



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 17 / 2016-17

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## WELCOME BACK!

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians

The school welcomes you back for the New Year. I hope you all had wonderful holidays and time with family and friends. We are excited about the upcoming spring and summer terms. Both staff and students are awaiting completion of the top floor which includes a spacious sports hall. This will add a great deal to our athletic opportunities.

In the Secondary School, following the trail with 55 minute lessons in the first term, we are returning to 45-minute lesson periods to better match the curriculum requirements of the Kyrgyz Ministry of Education. The new timetable will be available soon. We are continuing with the IB MYP implementation in the Secondary 1. 2 & 3. Students in the final year of the IGCSE programme will start their examination session in late April and finish it by the early June. The IB DP students will soon start working on their internal assessments as well as on their Extended Essays.



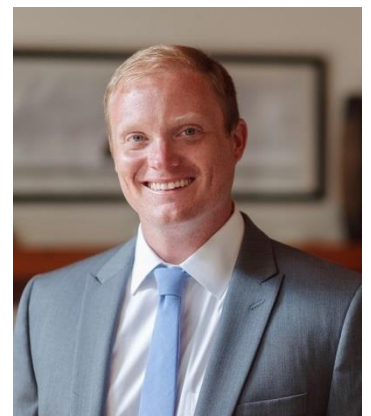
Last but not least - we are looking forward to our school events - sports day in January, Noruuz celebration in April, European Day in May and American Barbeque in June, only to mention a few.

I am thankful for your ongoing support and I am sure that we will enjoy the upcoming six months of this school year as we strive to create the best environment for academic success and community cohesion.

**Marta Bobiatyńska, Head of Education**

The Primary School would like to warmly welcome back parents and students from their Winter Holidays. The first term was an exciting time with many new changes. Both teachers and students enjoyed the new International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program and the dynamic approaches to teaching and learning that came along with it. 2016 was a wonderful year for BIS, but we look forward to continued growth and development with the new year. The additional space on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, continuing a new curriculum, and newly enrolled students will most certainly bring even more positivity to the Primary School.

Furthermore, the Primary School will continue to put emphasis on educational visits this year, taking education outside the classroom and allowing students to make real world connections with classroom learning. Lastly, thank you to all members of the community that helped the Primary School over the break with acquiring new books for our upcoming Units of Inquiry. The additional resources will bring freshness to the classroom and greatly aid student engagement in the units. Welcome back, and happy New Year!



**William Polan, Deputy Head of Education**

## ONE MORE SCHOOL BUS

Due to ever increasing demand for our school bus service, we are adding an extra bus for central Bishkek. **Central Route 1** connects the school with **central-north** Bishkek, maps: [Central Route 1 Morning](#) [Central Route 1 Afternoon](#). **Central Route 2** connects the school with **central-east** Bishkek, maps: [Central Route 2 Morning](#) [Central Route 2 Afternoon](#). Our third bus continues to connect with **South-East Bishkek** with the same route as last term, map: [SE Route Morning & Afternoon](#)

Each bus starts the route at 7.00 am with pick-up points along the route, to arrive at school by 7:45 or 8:00. In the afternoon buses leave the school at 16:40 to arrive at their final destination before 18:00.

A single journey costs 100 Som. Alternatively you can purchase a full term ticket for morning and afternoon which costs 7680 Som (Morning & Afternoon trips) for the second term until the spring break on 20<sup>th</sup> March. The term ticket provides 20% discount from the single journey payment option. To confirm your child's seat on any bus and the pick-up/drop-off points and times, please contact Mirzat Osmonova via [mosmonova@bis.kg](mailto:mosmonova@bis.kg)



## CAR PASS PERMITS - DON'T FORGET!

For those who drive to school instead of using the school bus, remember that you must display the school Car Pass in your front window to access the school car park. The Security Guards will stop any vehicle without a Car Pass before they enter the school gates and direct them to park outside the school. Please do everything you can to work with our Security Guards to implement this system so that the school is a safer place for everyone!

## ABSENCES AND ANY CHANGES IN CHILD PICK UP

Please always notify your Form teacher or school reception if your child will be absent for any reason so that we know what is happening. If a child is absent and we have not been informed, the school reception will contact you to make sure you know your child is not at school.

If you want your child to leave school early for any reason or you want them to go home with a different family or driver, please notify the school reception by email to [info@bis.kg](mailto:info@bis.kg) in advance so that security guards are aware of the change.

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for January 9 - 13 is here: [Menu](#)

Form Teachers and our Chef are responsible for adjusting this menu to avoid any foods your child cannot eat, according to the information provided to us by you.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have anything you want to discuss or suggestions for the school, please contact your Form Teacher and they will either answer directly or pass the message on to the right person. Messages can be sent in English or Russian, or in your own language. If you do not know the correct email address for the person you want to write to, please write to [info@bis.kg](mailto:info@bis.kg) and our Reception will forward your email to the right person.



## ANNIVERSARY SHOW VIDEO

DVD's with video of the 2016 Anniversary Show in the Kyrgyz Drama Theatre are available now from the school cashier for 400 soms. Photos from the Anniversary Show are on the [school website](#) and our [Facebook page](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January: First day of second term**
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Winter Sports Day at Chunkurchak Ski Base
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February: Valentine's Day – organised by Student Council
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Science Fair
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Homeland Defenders Day – no school
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: International Woman's Day – no school
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March: Spring Break – no school
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March: First Day of Third Term
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Nooruz celebration at BIS

More information about all of these events will be sent to you later, or see <http://www.bis.kg/>