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ESCA-BIS TRANSITION RESOURCE TEAM

Change is challenging... for everyone, especially for children who are new to the potential emotional impact of transition and change. ESCA - Bishkek International School, like any international school, has within its culture the concepts of mobility and transition. This mobility and these transitions affect everyone and provide both challenges and benefits to the school community. Benefits such as providing children with the knowledge and skills to successfully manage change while affirming and celebrating their unique experiences and background, as well as helping them face change with confidence and enthusiasm.

We at ESCA-BIS recognize the need to support all members of our school community with these transitions and as such are developing a program to address these challenges while maximizing the benefits of being a diverse national and international community. Led by Ms Liz Dugdell and Ms Leanne Bowler our newly formed Transition Resource Team will be providing transition education for our students, staff, and parents. This new team will oversee the development and implementation of a range of programmes, activities, and resources to support our school community beginning with a session for parents on **26 May at 17:30** in the Hall. Please look for more information on this session and programme to follow.

Erin McRaith, Head of Education, Primary 1 Form Teacher

HEAD OF EDUCATION STAR ACHIEVERS

Looking around the school as the Head of Education and as a Primary 1 Teacher I am continuously impressed with how many of our students are such fantastic role models for the younger students and one another. As such, I wanted to take this week's postponed assembly as an opportunity to recognize a student from each class for this valuable and influential quality. Speaking with their teachers the students were chosen for being someone who consistently acts as a good role model for our student community, or as someone who has made great strides in becoming a model of positive behaviour and commitment to excellence. To everyone's credit choosing just one student from each class was a bona fide challenge. Congratulations to these students and all our excellent role models - keep up the good work!

Erin McRaith, Head of Education, Primary 1 Form Teacher

PRIMARY 1	DASTAN
PRIMARY 2	JIANGZHAKE
PRIMARY 3	NICOLE
PRIMARY 4	YIGIT
PRIMARY 5	MALIKA
PRIMARY 6	MAXIM
SECONDARY 1	DANIJAR
SECONDARY 2	ALIYA
SECONDARY 3	RAN
IGCSE 1	NOOR
IGCSE 2	KAITO



MESSAGE FROM THE PAMC: EUROPEAN FOOD

For European Day on the 21st May the school has asked if the Parents Association would be available to provide some traditional or interesting European food for guests to try. The school will be providing food for snacks, so parents would be providing something for sampling. If you have something you'd like to contribute please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at reception.

Also, if you wish to sing a song or perform a dance that is of European origin, please let us know.

Liz Dugdell, Chair of the PAMC

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT SERVICES - PARENT DROP-IN

Child Development Support Services drop-in runs every Thursday from 15:00 to 16:00 and provides an opportunity for parents to come and chat to either Ms Leanne Bowler (Speech & Language Therapist) or Ms Liz Dugdell (Child & Youth Development Consultant) if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's learning or development.

Child Development Support Services Department

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are pleased to report that metal frame fabrication and other work is proceeding on schedule, so building plans are going well.

Some parents have asked about painting walls and ceilings in the school, since painting is one of the last activities before school starts again after summer. All internal paint will be emulsion, water-based paint. The only exception to this is repainting the existing stairs with enamel paint, in the same way these stairs were repainted during the winter vacation – when the stair colour changed from green to grey. The emulsion based paint on walls (the kind of paint normally used on ceilings) will be completed

as early as possible, and no later than 7 days before school starts. All paint used will meet European Union standards.



For those concerned about dust, we can confirm that no industrial work will take place during term time and all dust created during the vacation will be removed before the start of term. Students will have no access to the working areas at any time. After 24 June, no one will have access to the main school site except authorised construction staff and school security and administration staff. All administration staff will be located in the e-centre and access will be via the side

gate to the school. The front entrance will only be used for construction traffic and construction personnel. All construction staff will be off-site before 5 September and the remaining internal work area on the 3rd floor will be sealed off and locked with access only by staff with a key to this area. Any work on the 3rd floor at weekends and vacations in the autumn will only be on the 3rd floor. The stairs and walk areas to access the 3rd floor and the area surrounding the building will always be cleaned before school starts. The third floor will be finished and ready to use for the start of the second term. An update on construction will be provided in Voices every week, however, if you have any specific questions, please email me dgrant@esca.kg

David Grant, Development Director

STAFFING

Ms Reikhan has taken her maternity leave and will be staying at home for the next few months. We will miss her and look forward to her return.

Ms Chynygul will be a full-time teacher's assistant in Primary 1 supporting Ms Erin and Ms Anna.

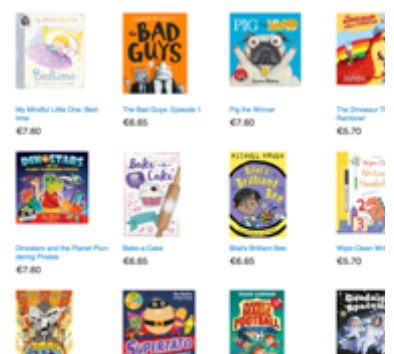
From this week Ms Aziza will combine the duties of receptionist and admissions officer. As she will be taking on additional duties, work at reception will be divided between two people. Therefore, we are very glad to welcome back Ms Zarina who will be working part-time in the mornings at reception from 07:45 to 13:00. Ms Zarina was on her maternity leave and is now back with us at ESCA-BIS. Ms Aziza will be at reception from 13:00 to 17:30 ensuring with Ms Zarina effective and continuous school communication.

We are sure that this cooperation would make a positive contribution to the school.

Oksana Nam, Head of Administration

SCHOLASTIC

May/June Scholastic Book Club has started to allow you to order English language reading books, which will be delivered from the UK to ESCA - Bishkek International School. The deadline for orders is 16 June 2016. The



orders can be placed at <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/european-school-in-central-asia> or paper forms can be filled out and submitted at the school office. The leaflets are available at the school reception.

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have things you want to discuss or suggestions for the school, please contact the Class Representatives or the Head of Education, Ms Erin McRaith at emcraith@esca.kg. You can also meet during the office hours on Monday-Friday from 15:30-16:30 or you can set up an appointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 21 May: Europe Day/Open Day (10:00-13:00)

Thursday 26 May: Transition Resource Team meeting with Parents/Guardians (17:30)

Saturday 28 May: IB Primary Years Programme workshop for Parents/Guardians (9:30-12:00)

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

CLASS	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	CONTACT INFO	SPOKEN LANGUAGES (If you need assistance with translation please email parentsassociation@esca.kg)
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PRESCHOOL 1	EMMA GOATMAN	ejgoatman@gmail.com	English

PRESCHOOL

This week in Preschool our theme was, "Around the World". We did everything from traveling around to different places to learning about where and how people live in different countries and cultures.

In Preschool 1 we wanted to explore how houses and people change from country to country. We travelled from far north where we visited the Inuits, saw how they dress according to the weather and built igloos with marshmallows; then we went to Europe to visit great castles and tried to build one with cardboard tubes and boxes. We also went to North America looking at tipis traditional to the Native Americans of the Great Plains. Finally, we travelled to Sub-Saharan Africa and built a tukul.

In Preschool 2, we talked about countries, continents, and where we are from. We made our own passports and coloured flags of our countries. We marked where we are from on the map with our flags and we learned about animals and music from different parts of the world. We also talked about the letter "Xx" this week. We made a xylophone craft with



Ms Tina and Ms Gulnaz and practiced our writing skills.

In Preschool 3, we explored each of our home countries. We made our own passports so we could travel to each country represented in our class. We pretended that our travel was by foot, car, bus, train, boat, or plane. We also learned our country's flag and posted them on the world map. Please ask your child to show you their country flag, as we are very proud of them. We also did a fun math activity in the yurt. In Phonics we worked on the sounds /sh/ and /th/.

Also, please remember that we will be taking students' photos for the school yearbook on Monday morning. Students are welcome to dress up and/or bring their favourite books or toys.

Preschool Team

