



PTA Newsflash for BISI

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Important School Dates:

Primary:

Mon 7th – Fri 11th March – “Healthy Living” Week
Thurs 31st March - 14h, Spring Performance (Y3/4)
Fri 1st April – Key Stage Two Cross Country Run
Tue 5th April – 16-19h Parent/Teacher Consultation
Fri 8th April – Spring Egg Hunt

Secondary:

Mon 7/Fri 11 March – Book Week:

(Wed 9: Fictional Character Dress-Up: Bring in 5TL and dress in costume!) (All Week Book Swap: bring in a book to exchange it!)
(Monday 7th March – 28th March Readathon for Charity. All proceeds go to Children's Cancer, the Roald Dahl Foundation and a local charity.)

Mon 14/Fri 18 – Photography Week

Mon 21/Fri 25 – MFL & ESL Orals,

Mon 28/Thurs 31 – MFL & ESL Orals continued

The BISI Poetry Competition until **Fri March 25th**: Write a poem about “My Best Friend”. There will be a competition between international schools and students can win prizes.

Thurs 7 APRIL – Cross Country Run

As part of the Health and Fitness Week, the PE department organizes this event for all BISI families. Parents are invited to join and run a 2km, 3km or 6km course. No need to sign up, just come on the day!

PTA supported events:

11 march (Friday) – Secondary Movie Club at 4pm

13 March (Sunday) – Car Wash (10TL) and Sandwich Sale by the Student Council at Sunday Sports Club

14 March – 15.30h Curriculum Committee Meeting

26-3, (Sat) – **20h, Moms’ Night Out** at the new **Bloom Restaurant**, Ambarlıdere Caddesi, no: 6 in Lotus Compound (upstairs from the Carrefour) Ulus. Aslı Çan, a mother from our school who is involved in the management of Bloom, has organized the menu for us (special price of 95TL, unlimited local drinks). She will also offer a welcome cocktail. Thank you, Aslı!

29 April, (Fri) – A “**Royal Wedding**” **Street Party** is organized by Primary (to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton). Please contact Sandra_Watson_01@yahoo.com to help organize a “Buckingham Palace Room with Queen” and other fun themes for our children.

CIS Accreditation Visit

Our school received an important visit from the **Council of International Schools (CIS)** in February. **CIS** (www.cois.org) is the premier organization in International Education comprising 650 member schools worldwide, including other international schools in Istanbul.

BISI has now started the 24-month-long self-assessment process before hopefully achieving the highly valued CIS accreditation. Questionnaires have been sent out to all parents: Please share your ideas, comments and concerns to **participate in shaping the future of our school!**

Quote of the Day: “All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That’s his.” **Oscar Wilde, Irish Author (1854 - 1900)**

Message from the PE department: Can you help???

Dear Parents,

We would like to offer “Taster Sessions” in activities that are **not** BISI PE curriculum activities (such as football, basketball, swimming, hockey, dance, gymnastics and athletics) **on 4th, 5th and 6th April 2011** as part of our “**Health and Fitness Week**”. We need volunteers in order to create this “alternative PE program” for our Secondary (and possibly Primary students) on these days.

For example, are you a **yoga / pilates / aerobics** instructors and can you lead girls’ sessions? Are you maybe a **cricket or handball** specialist and can lead a boys’ session?

Any parent who has an expertise in a sport or activity that we do not offer as part of our PE curriculum, please get in touch with Miss Bell at c.bell@bisistanbul.org . Thank you!

The PTA would like to thank Mr. Sezen for funding the new lines and markings in the Parking Area and Ms. Ozturk for quickly finalizing this project. All parents and children are very happy to have a safe, functional access area to our school now!

SUNDAY SPORTS CLUB Update

Our lessons continue on March 13, 20 and 27! It is still time to join our fun activity on Sundays. Some moms are thinking of playing basketball from 10-11h, if you would like to join, please contact Sandra Watson.

We have 66 children at the moment, but more children can still join for both sports, especially **Secondary boys or girls for Basketball**. Sign up at judith-kuiper@novodoor.com.

PTA Charity Committee:

Second-Hand Goods Collection 21-25.2.2011:

Thank you, BISI families, for your participation and generous donations of Second Hand Goods for Fahrettin Aslan İlkokulu **in Tarabya!**



A **truckload** of useful clothes, shoes and other goods was delivered to Tarabya on Monday 28 February to help children in their daily lives!

A HUGE thanks to Nilgun Sarmas and Nurcan Hazeyen for organizing this wonderful project! If you would like to help with organizing our next charity project, the Shoebox collection, please contact Nilgun at acarsarmas@hotmail.com.



Logo Award Winner **Serra Özgüneş (71)** receives her prize, a **100TL Book voucher** for creating the beautiful PTA logo. Well done, Serra!

Information from the Student Council:

Y13 is trying to raise funds for their Graduation Event. The PTA supports several activities which will take place soon. Please help the students raise money!

Friday 11 march – Secondary Movie Club at 4pm

Sunday 13 march – Car Wash and Sandwich Sale at Sunday Sports Club

Monday 21 - Bake Sale Fundraiser. Cake donations are very welcome!

Friday 25 – Mufti Day (no school uniform)

“Moms’ Night Out” 26 Feb 2011:

On Saturday 26, 15 ladies came together to share an evening of laughs, chatting and dancing (!!!) at the BLACKK Restaurant and Club in Ortaköy.



Join us for the fun at the next outing to Bloom Restaurant in Ulus on 26 March! Info on page 1.



If you know of a good place where our “PTA Spring Ball” could take place, or if you could help to organize it, please contact Nurcan Hazeyen (nushyyy@yahoo.com).

→ We also need more supervisors for the **Primary “Second Breakfast Project”** initiated by the Primary Student Council and Julianneaycan@hotmail.com (Y6 teacher). You just need to supervise the breakfast between 8.45 and 8.55h one day per week, food is provided by the school.

Kind regards, **Ulrike Denhof**,
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