



## 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 Showcases

The Pre School and Primary School students at the City and Zekeriyaköy Campuses provided us with some wonderful entertainment at their seasonal showcases. 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 at the end of term. Both bazaars were well attended and enjoyed by both students and adults. A big thank you to all the teachers, PTA and parents 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.



## Unplanned School Closures

It is unfortunate that we have had some unplanned school closures this term. To help us, 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.



The school has developed a set of Crisis Action Plans, which outlines procedures for a variety of emergency situations, including adverse weather conditions.

If you would like a copy of our Crisis Action Plans, please visit our website at [www.bis.k12.tr](http://www.bis.k12.tr). Click on 'Communications, Policies and Newsletters', under the 'Community' link.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Literacy and Book Week Years 3 & 4 Spring Performance (Zek Students)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Primary Ski Trip Parent/Teacher Consultation- Zek
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Consultation- Alkant
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Consultation- Zek
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Consultation- Etiler
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Cross Country Event City Campus Performances Spring Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade

## Academic Calendar 2016/2017

The BISI Academic Calendar for 2016/2017 is now available on our school website. The link is at the top of the front page. The first day for students is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

## Morning Arrangements



As you are all aware, the beginning of the school day is at 09:00hrs. Children can arrive from 08:45hrs. It is important that your child does not come to school before this time as there is nobody to supervise them. If you do arrive early, please remain with your child until school supervision starts.

Please ensure that your child is at school on time as lateness is very disruptive to the class. Also, it would be very helpful if parents who drop off their children could leave the school grounds by 09:00hrs. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Our Accreditations

BISI is accredited by the Council of British International Schools (COBIS), the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The school is an IB World School offering the Diploma Programme and a centre for Cambridge International Examinations.



## Birthdays

☺ Happy Birthday to you! ☺



### January

Do Young (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Luise (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Shaikha (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Suad (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Felix (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Luca (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Rubi Nur (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Hanna (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Luca (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Seung Hui (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Ji Hoon (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Edward (10 <sup>th</sup> )
Tong (12 <sup>th</sup> )	Alexander (14 <sup>th</sup> )	Arthur (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Omar (14 <sup>th</sup> )	Omar (14 <sup>th</sup> )	Loryn (15 <sup>th</sup> )
Selvi (15 <sup>th</sup> )	Zachary (17 <sup>th</sup> )	Orhan (18 <sup>th</sup> )
Ye Won (18 <sup>th</sup> )	Ghali (19 <sup>th</sup> )	Pareevash (19 <sup>th</sup> )
Ho Seung (21 <sup>st</sup> )	Je Won (21 <sup>st</sup> )	Seong Eun (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Jun Hyeok (24 <sup>th</sup> )	Min Su (24 <sup>th</sup> )	Arel (25 <sup>th</sup> )
Myu (25 <sup>th</sup> )	Renad (26 <sup>th</sup> )	Jae Young (28 <sup>th</sup> )
Ashton (29 <sup>th</sup> )	Katada (31 <sup>st</sup> )	Miglena (31 <sup>st</sup> )
Sung Jin (31 <sup>st</sup> )	Yasin (31 <sup>st</sup> )	Zilan (31 <sup>st</sup> )

## 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.

## 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.



## Clubs



We are in the process of organising our second round of clubs.

If you would like a particular club to take place, please speak to the club coordinator.

## Sick Children

There are currently a lot of coughs and colds around school at the moment. Please do not send your child into school if they have a temperature or if they are coughing badly.



When students are sick at school, the nurses may feel the need to send them home. If this is the case, please come to pick up your child immediately.

Please see the Health and Safety section on our website.

## Coffee Mornings



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

### January

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs - City  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs - Zek

### February

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs - City  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - 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

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

### At Zekeriyaköy

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

## School Lunches

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



## 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.

## Communication

You are welcome to contact us anytime.

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With best wishes!

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