



## PTA Newsflash for BISI

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### Important School Dates:

#### Primary:

- Thurs 1 Dec** – EYFS Winter Assembly (Zek students)  
**Fri 2 Dec** - EYFS Winter Assembly (Etiler Students)  
**Fri 9 Dec** – Years 5 & 6 Winter Performance at 14:00hrs (Zek Students)  
**Mon 12** – Winter Singalong (Alkent students)  
**Tues 13**- Winter Singalong (Etiler students)  
**Wed 14** - Winter Singalong (Zek Campus)  
**Thurs 15** – Pre and Primary Winter Bazaar  
**Fri 16** – Interim Reports issued

#### Secondary:

- Fri 18 Nov** – Interim reports to parents  
**Tues 22 Nov** – Parent/Teacher Conferences 1pm-6pm  
**Tues 22 Nov** – **IGCSE Awards Assembly. All Y11 & Y12 parents are invited to see their children collect their certificates. Parents should be seated by 1pm please.**  
**Fri 25 Nov** – CAS Entertainment Night, 18h until 6am on Saturday morning, 10 TL per student.  
**Friday 25 Nov** – Voting for school charities (see page 2)  
**Thurs 1 Dec** - Creative Arts Dept Winter Performance  
**Mon 5- Fri 10 Dec** - Creative Arts Week to London (IGCSE/IB students)  
**Fri 16 Dec** – Awards Assembly  
**Fri 16 Dec** – Year 7-10 and Year 12 reports to parents  
**8<sup>th</sup> December** – **All clubs end**  
**Fri 16 Dec** – **School closes at 12:00 for winter holidays. (Back to school on Wed, 4 Jan.)**

### **PTA Coffee Morning with Bilingualism Expert– Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 9am-10am, in the Secondary Library.**

Please join for our first themed PTA/school coffee morning: a talk about “**Mother tongue and family languages**”, by our ESL teacher and language expert Dorothy Gwillim. She will report on the latest research regarding the importance of Mother Tongue and bilingualism for children.

On **Friday 9 December at 16h**, the PTA will screen a Christmas film “Polar Express” after school in the theatre. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please come with a snack. Participation 5TL per child.

Dear BISI Families,

**Welcome to this month’s PTA Newsflash! What a busy and fun-packed month it’s been at BISI!**

- 1.) Our first **Charity 2nd Hand Clothes collection** went to Turgut Akan Primary School, where our Charity Committee ladies received a warm welcome.
- 2.) Our spontaneous **Van Earthquake appeal** on all campuses generated an amazing 43 boxes (!) of clothes and a donation of 6.823 TL!

**Thanks to the Charity Committee ladies and to all the staff in school for their hard work!**

- 3.) **HALLOWEEN:** It is unbelievable what creativity was unleashed in the **AMAZING Haunted House** this year when Sandra Watson, Tiffany Kanafani and more than 20 other ladies came together to transform the green gym into a **Fantasy Forest of Scary Fairy Tales** ...(scroll down for photos).



- 4.) And finally, **International Day Food Court** where parents from more than 25 countries presented their delicacies and culture to the school community.



A huge thanks to **Tessa Maddison** (left), our parent coordinator and member of team Canada, and **Julie Esiyok**, Y3 teacher for their countless hours of work to prepare this day. (scroll down for photos)

**None of these events could have taken place without our many committed and talented parents! Thank you to all who have contributed to make our daily school lives extraordinary this month.**

Warm regards,  
**Ulrike Denhof (PTA Chairperson)**

If you wish to inform the school community about an interesting event, please contact Nell Rees from the PTA Communication Committee ([nellinturkey@gmail.com](mailto:nellinturkey@gmail.com)).  
**Deadline for next issue: 5th December**

The **Sunday Sports Club** will continue from this Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>). Last sessions are: swimming on 4 Dec & football on 11 Dec. Children are still welcome to join. For more information contact **Judith-kuiper@novodoor.com**

### News from the Curriculum Committee Authors and Parent Careers advice wanted



#### Author Contacts Wanted

Wouldn't it be fantastic for our children to meet an inspirational author to get them more excited about reading and writing?

Do you have any contacts in the publishing industry? Do you personally know any good authors writing in English? Please let us know.

#### Career Advice Wanted

We are looking for **parent volunteers to talk about their careers** with the secondary students. If you would be willing to come and talk to the students about your profession, please contact us.

**The next PTA Curriculum Committee will be at the Zek Campus at 10.15am 25<sup>th</sup> November.** Everyone is welcome to come along and share ideas. If you can help with any of these curriculum initiatives, **please contact Carmen Martino (carmens.world@hotmail.com).**

**Charity Elections – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** Everyone in the school community is invited to vote on which charities we should raise funds for this academic year. The choices will be presented to parents on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November (9am at Zek, 1.30pm at Alkent and 2.30pm at Etiler).**

### Other upcoming events

**Nov 30 12pm-4pm – IWI Christmas Bazaar Hilton International Istanbul, Taksim**



#### Snow White and the 7 Dwarves

**Dec 3 (14.00 and 19.30)  
Dec 4 (14.00) 2011 -**

BCC's traditional Christmas pantomime at the Sisli Terakki Vakfi Theatre (near Akmerkez), Ebulula Mardin Cad. No 12/A Levent. Tickets available from the Secondary School Librarian. Adults: 20TL, children 15TL. (All proceeds go to the BCC Charities).

## **BISI e-Marketplace** **Buy, sell, search, offer and recommend!**

'Healing flows' by Camilla Aarons. **Come and try Jinshin jyutsu.** Get rid of aches and pains, attitudes and more. Jsj works by opening up blocked energy in your body. It works on the physical, psychological and spiritual body. To find out more, please call Camilla on 0533 6984239

We are **looking for a childminder/nanny** to look after a little boy (baby - 4/5 months) to start at the end of April and work day time whilst we are at work: from 8am to 6:30pm. We are a family of 3 including our baby residing in the Sisli area. Please contact Katya or Gokhan on 0534 6169839 for more details.

Daav Meerdink, year 12B, advanced drummer, **looks for a drum teacher.** Zev Meerdink, year 11I, electric guitar player, **looks for a guitar teacher** (not for a beginner) email: wilvidmeerdink@hotmail.com

My name is Patrizia Vivaldi and I'm **looking for a housekeeper** with regular permit for live-in. I live in Tarabya (Ferahevler) and I have two daughters 14 and 12 and a little very good dog. My tel. is 0530-978 1978.

We are **looking for a babysitter** for children aged 11, 9 and 5 in the Taksim area. Please contact Carmen Martino ([carmens.world@hotmail.com](mailto:carmens.world@hotmail.com))

**If you have an advertisement to place, please contact [alina\\_oztoprak@hotmail.com](mailto:alina_oztoprak@hotmail.com) by 5<sup>th</sup> December and we will place it in the December 12th issue of the PTA Newsflash. This is exclusively for use within the BISI community.**

**Thank you to everyone who uses the school car park responsibly.** Please ensure a good flow of traffic in the car park and always drive with care and consideration for the safety of others.



## **HELPERS NEEDED!**



If you can help decorate the stage or have some festive decorations we could borrow for the **Winter Showcase performance on 1 December**, please contact ([sandra\\_watson\\_01@yahoo.com](mailto:sandra_watson_01@yahoo.com)).

If you can help at the **Winter Bazaar Food Court on Thursday 15 December**, please contact [tracy.whitehead@googlemail.com](mailto:tracy.whitehead@googlemail.com)

### BISI School Uniform

Please make sure that all clothing, including hats, gloves and scarves are clearly named. **If you have a problem with items purchased at the school suppliers (broken zips, etc), they will be exchanged.**

**International Day Food Court,**  
**Friday 4 November**

Another wonderful day to show the great spirit of our school! Parents from more than 25 countries cooked like champions and transformed the classrooms into magical places to showcase their rich culture. Thank you for all your hard work!



Team Britain very creative with a seaside motto.



Team US made kids' favorites. Team Spain: Olé niñas!



Team Turkey created a magical and musical atmosphere!

We all had such a great time sampling food from so many different countries and enjoying the wonderful decorations as well as all the other fun activities.



South Africa's charms - Beautiful ladies and dresses from Korea



Ladies from Russia, Ukraine, Dagestan, Georgia, Azerbaijan



Teams Greece and Italy cooked up a storm – big thanks!

There are many more beautiful photos! You can download them, thanks to Claudia Escobar's link: <http://gallery.me.com/cpecobar1/100620>.

If you have problems to access, please write to Claudia [cpecobar1@mac.com](mailto:cpecobar1@mac.com).

## HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

Wow, was it fun to participate in the **AMAZING Halloween Haunted House** this year! All BISI students and many teachers and staff delighted in an exciting, memorable walk-through (milder version for the little ones, of course..), and the moms finally scared their teenagers ☺. **You were AWESOME, ladies, and made Halloween at our school truly special!**



Tiffany as Little Red Riding Hood hacks at the wolf!



Snow White, don't bite! Alice, guide in the magical room.



Hansel and Gretel with witch – Sandra the scary zombie

**A HUGE thank you from all of the PTA and school management for your countless hours of work!**

More photos from Claudia Escobar on:

[http://web.me.com/cpescobar1/Sitio\\_web/HALLOWEEN.htm1#36](http://web.me.com/cpescobar1/Sitio_web/HALLOWEEN.htm1#36)

**Ladies Night Out in Ortaköy (22 Oct.):**



A group of BISI ladies had a lovely evening at the Radisson Blu Hotel on the Bosphorus, enjoying the delicious food, the view and the conversation. Join us in January!