



Bishkek  
International  
School

# VOICES



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## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The BIS Governing Board (GB) met last week for one of around six meetings held each year to review monthly reports from the Management Board about school operations and finance and to decide on any changes to policy, strategy and finances. Discussion at this meeting covered a wide range of issues including: school events, academic standards, finance and audit, school survey report, and enrolment forecasts for 2018/19.

The next GB meeting will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June to review recommendations made by parents, students, staff, the Advisory Council and Founders for future strategy to become the 'best international school in Central Asia', as foreseen in the school guiding statements.



## BIS SCHOLARSHIPS

More than 40 Scholarship applicants applied for 2018/19 High School scholarships. The students took comprehensive Math and English tests this week, followed by initial interview. The aim of BIS scholarship program is to provide opportunities for good students with limited resources to complete the International Baccalaureate's Diploma Program and to contribute to the overall development of the Kyrgyz Republic. All scholarship awards are decided by the Governing Board based on examination, interview and financial need.

**Scholarship applications are still OPEN** for students age 16 or 17 who have completed the equivalent of Grade 10 in the Kyrgyz Republic. If you know any good candidates to go straight into the IB Diploma Programme, ask them to email Aida Tokhtaeva [atokhtaeva@bis.kg](mailto:atokhtaeva@bis.kg) as soon as possible.



## HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS

As BIS is in preparation for its first ever High School Graduation on June 21<sup>st</sup>, it is important to remember how talented and driven our students really are. As IB Diploma Program students, our High School Juniors and Seniors are not only academically driven, but also well-rounded. Not only do our high-school students pursue their creative and sporting interests, they also actively involve themselves in service projects to improve their community.



This has been the first year in which our High School Juniors and Seniors have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The SAT is administered by College Board and is most commonly taken by those students wishing to enroll in North American universities following High School.

In total, 12 students have taken the SAT examination so far this year. The results have been wonderful. Our average SAT score at BIS is well above the world average, falling in 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of all SAT test takers. A breakdown of the scores is provided below. SAT scores are marked out of 1600.

**World average: 1083 (50<sup>th</sup> percentile)**  
**BIS average: 1259 (90<sup>th</sup> percentile)**

**BIS' SAT averages broken down into sub-sections:**  
**Lower 25%- 956**  
**Middle 50%- 1297**  
**Upper 25%-1490**

## BIS GOT TALENT

Don't forget! Tomorrow BIS will hold its first ever 'talent show'. BIS Got Talent performers will perform from 11:00 – 12:00 in the Small Hall. All are welcome to come and enjoy student performances, ranging from Preschool 1- Diploma Program 1. A fun program is in store, including songs, dances, and instrumental performances. Refreshments will be provided by the PAMC after the show.

**Ms. Anara, Head of Music**

**MAY 26, 2018**  
**11:00-12:00**

**BIS GOT TALENT PROGRAM**

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- Nathan Ryjih (PS1)-Flag Show
- Sonia Bonte, Yuri Ijitsu, Ayn Amanalieva, Aina Yoshikawa (P1)- Ballet
- Reyhan Suucak (P2)- Song- Fight Song
- Erna Marquering (P2)- Puppet Show
- Sophie Valentina Colace (P2)- Song- Je veux
- Maria Susak (P2)- Dance
- Tilly Taylor (P2)- Song- I am Moana
- Milana Bickel (P2)- Song- Tightrope
- Abai Amanaliev (P3)- Komuz- Bashtashy
- Veronica Kirsanova (P3)- Song- Little Red Riding Hood
- Dimitri Bonte (P3)- Piano- Fur Elise, Cool Blues
- Ella Johnston (P3)- Dance
- Sevara Bickel (P4)- Song- Never Enough
- Djavid Aliev (P4)- Violin- Concerto in B minor, Op.35.
- Sevara Bickel and Isabella Velez Gonzalez (P4)- Song- The Greatest Showman
- Farhan Aliev (P4)- Flute- Polka
- Rimma Dzhamankulova (P1)- Song-Solar circle
- Mete Kobanbay (P6)- Guitar- Malaguen
- Harriet Helena Habicht and Baiansuluu Bekenova (MYP1)- Dance- It ain't my fault
- Karina Enterieva and Amina Tursalieva (MYP3)- Guitar- Set fire to the rain
- Linda Orozova (IGCSE1)- Piano- River flows in you
- Seo Jun Lee- Song- This is the moment

## TAIGAN VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball season has come to an end this week with the school having two wins against Hope Academy @ Hope Academy. Our boys team won 3 sets to 0 and our Girls team won 2 sets to 1.

Both teams finished the season on a 6-game winning streak, which also involved winning the Bishkek International School (BISA) Volleyball Championship.

The season has been an overwhelming success thanks to the hard work and dedication of players and Coach Magdalena.

[Next Friday the 1st of June](#), Coach Magdalena and I will present awards to individual players as well as a summary of the season and BISA Volleyball Championship. This will take part at secondary assembly. We ask that all players attend this assembly.

Go Taigan Volleyball!

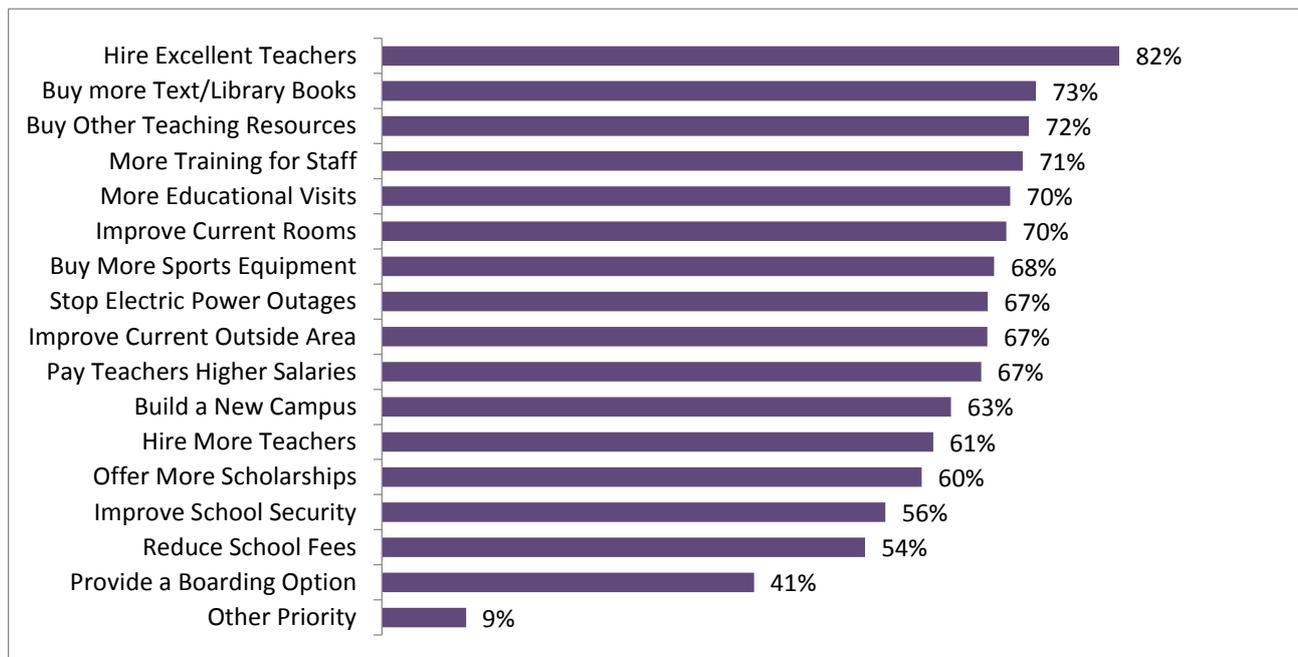
**James Grant, Athletic Director**



## SCHOOL SURVEY REPORT

All parents of students in school and all students in Primary 5 to IBDP were invited to complete the online survey between 17 April and 1 May 2018. Ninety-seven students and eighty-three parents and guardians completed the survey; as did seventy-five staff. Thank you for helping to make the school better!

All areas of the school scored above average for all- groups, with some areas close to a top mark of 5. Eight-three percent of parents are 'very likely' to recommend the school to friends or colleagues, 11% 'likely' to recommend and 6% 'may' recommend. The chart below shows the support for different options for future investment to become 'the best international school in Central Asia'. A 100% score would mean that all respondents think this is 'top priority'. The [full survey report is available here.](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May – BIS's Got Talent – organised by PAMC 11:00 am – **New Event!**
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Parents Association Garage Sale- **New Date!** (International Children's Day at the Golf Course is cancelled due to limited interest)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – High School Graduation
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Preschool 3, Primary 6 Graduation
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June—Parent-Teacher Meetings

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

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for May 28- June 1 is Menu B: [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.



## PRESCHOOL 1

The fingers, hand and shoulders require lots of practicing different skills to get ready for the actual job of picking up pencils and making marks, lines, shapes and letters on paper. Therefore, this week in preschool 1 we have been practicing out prewriting and fine motor skills. We had a blast making marks in various sensory materials such as coloured salt, shaving cream surface and sand from our school yard. On Friday we had ice-cream party and enjoyed the summer treat!



## PRESCHOOL 2

Playing with ice is an absolute favorite sensory and scientific activity for young children! Preschool 2 decided to make frozen dinosaur eggs. Unfortunately, we could not find small dinosaurs, and instead we made them from sharks and other small animals, pretending that they are dinosaurs. Children could not wait until the eggs were completely frozen. But then what a fun time we had when we pulled the eggs out of the balloon! We touched them, and we played with them; we watched as the eggs slowly were melted, and the head or tail popped out of the eggs. How many smiles and laughter!



### PRESCHOOL 3

Preschool had a wonderful time this week. We started to practice for our graduation. We also learned to read new sight words. The preschool 3 friends had an amazing time decorating the school for the ice-cream party and we had a wonderful time celebrating Can's birthday. Next week we will learn more sight words and look at the life cycle of things that live in our oceans.

