



Dear Parents

Welcome back to another busy term at school. We hope you had a very restful time as many things are in store for this term. To new families at BISI, welcome!

Winter Performance and Singalongs

All the staff and students hoped that you enjoyed the Year Five/Six Winter Performance. These performances do not just get put together overnight – but are the culmination of a lot of patience and hard work by students, their teachers and parent helpers. Thank you so much to all those who helped to make the performance a success. Details about this term's performances will be given nearer the time.



The Pre School and Primary students in the City and Zekeriyaköy provided us with some wonderful entertainment at their seasonal singalongs. Once again, thank you to all the staff for their patience and perseverance!!

Winter Bazaars



The Pre School and Primary School held their Winter Bazaars in the City and in Zekeriyaköy on Thursday 16th December. Both bazaars were well attended and enjoyed by both students and adults. A big thank you to all the teachers, parents and sponsors who supported the events. Well done to the students for all their contributions, including jars for the Jar Jamboree. The proceeds will go to our chosen charity and school funds.

School Photographs



Please could you ensure that payment is made to your Campus Secretary by Monday 10th January. If you do not wish to purchase your child's photographs, please return them as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 17 th January	Primary Ski Trip (17 th - 19 th)
Monday 17 th January	Poetry & Authors Week (17 th - 21 st)
Monday 7 th March	Healthy Living Week (7 th - 11 th)
Thursday 31 st March	Years 3 & 4 Winter Performance (Zek Students)
Friday 1 st April	Key Stage Two Cross Country
Monday 4 th April	Parent/Teacher Consultation - Alkent
Tuesday 5 th April	Parent/Teacher Consultation - Zek
Wednesday 6 th April	Parent/Teacher Consultation - Etiler
Thursday 7 th April	City Campus Performances
Friday 8 th April	Spring Egg Hunt

The school year calendar is available on our website.

Academic Calendar 2011/2012

The Academic Calendar for 2011/2012 is now available on our school website. The first day for students is Monday 5th September 2011.



December Reports



You will have received your child's report. In addition to the report, which we ask you to read through with your child, there is a reply letter. **It is important that parents and students complete the reply slip and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.**

Primary Ski Trips



The first Primary Ski Trip to Uludağ Ski Resort, will take place from Monday 17th January to Wednesday 19th January. The trips will be for the students in Years Four, Five and Six.

Winter Clothing

Please make sure that your child comes suitably dressed with a warm coat, hat and gloves. Don't forget to ensure that all items are named.



Staffing



At the end of last term we said goodbye to Ataman Başpınar, our Alkent Campus secretary, after five years of service. We would like to say thank you for his commitment over the years and wish him all the best for the future. His replacement is Hande Özkul and we welcome her to the school.

Birthdays

☺ Happy Birthday to you! ☺



January

Max (1 st)	Valerie (1 st)	Alihan (2 nd)
Victor (3 rd)	Maria (4 th)	Lara (5 th)
Ryan (8 th)	Ege (9 th)	Helin (9 th)
Luke (9 th)	Himanshu (13 th)	Kwan Bin (13 th)
Natasha (14 th)	Borbala (15 th)	Adya (17 th)
Hessa (17 th)	Holly (17 th)	Daphne (18 th)
So Yong (18 th)	Alyaana (19 th)	Ben (19 th)
Veronica (22 nd)	Elliot (23 rd)	Jun Seo (24 th)
Sebastian (26 th)	Martin (27 th)	Ashton (29 th)
Can (29 th)	Gui (29 th)	

If your child is missing off the list, please let us know via email and they will be included in next month's newsletter.

Poetry and Authors Week

Poetry and Authors Week will be taking place across the Primary Campuses this month. There will be a number of planned activities and we are sure that it will be a very enjoyable week for everyone. Full details will follow shortly.



Primary Physical Education

Primary students must change out of their PE clothes after their lesson. If your child has PE in the morning, they can come in their PE kit and change after the lesson. If your child has PE in the afternoon your child needs to come in their uniform and then change at lunchtime into their PE clothes.

If you are unsure about the time of your child's PE lesson, please speak to the class teacher.

Clubs

We are in the process of organising our second round of clubs. A list will be available shortly.



Coffee Mornings

We would like to invite you to join us for coffee. The Senior Management Team will be available to discuss any current issues with you regarding the school. The dates are as follows:



January

Wednesday 5 th	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Etiler
Thursday 6 th	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Alkent
Friday 7 th	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Zek

February

Wednesday 2 nd	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Etiler
Thursday 3 rd	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Alkent
Friday 4 th	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Zek

Little Pine Cones Playgroup

Playgroups are held twice a week at both campuses. They are for all children up to 2½ years old, accompanied by a known adult. There is a charge of 10TL per session.

At Etiler

Monday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs
Friday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

At Zekeriyaköy

Tuesday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs
Thursday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

School Lunches

Our website has an on-line menu with details of each month's lunches for your child.



Unplanned School Closures

It is possible that we may have some unplanned snow closures this term. Please make sure that you have your emergency telephone chains with you at all times. Also, if any of your contact details change, please inform your campus secretary immediately.

Communication

You are welcome to contact us anytime.

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With best wishes!

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