



## PTA Newsflash for BISI

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### Important School Dates:

#### Primary:

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Y3/4 Spring Performance at 14 h (Zek)  
**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – City Campus Performances (Alkent 10:30 hrs and Etiler 13:30 hrs)  
**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Parent Teacher Consultations Alkent (16:00hrs – 19:00 hrs)  
**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Whole School PE and Health Week  
**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Key Stage 2 Cross Country Event  
**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Teacher Consultations Zek (16:00hrs – 19:00 hrs)  
**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent/Teacher Consultations Etiler (16:00hrs – 19:00 hrs)  
**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March** – EYFS and Key Stage 1 Fun Fit Morning  
**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Spring Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade, school closes at 12:00

#### Secondary:

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – HS & Girls Basketball @ IICS  
**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Maths Week  
**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Oral Exams  
**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>** - Cross Country Run  
**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>** – Awards Ceremony

### PTA supported upcoming events:

**Friday 2 March** – PTA Book Sale  
**Saturday 10 March** – International Parents Party  
**Wednesday 14 March** - World Pi Day (Kids will enjoy a fun Math Day!)  
**Friday 16 March** – Career Fair for Secondary  
**Wednesday 18 April** – Musical Afternoon/Talent Show. Get ready to practice your instrument or other skills to participate in our fun talent show!



*Out of the bosom of the Air,  
Out of the cloud-folds of her  
garments shaken,  
Over the woodlands brown  
and bare  
Over the harvest-fields  
forsaken,  
Silent and soft and slow  
Descends the snow.  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

*Dear BISI families,*

*Welcome back after the February break!*

*Unfortunately, the snow interrupted lessons and some of the fun activities the PTA had planned this month, but the **Primary Movie Club**, **Second Hand Book Sale** and the **International Parents' Party** have now been rescheduled (read on for more information).*

*I hope to see many of you at the party on **Saturday 10th March** for a fun-filled evening of conversation, dinner and dancing, with an international flavour!*

Warm regards,

**Ulrike Denhof, PTA Chairperson**

### International Parents Party rescheduled for Saturday 10 March, 19h30 at "Bloom" Restaurant in Ulus/Ortaköy

**Tickets on sale from 27 Feb** at Zek reception or from several PTA contacts for **100TL** to include dinner, DJ, limitless local alcoholic/soft drinks and a contribution for charity. Mums, Dads and staff all invited to come along and have some fun!

**Dress Code:** We would be happy to see you dressed in your national costume or national colours or typical national accessory (hat, jewellery, symbol, etc). However it is totally voluntary – just come and enjoy the evening!

For more info contact: [quelluevan@hotmail.com](mailto:quelluevan@hotmail.com) Read more about Bloom at: <http://www.theguideistanbul.com/listings/restaurants-cafes/bloom-2332.html#ixzz1jotV6gms>





## BISI Career Fair

Secondary School

March 16<sup>th</sup>

## **2nd Hand Book Sale**

**New date: Friday 2 March**

**9h-15h30**



**Are your book shelves flowing over again?  
Do you need foreign language books?**



**From now until 28 February, please donate your unwanted books to our 2nd Hand Book Sale (drop them at the Secondary library). Books in all languages and for all ages are welcome**

In an on-going effort to continue to strengthen our support for BISI students, the PTA Curriculum Subcommittee is working with BISI Key Stage Coordinators 4&5, John and Joy Bosman, to introduce for the first time at BISI a Career Fair for our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students, offering:



**Parent Career Talks** – where BISI parent guest speakers share their diverse career paths in fields such as medicine, law, engineering, business, etc. We are happy to have enrolled professional parents from international and successful local companies.

**Interactive Team Building Session** with students, on a case study to better understand their own personal characteristic traits, which will be facilitated by Joy Bosman and former KLM Human Resources Manager, Emilie Terstegge-Nuyens

**Dynamic Information Session** on “*Get Ready for Your Future*”, with guest speaker Lennard Boogaard from Unilever. Furthermore, our students will be directed towards the many resources available to them at the school and on line by John Bosman

**ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS INFORMATION SESSION WHICH STARTS AT 13h50 in the theatre.**

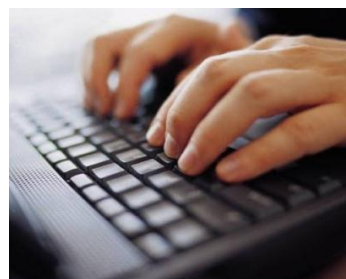
For more information, please open the attached letter.

**We need parent helpers for this event.** If you can help with the set up or during the day, please contact Carmen Martino: [carmens.world@hotmail.com](mailto:carmens.world@hotmail.com) or Judith Kuiper [judith-kuiper@novodoor.com](mailto:judith-kuiper@novodoor.com)

**On Friday, 2 March, all books will be sold for 1TL each.** (proceeds go to PTA fund). On the day, please make sure your child brings in a few TL to be able to buy some books they like. Stop by anytime between 9h-15h30 to browse for adult books.

### **VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE!!:**

**If you can help sort books on 29 Feb/1 March, or run the stall for an hour, please contact Kiki Findikliev at [kipiko@gmail.com](mailto:kipiko@gmail.com).**



**Free online touch-typing course**  
**RECOMMENDED**

<http://www.sense-lang.org/typing/tutor/keyboarding.php>

This is a great website for learning how to type using all ten fingers, which is a valuable skill for all students. This website is used by schools all over the world and can be used at home as a free learning tool.

**BISI e-Marketplace.**  
**Buy, sell, search, offer & recommend!**

Expat? Moved a lot? Created homes all over the world? Love or hate the chaos and interior design? If you are interested in sharing your thoughts and your home for a **book project**, please contact Maura Pennington at 0534 519 4732 or [maura.pennington@hotmail.com](mailto:maura.pennington@hotmail.com)

Salette de Campos is selling her car: **Good condition Nissan Note** 1.6 (2007), 44.000km, price 25.950TL. Please contact Eddie at 0533-9350183 or write to [ed\\_sal@hotmail.com](mailto:ed_sal@hotmail.com).

I am looking for an **English-speaking nanny /home teacher**, full time, live in /live out, non smoker, swimmer, first-aid trained, who loves pets, who can travel with us and who can stay with us for at least 3 months in Bodrum in the summer. My kids are 3 and 5 years old. I also have also **kids' strollers, car seats and clothes for sale**. If you can help with any of the above, please contact: [bilhun@mac.com](mailto:bilhun@mac.com)

'Healing flows' by Camilla Aarons. Come and try Jin shin 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. Please call Camilla on 0533 6984239.

Do you have troubles with your computer? Ulrike Denhof, our PTA Chairperson, would like to recommend Jeremy Dubost, of Istanbul IT Services, who can come to your house for servicing and advising on all computer problems at a reasonable price. He speaks French and English. His contact: [jeremy.dubost@istanbul-itservices.com](mailto:jeremy.dubost@istanbul-itservices.com), tel. 0506-880 7126.

A family with 2 children (7 and 12), located in Istinye area is looking for a reliable housekeeper/nanny - 5 days, 6 hours/day. English is not a must. Please contact Tzvetana at 0549-7258581.

**If you have an advertisement to place, please contact [alina\\_oztoprak@hotmail.com](mailto:alina_oztoprak@hotmail.com) by 9<sup>th</sup> March and we will place it in the 13<sup>th</sup> March issue of the PTA Newsflash. This is exclusively for use within the BISI community.**



**Tourist Visa Duration –**  
**New Turkish Law**

Dear BISI families,  
Please be informed that as of Feb 1, 2012, a **new Tourist Visa Law** has come into effect in Turkey. One of the main changes brought by the law is that **a person can only stay for 90 days in any 180 day period in Turkey**.

If a person wishes to stay longer, they will have to apply for a residence permit. For more information and details about fines and the cost of a residence permit, please **open the attached information** letter kindly put at the disposal of BISI parents by Akinci Consultancy Services.

**Sunday Sports Club players in the snow!**



You can still sign up for Step Aerobics or Basketball on Sundays.

For more info contact: [Judith-kuiper@novodoor.com](mailto:Judith-kuiper@novodoor.com)



**Sports Star Posters Wanted to decorate locker rooms**

We are inviting all students to **donate posters of their favourite sporting personalities** so that we can frame them and hang them in the school locker rooms. Please drop them at reception or contact Kiki Findikliev at [kipiko@gmail.com](mailto:kipiko@gmail.com).

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: 9 March**

**INTERNET SAFETY – Monitoring Tools for parents**

Felix Fearnley, our BISI Head of ICT, gave a very interesting talk in January about e-safety and recommended the following links for parents to read up on safety issues:

- [www.BisiICTHomework.wikispaces.com/e-Safety](http://www.BisiICTHomework.wikispaces.com/e-Safety)
- [http://uk.norton.com/theme.jsp?themeid=norton\\_online\\_family](http://uk.norton.com/theme.jsp?themeid=norton_online_family) (this is a free software available for monitoring and controlling computer access for children)