

THE ROAR

"New beginnings no matter how scary are worth it for all the beauty and adventure they bring."

Alice Tyszka

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to everyone following our winter break. Whether you have stayed in Georgia or travelled abroad, I hope your time was enjoyable. It is lovely to see happy children back in school with stories from their holidays.



I know some global events are very concerning at the moment and my thoughts are with our families who are being affected.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our 11 new students and families that are joining us this term. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming events, starting next week with the Coffee Morning focusing on Literacy in the Primary School. With the addition of the half term week this year, I hope we can maintain a healthy and positive energy across the school that supports everyone's academic development and wellbeing!



PRIMARY AWARDS

Reflective Learning Goal Winners

16.01.26

Foundation 1	Niv, Cooper	Year 3W	Maxime, Iuliia
Foundation 2	Sandro, Nellie	Year 4B	Ansh, Elian
Year 1S	Nicholas, Semen	Year 4S	Daniil, Leyi Liu
Year 1T	Leyla, Luca	Year 5P	Michael, Ravid
Year 2L	Kira, Emilia	Year 5C	Noah, Lihii
Year 2C	Leyla, Amalia	Year 6K	Constance, Emil
Year 3M	Ontlametse, Ellie	Year 6P	Aleqsandre, Erdem

Congratulations to all our winners!

SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

[Foundation / Y1-13](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

BIST CALENDAR

19 th Mon.	School Closed - Orthodox Epiphany	Whole School	
20 th Tue.	Year 3 Experimentorium Trip	Experimentorium	9:00am-1:00pm
21 st Wed.	Parent Coffee Morning - Literacy in Primary	Primary Canteen	8:30-10:00am
21 st Wed.	UCMAS IGE Ceremony	Theatre	2:20-3:20pm
23 rd Wed.	Non-Uniform Day for Leopards and Panthers (Primary)	Whole School (Primary)	Whole Day
28 th Wed.	Class Rep Meeting	Primary Canteen	8:30-10:00am

February

2 nd - 6 th Week	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole School	
3 rd Tue.	Open Day	Whole School	
4 th Wed.	Y9 and Y11 Options Fair	Theatre	2:30-4:30pm
5 th Thu.	International STEM Fair	Sport's Hall	1:30-5:30pm
11 th Wed.	Virtual Open Day	Whole School	
11 th Wed.	PCA Meeting	Principal's Office	8:30-10:00am
12 th Thu.	6K Class Assembly 6K Parents Invited to attend	Theatre	9:30-10:00am
13 th Fri.	Last Day of Half Term		
16 th - 20 th Week	Half Term Break	Whole School	

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to our primary students in the Leopards and Panthers houses, who won four house competitions each last term! Next Friday, all Leopards (yellow house) and Panthers (green house) students in Primary are invited to come to school dressed in their house colour. This is a special house celebration, not a regular non-uniform day, so please ensure outfits are in those colours.

 PANTHERS 121 Points	 PUMAS 158 Points	 LEOPARDS 153 Points	 TIGERS 170 Points
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IWA WINTER FAIR CHARITY LUNCH

On 13 January, representatives from BIST attended the Winter Lunch held at the Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel to thank the embassies and sponsors who contributed to the success of the 25th Winter Fair. BIST was proud to support the event as a sponsor.

Thanks to the collective efforts of all involved, a total of **170,680 GEL** was raised. These funds will be distributed over the coming year to support important charitable initiatives, including individuals facing health or financial hardship, survivors of abuse, and small local organisations providing direct and immediate support to their communities, particularly children and adults with disabilities or learning difficulties.

BIST was also actively represented at the event with a range of engaging and interactive activities, reflecting the creativity and spirit of our school community.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Winter Fair - your involvement truly made a difference.



Thank you, sponsors!



Weekly Sports Highlights



Primary Football & Secondary Basketball – Training and Fixtures Update

Training has begun for the school's Primary Football Teams despite the snowy conditions.

The Year 5/6 Boys' Teams will play their first matches next week, on Tuesday after school, while the Year 5/6 Girls' Teams will begin their games the following week.

If your child is interested in joining but missed the sign-up period, please contact Mr Chris by email.



In addition, Secondary Basketball training is now underway, with the first games scheduled for 26 January.

Secondary Basketball Schedule



@ BIST	Time	Teams
26th January - Monday	16:30	BIST Vs GAHS
	18:00	BIST VS GAS

@GZAAT	Time	Teams
11th February - Wednesday	16:30	GZAAT Vs BIST
	17:15	BIST VS IB Methabi

@ BIST	Time	Teams
16th March - Monday	17:15	BIST VS BGA
	18:00	BIST Vs European

@ GZAAT	Time	Teams
18th March - Wednesday	17:15	Oakleaf Vs BIST

Celebrating UCMAS IGE Achievements

We are excited to invite you to the UCMAS IGE Ceremony on 21 January 2026 at 14:20 in the Theatre, where we will celebrate our students' achievements in the International Grading Exam and the International Competition 2025. During the approximately one-hour event, students will receive their international certificates and accolades.

Parents wishing to attend are kindly asked to complete the [registration form](#) by 19th January.



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16th January, 2026

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