inserting carefully-aligned mirrors. The best part came during testing as they explored secret messages and experimented what happens when we add even more mirrors!

It was a fun, practical lesson that sharpened their understanding of reflection and showed them how science can - quite literally - change the way we see the world.



BIST Drama Students Take on London!

Our Drama students set off bright and early on Monday, 10th November, for an unforgettable week in London, packed with workshops, sightseeing, and world-class theatre experiences. After a 5 a.m. airport check-in, the group arrived full of excitement and ready to explore the city. They visited iconic landmarks like the London Eye, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, and Buckingham Palace, and enjoyed their first taste of British cuisine at the YHA Thameside.



Tuesday was all about the West End. Students took part in a "Making a Scene" workshop at Danceworks Studios, then enjoyed lunch at Wagamama and some shopping at Westfield. The evening highlight was a performance of The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre - truly inspiring and emotional for all. (Mr. Murray got a little lost on the Underground, but the students expertly navigated the Tube!)

On Wednesday, pupils learned stage-fighting techniques in a Combat Theatre workshop, explored the Natural History Museum, and ended the day with the spectacular Back to the Future musical at the Adelphi Theatre. Thursday offered a more relaxed pace, with souvenir shopping on Oxford Street, lunch at Nando's, and one last chance to soak in the London atmosphere before returning to Tbilisi.

The trip was a huge success - students gained confidence, cultural insight, and unforgettable memories, representing BIST brilliantly both on and off the stage. A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Corless, Mr. Murray, and Ms. Grigalaityte for their leadership, care and enthusiasm, ensuring the students had a safe, inspiring, and truly memorable adventure!



Weekly Sports Highlights

11 November 2025 – Basketball Friendly Games

Our U11 Boys teams took part in a friendly basketball series aimed at building confidence, improving team coordination, and giving players valuable game-time experience. All teams showed excellent effort and strong team spirit.

Results: BIST 2–2 BGA; BIST 20–53 Wings; BGA 4–20 Wings;

13 November 2025 – Tbilisi Independent School Sports League

Our U18 Boys team played a competitive league match against St. Georges. Despite a strong start and moments of excellent play, BIST fell short in the final score: BIST 2–5 St. Georges. The team showed improved teamwork and tactical movement, and they will continue to build on these strengths in upcoming fixtures.

16 November 2025 – Tbilisi Independent School Sports League

U13 Boys Finals – Upcoming Matches We are excited to enter the final stage of the U13 Boys competition, where both BIST and BGA have secured places in the semifinals: 12:00 Semifinal 1: Newton vs BIST 12:40 Semifinal 2: European vs BGA We wish BIST team the best of luck as our students will compete for a place in the finals!

HOUSE POINTS

PANTHERS

197 Points

PUMAS

274 Points

LEOPARDS

243 Points

TIGERS

197 Points

Robert Snowden
Principal

Thomas Browning Stamp
Assistant Principal (Co-curricular)

Thomas Thuston
Vice Principal Secondary (Pastoral)

James Parker
Head of Sixth Form

Ia Sisauri
Communications and Events Manager

14th November, 2025

Simon Rooney
Head of Primary

Katie Karmazyn
Assistant Head of Primary

Sophie Kasrashvili
Head of Administration

Nina Rusishvili
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