



**Bishkek  
International  
School**

# VOICES



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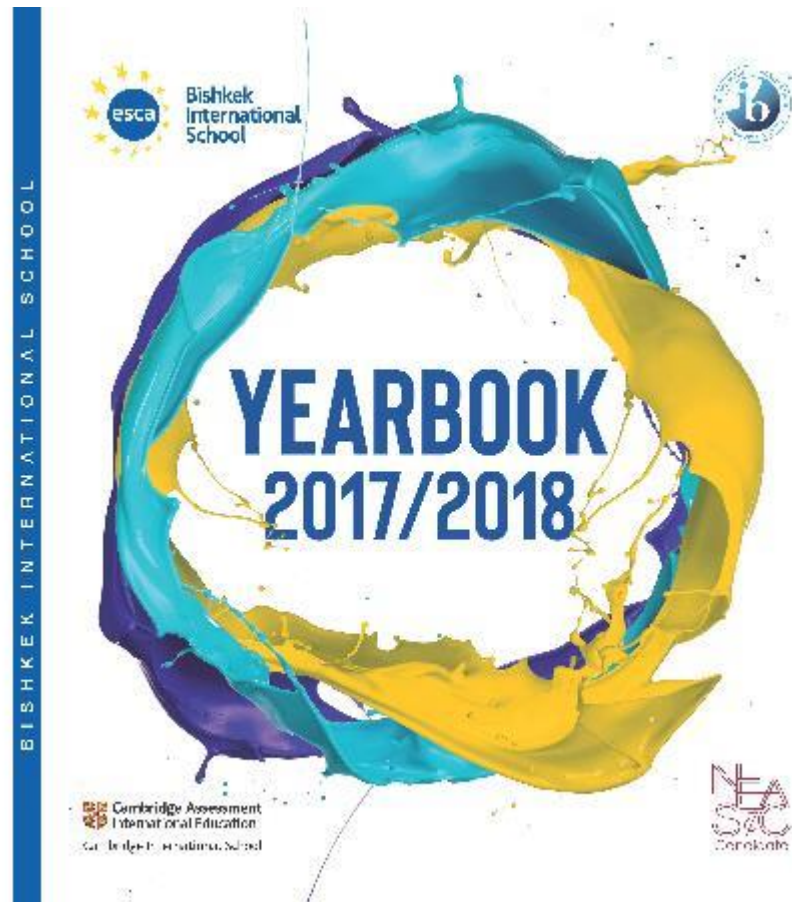
## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

[Sign up, here!](#)

BIS' last Parent-Teacher conference evening of the year will be held on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 15:10-18:10.

## PREORDER YOUR 2017-18 BIS YEARBOOK!

Follow [this link to pre-order](#) the 2017-18 BIS yearbook! We expect to have them ready for students and families on Monday June 25<sup>th</sup>.



## GRADUATION

Graduation ceremonies are only a week away! Don't forget to RSVP to:

June 21<sup>st</sup>- 16:00- High School Graduation RSVP: [info@bis.kg](mailto:info@bis.kg)

June 22<sup>nd</sup>- 13:30- Preschool 3 RSVP: [cebersohn@bis.kg](mailto:cebersohn@bis.kg)

June 22<sup>nd</sup>- 15:00- Primary 6 RSVP: [mroeder@esca.kg](mailto:mroeder@esca.kg)



**PLEASE JOIN BIS IN THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIRST  
EVER GRADUATING CLASS.**

**THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 4:00PM WITH A  
SMALL RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.**

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**PLEASE RSVP TO [INFO@BIS.KG](mailto:info@bis.kg) BY JUNE 20TH.**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM TEACHERS 2018-19

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Mr. Alisher Arstanbek—IB Middle Years Program (MYP) 1



Mr. Alisher has a Specialist Degree in Engineering from the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University (KRSU) and has teaching and research experience at several educational institutions. He is currently completing his PhD in Engineering at the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University while he works full time at BIS. He enjoys teaching and helping students discover their abilities and talents. Alisher joined BIS in 2016 and teaches science in IB MYP and Physics for the IB Diploma.

#### Mr. James Grant – IB Middle Years Program (MYP) 2



Mr. Grant graduated from Flinders University, South Australia with a Bachelor of Education (Middle & Secondary); Bachelor of Health Sciences with a major in Physical Education & Health and minor in Humanities. Mr Grant is a registered and qualified teacher in South Australia and has worked in various international schools in Australia and Asia before joining BIS in summer 2017. Mr. Grant in addition to teaching physical education and Individuals and Societies in the MYP, also coordinates sports at BIS as Athletics Director.

#### Ms. Grace Park- IB Middle Years Program (MYP) 3



Ms Park has a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education and English from Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts, USA, and teaching experience in both the US and in Kyrgyzstan. Ms. Park is a Korean citizen, who joined BIS in summer 2017. She is organizing the NEASC Accreditation process, serving as the Chair of the Steering Committee. Grace teaches English language and literature and English as an additional language to students in both the MYP and IGCSE programs.



## HIGH SCHOOL

### Jason Lorenowicz – IGCSE 1



Mr. Jay is from Manitoba, Canada and has a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Mr. Jay has been teaching overseas for 25 years and joined BIS in 2016 after teaching in Azerbaijan for three years. Mr. Jay has spent 15 years in the Gulf States, including Kuwait, Oman and Saudi Arabia. He has also taught in Malawi, Maldives and England, among other places. His interests include travel, music, photography and sports.

### Jacques Prinsloo – IGCSE 2



Mr. Jacques has a PGCE in Secondary teaching from the University of South Africa, a diploma in Investment management from the University of South Africa, a Bachelors in Economics from the University of Pretoria, a Diploma in teaching English as an Additional Language and is currently completing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Illinois. Mr. Prinsloo taught EAL in South Korea for several years before joining BIS in summer 2017. Mr. Jacques is the school's IGCSE Coordinator, Economics, and Math teacher to students in the IB MYP and IGCSE.

### Makiko Inaba – IB DP 1



Ms. Makiko has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Waseda University in Japan. Foreign languages and cultures have always been her passion and she has lived in the United States, South Korea, France, China and the Kyrgyz Republic in pursuit of that passion. Ms Makiko joined BIS in summer 2014. From summer 2017 Ms. Makiko took over as Diploma Programme Coordinator, overseeing our DP students as they work towards achieving their diplomas. Ms. Makiko has also taught Japanese and Mandarin across all programs at BIS.

### Thierry Taberna – IB DP 2



Mr. Thierry has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the University of Nantes, and a Master's Degree in Computing from the University of Toulouse and a Degree of Teaching French as a Second Language (DAEFLE). He previously worked as a software engineer and software developer in various companies in France. Mr. Thierry joined BIS in summer 2015 and has been very effective in inspiring a wide range of students to improve their ICT, design and coding skills. Mr. Thierry teaches Computer Science to IGCSE and IB DP students.

## FRIENDSHIP WEEK

A schedule of events for the 2017-18 BIS Friendship week can be found below. Please look for consent forms to come home early next week.

	Monday- June 25 Theme: Water	Tuesday- June 26 Theme: Fitness	Wednesday- June 27 Theme: Mixed	Thursday- June 28 Theme: Crafts & Goodbyes
Preschool 1-3	Water Games at School Leader: Ms. Carmen	Sports Day at School Leader: Ms. Carmen	Make Pizza & Movie Leaders: Ms. Carmen, Ms. Lailo	Crafts/ EOY Activities Leader: Ms.Goulnara
Primary 1-3	Water Games at School Leader: Ms. Nazira, Ms. Lailo	Vefa- Illusion Park Leader: Ms. Nazira	Make Pizza & Movie Leaders: Ms. Carmen, Ms. Lailo	Crafts/ EOY Activities Leader: Ms.Goulnara
Primary 4-6	Royal Fish Swim Park Leader: Ms. Nazira, Ms. Lailo	Vefa- Illusion Park Leader: Ms. Nazira	Make Pizza & Movie Leaders: Ms. Carmen, Ms. Lailo	Crafts/ EOY Activities Leader: Ms.Goulnara
MYP1	Arslanbob Leader: Mr Alisher			EOY Activities
MYP2	Royal Fish Swim Park Leader: Ms. Stephanie	Ala-Archa Mall Leader: Ms. Stephanie	Balykchy Leader: Ms. Stephanie	EOY Activities
MYP3	Chon Kemin Leader: Mr Spencer		Royal Fish Swim Park Leader: Ms. Grace	EOY Activities
IGCSE 1	Issyk Kul Leader: Mr. Jacques			EOY Activities


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# All American BBQ

Thursday, June 28th  
 Gates open at 5 p.m  
 Fireworks 9 p.m

**Live music, Food, Carnival games, Prizes and Fireworks!**



## MYP1-DP SCHOOL DANCE

The student council is hosting their last school dance of the year, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm. The dance will be held in the Big Hall food and refreshments are provided with the purchase of a ticket. Tickets are being sold Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the cafeteria during lunch times. The ticket price is 200 som.

### ESCA-BIS END OF THE YEAR DANCE

welcome

to candy

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Tickets  
On sale!

LUNCHTIME - MON, WED, FRI

**DON'T MISS OUT!**



FRIDAY | 22.6.18 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

BIG HALL

ESCA - BIS SCHOOL

## **VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!!**

The last day of our academic year, June 28<sup>th</sup>, will be a half-day of school! With the day running until 9:00pm for All Americas BBQ celebration, students and staff will not arrive until 1:00pm. School bus services will still be provided. A much more detailed email will be sent to all BIS parents early next week regarding schedule, activities, etc.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June- International Friendship Week
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June- All Americas BBQ/ Last day of school! (Half-Day, School begins at 1:00pm)

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 June 18-22 is Menu A: [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

This week in preschool 1 we have been working on improving our sorting skills. Sorting is systematic, ordering, comparing and contrasting. Sorting is matching and is a very basic math concept. Children had fun matching objects that have the same characteristics, such as size, shape and colour. It is very important for children to see how math being used in the real world. When they put a puzzle together, they match shapes. While helping to clean up their toys, children are sorting objects. Common activities that children experience during play and daily tasks provide many opportunities for them to learn math concepts.





## Preschool 2

This week Preschool 2 continued to study the “Sharing the planet” unit, and we discussed insects. The children went out with a magnifying glass to find insects. How much excitement there was when we saw very closely the ants, caterpillars, ladybirds and other small creatures! In addition, the children politely shared one large magnifying glass, so everyone had the opportunity to look through it.





## Preschool 3

The preschool 3 friends had a very busy week. We got a new aquarium and some really beautiful fish. We also celebrated Ned and Ms. Jibek's birthdays. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our field trip on Thursday but we moved it to the 21st. Next week we will have the "bring your buddy to school" day and we will practice for the graduation that will take place on the Friday.

