



# PTA Newsflash for BISI

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## Important School Dates:

### Primary:

**Tues 24 Jan** - Year 6 Trip to Istanbul Modern  
**Wed 25 Jan** – Year 2G Trip to Classic Car Museum  
**Mon 6 Feb** – Primary Ski Trip

### Secondary:

**Mon 31 Jan – Thur 2 Feb** – Eurodisney Maths Trip Y9  
**Tues 14 Feb** – Student Council Valentine’s Disco  
**3 Feb 9am** - Coffee Morning at Zek Campus. All parents welcome to join school management for a chat. Second hand books will also be on sale.

**15-17 Feb – School closed for half term holiday**

## PTA upcoming events:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan –9h-9h45** at Zek campus,  
**Themed PTA coffee morning: “E–Safety”**  
Are you aware of the dangers of social media and the internet, such as e-viruses and scams? Felix Fearnley, Head of IT at BISI, will speak about these important topics and will propose parent strategies for monitoring and supporting internet safety at home.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – PTA Book Sale**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – International Parents Party**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Primary Movie Club**, 16h-17h30, showing the fun Animal Movie “Furry Vengeance”. More info to follow.

**Friday 24 Feb- Musical Afternoon** (to be confirmed). Students and adults can play a piece they have practiced for their private music lessons.

## **THANK YOU, GENEROUS BISI COMMUNITY**

😊 The PTA Food Court at the **Winter Bazaar** raised 970TL, and in total, **the bazaar raised more than 4,500TL!** Most of the net proceeds will go to this year’s chosen charities, some funds will be used to buy outdoor games and toys for Primary students. Thanks for donating dishes, working on a stall and supporting this event in other ways!

😊 A total of **3,770 TL** was donated by the entire BISI community (parents, students, teachers and staff , incl. drivers, maids and kitchen staff) to help **Mr Yilmaz**, our security guard whose apartment burned down in Dec. He was overwhelmed with this generous New Year gift from – you made somebody very, very happy!

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable winter holiday and are looking forward to the term ahead. We have been busy planning new events such as:



**the International Parents Party on Saturday 4 Feb.** We hope that many of you will be able to join us at Bloom in Ortaköy for an evening of fun, food and dancing (read on for further details). Tickets are now available so please book early. Hope to see you there!

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

## International Parents Party

Saturday 4 Feb, 19h30

at Bloom Restaurant in Ulus/Ortaköy

**Tickets now on sale** at Zek reception for **100TL** to include dinner, DJ, limitless local alcoholic/soft drinks and a 10TL contribution for charity.

**Dress Code:** Wear your national costume if you have one/your national colours or typical national accessory (hat, jewellery, symbol, etc). You can also wear a costume from a country you have lived in. If you can volunteer to bring a small, typical national dessert for our sweet buffet, that would be great!

Read more about Bloom at:

<http://www.theguideistanbul.com/listings/restaurants-cafes/bloom-2332.html#ixzz1jotV6gms>



## PTA Sunday Sports Club



**Basketball now running from 11-12h Sign up now!!!**

The kids LOVED the new **basketball** session, but we still need some more children from year 5-7 to sign up for this sport.

Please contact [Judith-kuiper@novodoor.com](mailto:Judith-kuiper@novodoor.com) if you are interested. You can also still join in the football sessions (10-11h up to Y2, 11-12h Y3-Y5 and 12-13h year 6 and up).



Thirteen ladies had fun in Sandra Watson's Step class last Sunday! There are still spaces available, so please contact [sandra\\_watson\\_01@yahoo.com](mailto:sandra_watson_01@yahoo.com) if you are interested. Price is 10TL per lesson.

### Donation to the PE Department

Thanks to proceeds from the Sunday Sports Club, **the PTA has been able to donate 1,000TL in sports equipment to the Sports Department.** It will be used during our children's weekly PE lessons as well as on Sundays. 500 TL were used to buy 30 footballs for Primary, 5 match-quality balls for seniors and 9 Basketball practice balls. 500TL will be spent for 7 new steps for use in regular PE classes and in the new Aerobics step class on Sunday.



### **Posters Wanted to decorate changing 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. You can drop them at reception or contact Kiki Findikiev at [kipiko@gmail.com](mailto:kipiko@gmail.com) if you want to donate.

## Second Hand Book Sale Friday 3 February, 9h-15h30



### **BOOK Donations needed**

**Are your book shelves flowing over again? Do you need foreign language books? From now until 31 January**, you can bring in your outgrown or unwanted books to the secondary library to donate to our 2nd Hand Book Sale. **All children and adult books in all languages and good condition** are gratefully received.

**On Friday, Feb 3, all books will be sold for 1TL each.** Proceeds go to the 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 Feb 1/2, or run the stall for an hour, please contact Kiki Findikiev at [kipiko@gmail.com](mailto:kipiko@gmail.com).

### News from the Curriculum Committee

If you can help with the below projects, please contact Carmen Martino: [carmens.world@hotmail.com](mailto:carmens.world@hotmail.com)

**Careers Fair March 16<sup>th</sup>** - A full-day careers fair at the Zek Campus for years 10-12 is currently being planned. Thank you to those parents who have already come forward, but we still need more volunteers to give a career presentation to students. Can you or a friend spare an hour or two (maximum) to motivate, inspire and inform our students?

We are still **looking for authors** writing children's books in English to inspire our children about writing.

We are delighted that the **Special Educational Needs** Department has been boosted by the appointment of a new teacher. Also **Speech and Language Services** is on offer now at all BISI campuses. Fees for assessments and sessions are *not* included as part of school fees. For further information, please contact Toni Altuğ at 212 202-7027 ext.187.

**The next PTA Curriculum meeting will be held at 10.15am on Friday 3 February, top floor of the Admin building in Zek. Everyone is welcome.**

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

'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.

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Filipino lady looks for a family to work for, as live-in helper. Available from February 1<sup>st</sup>. Can provide good references from a BISI family. Turkish resident. Call Lisa 0538 372 1054 for interview, or Marta Cumellas 0542 5595110 for references.

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I need a housekeeper, possibly live in, to take care of cleaning and ironing and of the dog when we are on holiday. For more details please contact Patrizia at 0530 9781979

If you have an advertisement to place, please contact [alina\\_oztoprak@hotmail.com](mailto:alina_oztoprak@hotmail.com) by 13<sup>th</sup> February and we will place it in the 15<sup>th</sup> February issue of the PTA Newsflash. This is exclusively for use within the BISI community.

## Oxbridge Summer School



On 14 January 2012 there was an information session in Istanbul by Oxford Academic Programs, who offer summer study abroad programs in Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, Montpellier, Barcelona, and New York, for students aged 13 -18. If you missed the session but are interested in finding out more information, you can visit

[www.oxbridgeprograms.com](http://www.oxbridgeprograms.com)  
[dana@oxbridgeprograms.com](mailto:dana@oxbridgeprograms.com)

Two BISI students attended the course last year: "It's an excellent course. One month in halls at Oxford or Cambridge studying a major and a minor out of a long list of potential subjects (many of which are not offered at IGCSE level)."

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: 13th February**



**On Jan 24, Year 10 will be visiting an animal shelter in Yedikule as part of PSHE lessons.**

They would like to take donations of much needed supplies with them. If you can donate any of the following items, please contact Dr Çeltik at [t.celtik@bisistanbul.org](mailto:t.celtik@bisistanbul.org):

MACARONI-MILK-BISCUITS -OLD NEWSPAPERS-  
BLANKETS-QUILTS-TETRADOKS TB-ULCRAN AMP-  
LIBAVIT K-ASIST TB-CEFAZOL AMP-IESILIN 800.I.U AMP-  
BEBE VIT SYRUP-BEMIKS-BECOZMY C TB-DEPOMEDROL  
AMP-2LİK-5LİK ENJ-SARI-PEMBE ANJIOCAT-SURFACE  
CLEANER(CREAM LIQUID)WASHING MACHINE  
DETERGENT-SOFTENING-PAPER TOWELS-PAPER NAPKINS-  
DOMESTOS BLEACHER-ALCOHOL 1LT-BETADINE  
SOLUTION-SKIN CLEANER SOLUTION-ZEFIRAN-  
BANDAGES-COTTON-STERILIZED GLOVES 7 NO7.5 NO. DRY  
AND WET FOOD FOR DOGS AND CATS -CAT LITTER-HUTS-  
RAINCOATS-BOOTS-OVERSIZED GARBAGE BAGS-LARGE  
SIZE PLASTIC BUCKETS (FOR CARRYING FOOD  
LEFTOVERS) NON STERIL GLOVES-PAPER TOWELS-WET  
NAPKINS-GLOVES 7 NO7.5 NO. DRY AND WET FOOD FOR  
DOGS AND CATS -CAT LITTER-HUTS-RAINCOATS-BOOTS-  
OVERSIZED GARBAGE BAGS-LARGE SIZE PLASTIC  
BUCKETS (FOR CARRYING FOOD LEFTOVERS) NON STERIL  
GLOVES-PAPER TOWELS-



The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between  
Turkey and The Netherlands

**Grand Charity Ball** 18 February 2012, Istanbul  
Marriott Hotel Asia, 19.30 till late.



Organized by Dutch Social Club (NVI), IWI AND  
ÇYDD

### Gala dinner-dance (black tie)

This includes a 5 course dinner, alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages, live music and DJ. Tickets cost 175 TL per person of which a part will go directly to the ÇYDD to support students all over Turkey for a 4 year scholarship at High School or University. For more information, contact Evelijn Hoff at [hoffvermaak@gmail.com](mailto:hoffvermaak@gmail.com)

## New Year In Korea

"**Sae-hay bok-ma-ni bodu sayo**" is the New Year's greeting in Korea. New Year's Day is the greatest celebration of the year in Korea. Like, Chinese and Vietnamese, Korean New Year (Seol-Nal) is a Lunar New Year. On this day almost all Koreans move to their hometowns to visit their parents and other relatives where they perform an ancestral ritual. Many Koreans dress up in colorful traditional Korean clothing called hanbok. But nowadays, small families tend to become less formal and wear other formal clothing instead of hanbok.

### New Year Eve's Celebrations

On New Year's Eve, people clean their houses. The Koreans believe nobody should sleep this night or their eyebrows would turn white. Lights of every room and kitchen are kept on all night. This is a special way to welcome the New Year with brightness and open eyes.

### Seol Nal(Korean New Year) Customs and Traditions



Koreans wake up early in the morning, take bath and wear new clothes called Sol- Bim (hanbok). They make Sae-Bae (bow) to the parents and grandparents. New Year wishes are also exchanged called Duck Dam. Children are highly elated with the New Year celebrations as they receive Sae-bae-don (cash) from their elders. Women spend all day preparing sumptuous meals. They make Tteokook (rice porridge) which is the most important dish prepared for the day. Other dishes include fried meats, fish, dried persimmons, a variety of vegetables, traditional cookies etc. Then comes the time to serve the ancestors. This tradition is popularly known as Jesa. In a clean room, a table altar is placed covered with several food items. Given below is the specific order of food placement:



On the left – Meat  
On the right - Rice Drink  
East - Head of Fish  
West - Tail of Fish  
East - Red color  
West - White color

On a special paper called Chi Bang, the names of the ancestors are written. On the left - men's names and on the right - women's name. The names scribbled should be in a perfect order from great great grand parents to the parents' names. Such rituals are performed to give energy to the deceased ancestors to give blessings to their descendants.

### Seol Nal Celebrations

After performing all rituals seriously, it is the time to have some fun and enjoyment. Some most popular games like kite flying (1), top-spinning (2), Jaeghi- chaghi (3) and Traditional Skiing (4) are played on Soe Nal.

