



# PTA Newsflash for BISI

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## Important School Dates:

### Primary:

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Mother Tongue Week  
**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School closed, National Holiday  
**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Autumn Festival  
**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Parent Consultation Evenings 16-19h  
**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Y3-6 Athletics Day  
**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Reception – Y2 Tabloid Sports Day  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct** – **Half day** and **Halloween** celebrations (Mufti Day = No school uniform)  
**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Fri 4 Nov** – International Week

### Secondary:

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Camps International Assembly Y9-11  
**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** – CAS Fashion Show "Space Age" is postponed to Fri, 21 Oct.  
**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School closed, National Holiday  
**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Literacy Week  
**Wed 19<sup>th</sup>** – Sports Day at Enka, Sadi Gülçelik Spor Sitesi, Istinye 34460, Istanbul. Tel : +90 (212) 276 05 45-47  
**Fri 21 Oct, 17h** – CAS Fashion Show "Space Age"  
**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Fri 4 Nov** – International Week  
**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** – CAS Walkathon  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Half day and Halloween celebrations (Mufti Day = No school uniform)

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> November – Half term holiday**

### PTA supported events:

**Wed 5 Oct** – PTA coffee morning at Antelope Cafe in Zek. All mums, especially newcomers, are welcome to come for a chat and meet new people.  
**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Fri 4 Nov** – International Week  
**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – International Food Court in Primary: Mothers of all nationalities decorate the classrooms and bring their national foods. Please contact other families from your country or, if you don't know them yet, get connected by [nellinturkey@gmail.com](mailto:nellinturkey@gmail.com). More info on the next page.

Dear BISI Families,

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) warmly welcomes all newcomers families to Istanbul and BISI, and welcomes back familiar faces after a beautiful summer.

Please read through our first Newsflash's useful information. It will be published about twice per month.



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new head of the PTA 2011-12. My name is Ulrike Denhof, I am German and have two boys in Y4 and Y8. After Prague and Singapore, the BISI is our 3<sup>rd</sup> International School experience.

I am looking forward to work with this year's newly elected PTA composed of very talented and experienced ladies from many different nationalities.

This is only the second year that BISI has an "official" PTA, and I would like to warmly thank last year's team of amazing ladies who realized many projects to improve our community life.



**Thank you, Elena, Ayna, Camilla, Judith, Nurcan, Karen, Nilgun, Andrea, Ayse and the many other ladies for the hours of work you devoted to our school. We will try to continue in the same spirit!**

We are already planning many exciting projects and events for students and parents alike. We warmly welcome helpers – make new friends, join one of the committees and have fun!

Let's get ready to organize a fantastic and memorable year at BISI!

Yours sincerely, Ulrike Denhof, PTA Chair  
[udenhof@yahoo.com](mailto:udenhof@yahoo.com)

### **Quote of the Day:**

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

~Henry Ford~

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) issues this Newsflash every two weeks to keep you informed about past and upcoming events and projects.

It aims to connect our school's parents, teachers and students in order to support each other.

If you wish to inform the school community about an interesting event or useful service, or if you need help with a project, please do not hesitate to contact Nell Rees from the PTA Communication Committee ([nellinturkey@gmail.com](mailto:nellinturkey@gmail.com)).

### NEW PTA BOARD ELECTED

Thank you to all who came to the PTA meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The following PTA Board members and committee heads were elected:

**PTA Chair – Ulrike Denhof**

**Vice chair – Judith Kuiper**

**Secretary – Fleur van Bree**

**Treasurer – Susannah Spicer**

**Member and Head of Curriculum – Carmen Martino**

**Reserve 1 and Head of Comms – Nell Rees**

**Reserve 2 and Head of Social – Tracy Whitehead**

**Head of Campus – Filiz Gürsoy and Kiki Findikliev**

**Head of Charity – Andrea Kreetz**

**Board of control: John Bosman, Güllüvan Bulté and Sue Cranston**

Thanks to all those who have already volunteered to help in the committees. *If you are able to contribute some time, however little, to our upcoming projects, please contact the relevant committee head or email Nell Rees at [nellinturkey@gmail.com](mailto:nellinturkey@gmail.com)*

### International Parents Welcome Party:



We are planning an **International Parents Welcoming Party** after the Kurban Bayram Holiday in November. Come dressed up in your national costume or colours and bring a national dish for our international food buffet. More info to follow soon.

### SUNDAY SPORTS CLUB Update

**New Sports: Swimming and Rugby**

**Lessons start in October – sign up now!**



This PTA project enables BISI students to play sports (**Football, Rugby, Swimming, Basketball**) on Sunday mornings at the Zek Campus with their friends from school.

The Sports Club will run in 1h-sessions per age group for only 10TL per child/week. Last year we had a fantastic turn-out, with more than 70 children enrolled. If you have not yet signed up, please contact [judith-kuiper@novodoor.com](mailto:judith-kuiper@novodoor.com)

### **International Food Court in Primary – Friday Nov. 4**



*Mothers (and fathers, too), please participate in this fun event to help create an exciting finale to International Week for our primary children.*

1. **Find your country group and sign up.** If you are looking for other people from your nationality, please contact [nellinturkey@gmail.com](mailto:nellinturkey@gmail.com)
2. **Decorate your country room** in the Primary building that we will allocate you with photos, costumes and other items of cultural interest. **Bring a typical food** to offer to the children and other mums.
3. **Dress your children and yourself in your national costumes or colours.** An International Parade will be held and lots of colourful photos taken.

For more info, and **to sign up your country group for this event**, please contact [tessamaddison@hotmail.com](mailto:tessamaddison@hotmail.com) from our Social Committee.

## PTA Breakfast at Dalia Beach, 18.9.:

About 100 people, adults and children came to our first PTA Welcoming Event at Dalia Beach.



Families enjoyed the Turkish Breakfast, the sunny weather and the beautiful beach and spent a relaxed afternoon, meeting old friends or getting to know newcomers.



### BISI Marketplace:

Please contact [udenhof@yahoo.com](mailto:udenhof@yahoo.com)

@ **Violin Teacher** wanted for Kemberburgaz family.

@Experienced and recommended **Filipina housekeeper** looking for work in Zek in a full-time position. She previously worked for a BISI family.

@ BISI family living in Tarabya looking for occasional **teenage babysitter**.



Hollywood legend Kevin Spacey is due to appear in Richard III in Istanbul from 5-9 October. **Does anyone have a contact who may be able to arrange a brief audience with Mr Spacey for the IB drama students?**

**If yes, please contact Ian Oxlade, the Secondary drama teacher at [i.oxlade@bisistanbul.org](mailto:i.oxlade@bisistanbul.org)**



**Tarih : 2011. 01. Ekim (11:00 -16:00)**

**Yeri : BJK Koleji**

(Çilekli cad. No.60  
3.Levent İstanbul)



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- **The Korean Church Istanbul is holding a charity bazaar on Saturday, 1 October from 11:00-16:00 at BJK KOLEJI(3rd Levent). There will be Korean food, secondhand clothes and books on sale.**



About 20 ladies of the BISI **German community** meet for monthly German-speaking coffee mornings. If you would like to join, please contact

[Evelin.Hubo@web.de](mailto:Evelin.Hubo@web.de).

### Kemberburgaz-Göktürk Neighbors:

**There is a new BISI mothers group who meet monthly for breakfast. For more info, contact Jenny Brandt at: [Brandtfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:Brandtfamily5@gmail.com)**

If you would like to contact other families of your nationality at BISI, contact [nellinturkey@gmail.com](mailto:nellinturkey@gmail.com), and we will connect you!

**Please do not hesitate to contact the PTA at any moment for information, questions or concerns.**

**We wish you a great start and a fun, successful year with your family at BISI.**