

# THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY  
British International  
School of Tbilisi



*"The family is one of nature's masterpieces."*

George Santayana

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BIST CALENDAR

● December

1st. Mon.	Breakfast with the Principal (KS4&5 Y10-13)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
2nd. Tue.	Y5C (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.	Y1S Trip to Mziuri Park	Mziuri Park	9:30-12:30
4th Thu.	Breakfast with the Principal (KS2 Y3-6)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
4th. Thu.	Y5P (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
5th. Fri.	Wear Green for Mental Health Awareness	Whole School	
10th Wed.	Parent Coffee Morning	Primary Canteen	8:30-10:00am
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	1:30-2:30 pm
19th. Fri.	Christmas Community Sing Along	Sports Hall	
19th. Fri.	Last Day of Term 1		

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope you enjoy this week's edition of our newsletter. I would like to thank all of our parents who were able to attend our first-ever food tasting event. It was a delight to see so many parents sampling the dishes, engaging with one another, and embracing the opportunity to experience a taste of what we offer through our school menu. These types of opportunities reinforce the strong partnership between home and school that is central to our ethos at BIST.



As we look ahead to the next few weeks, we are turning our attention toward the festive season. Preparations are already underway for our upcoming seasonal shows, the school is decorated and we are very excited about the creativity and collaboration these performances will bring. We are confident that the shows and events will provide a wonderful opportunity for students, staff, and families to come together, celebrate, and share in the holiday spirit.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events in the coming weeks - including the Breakfast with the Principal next week.

## OUR STUDENTS TAKE ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

We are excited to announce that Nita K. (Y7) will be taking part in the international exchange programme organised by the Kant Academy - the International Model United Nations Conference and Study Tour, which will take place from 27 November to 1 December 2025 in Oxford and London, United Kingdom.

During the programme, Nita will serve as a delegate at the international conference, collaborating with approximately 400 students to draft a resolution. She will also have the opportunity to meet members of the diplomatic corps and political figures, and will take part in all scheduled activities, training sessions, and working meetings. We are proud of our students and wish Nita every success in this exciting opportunity!

## SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

Foundation / Y1-13



## PRIMARY AWARDS

### Wonderful Writer Certificates 28.11.25

Foundation 1	Dion, Amaliia	Year 3W	Eric, Vavara
Foundation 2	Andrew, Alexandre	Year 4B	Dario, Gosha
Year 1S	Aleks, Sasha	Year 4S	Youhanna Maroun, Jan
Year 1T	Leyla, Luca	Year 5P	Timur, Gabriela
Year 2L	Elias, Jules	Year 5C	Zlata, Nana
Year 2C	Leia, Leyla	Year 6K	Lucja, Kiasha
Year 3M	Alexander, Jingxuan	Year 6P	Elif, Samuel

**Congratulations to all our winners!**



## 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 1 BRINGS DOLLHOUSES TO LIFE!

Year 1 had an exciting time creating their very own dollhouses as part of our IPC unit, The Magic Toymaker. The journey began with exploring the history of dollhouses and seeing how they have evolved over time. The children then planned and designed their own unique versions, carefully considering the rooms, furniture, and decorations they wanted to include. Using shoeboxes, craft paper, paint, glitter, clay, and crayons, each child brought their imaginative ideas to life. The results were colourful, creative, and full of personality! This project not only sparked creativity but also helped develop problem-solving and fine motor skills, all while having fun discovering how toys are made.



## YEAR 5 MEETS AUTHOR BEVERLY NAIDOO

Year 5 had the incredible opportunity to meet Beverly Naidoo, author of our Guided Reading book, Journey to Jo'burg. Set during apartheid in South Africa, the story follows Naledi and Tiro as they bravely walk 300 km to Johannesburg to help their sick baby sister.

The book sparked thoughtful discussions about equality and the importance of education. It also inspired the children during their own "long" walk to Lisi Lake!

Beverly's visit was a memorable experience for our students, who enjoyed hearing about her writing journey and asking questions about the story.



## IWAG WINTER FAIR 2025!

BIST will be participating in the annual Christmas Market at the IWAG Winter Fair 2025!

**Location:** Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace Hotel

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 29th November | 10:00 – 18:00

The IWAG Winter Fair is the largest and most beloved fundraising event of the International Women's Association of Georgia. It brings together an international selection of treasures from foreign embassies alongside unique creations by more than 100 Georgian artists and craftspeople, all set in a joyful, festive atmosphere.

As tradition, the Sheraton Grand will be transformed into a winter wonderland, featuring: Christmas carols by a choir, Raffle & Tombola, White Elephant Corner, Puppy Corner, Fun entertainment for children, Delicious food & international delicacies.

All proceeds go directly to IWA's charity projects, supporting people in need across Georgia.

Join us in celebrating community, culture, and compassion - together we can make a difference this holiday season!

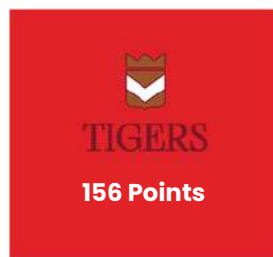
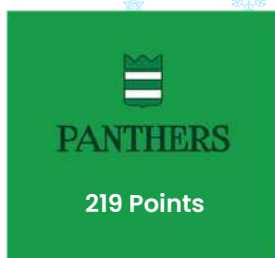
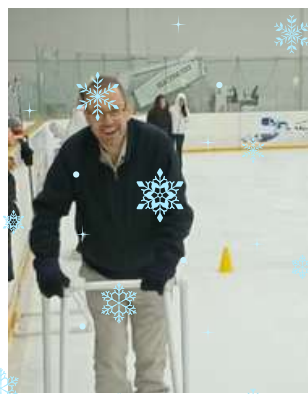




## VI FORM STUDENTS ENJOY A WELL-DESERVED ICE RINK OUTING

Following the end of their mock exams, our VI Form students enjoyed a fun and active afternoon at the Arena Ice Rink in Saburtalo. This event, organised as part of our focus on wellbeing and community, brought together Year 12 and 13 students for an hour of ice-skating, laughter, and teamwork.

Despite a few wobbly starts on the ice - particularly from Mr Mace - it was wonderful to see students supporting one another and enjoying time together outside the classroom.



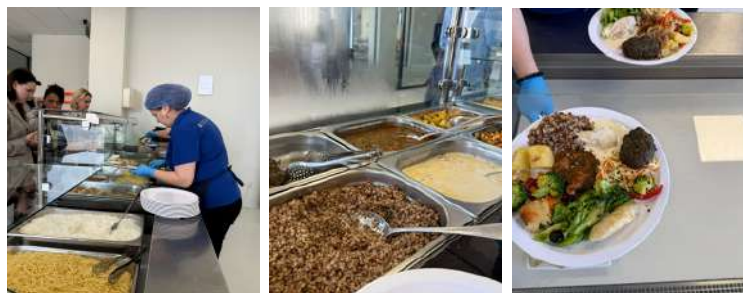
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## FOOD TASTING SESSIONS AT THE BIST



We were delighted to welcome parents to our recent food tasting sessions, where they had the opportunity to sample dishes from our school menu. The sessions, held from Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th November, featured a variety of different meals each day, giving attendees a true flavour of what our students enjoy every day.

A huge thank you to all the parents and students who joined us. It was wonderful to share this experience with you, and your feedback will help us continue to make our school meals even more enjoyable for our students.



## BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL

All parents are welcome to join our "Breakfast with the Principal" sessions next week! Your participation is incredibly valuable, as it strengthens our school community and supports your child's learning journey. This is an opportunity to discuss any relevant issues or concerns directly with Mr. Snowden face-to-face. Please see the schedule and join us for an enjoyable and informative morning with the Principal!

- 1st December, Mon. - KS4&5 (Y10-13) 8:30-10:00am
- 3rd December, Wed. - KS3 (Y7-9) 8:30-10:00am
- 4th December, Thu. - KS2 (Y3-6) 8:30-10:00am
- 5th December, Fri. - EYFS & KS1 8:30-10:00am

**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

28th November, 2025

**Simon Rooney**  
Head of Primary

**Katie Karmazyn**  
Assistant Head of Primary

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Head of Administration

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Attendance and Data Manager

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