



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 7 th January	Start of Term Two
Monday 4 th February	Primary Ski Trip (4 th -7 th)
Friday 15 th March	Mathematics Day
Monday 25 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation Meeting – Zekeriyaköy
Tuesday 26 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation Meeting – City
Friday 29 th March	KS2 Cross Country
Friday 12 th April	End of Term Two
Monday 29 th April	Start of Term Three
Friday 10 th May	Literacy Day
Thursday 16 th May	EYFS Sports day
Monday 20 th May	Assessment Week
Monday 27 th May	Cappadocia Trip (27 th -31 st)
Tuesday 28 th May	Year Five Space Camp (24 th -27 th)

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! Below are details about some recent events.

Winter Showcases

The Pre School and Primary School students at the City and Zekeriyaköy Campuses provided us with some wonderful entertainment at their seasonal showcases. Thank you to our wonderful Music teachers, Desiree Uys and Mark Stead.



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 attended and enjoyed by all our students. Thank you to our fantastic teachers and our wonderful PTA for providing the students with a multitude of festive activities and stalls. Well done to the students for all their contributions.



Unplanned School Closures

It is unfortunate that we may have 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 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. Click on 'School Communications', under the 'Crisis Management' link.

Academic Calendar 2019/2020

The BISI Academic Calendar for 2019/2020 is now available on our school website, within the parent portal. The first day for students is Monday 2nd September 2019.

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 Middle States Association (MSA). The school is an IB World School offering the Diploma Programme and a centre for Cambridge International Examinations.



Birthdays

☺ Happy Birthday to you! ☺



January

Maya (1 st)	Noorulhuda (1 st)	Kihyo (2 nd)
Hanna (6 th)	Ling Yin (7 th)	Manal (9 th)
Edward (10 th)	Bomin (12 th)	Omar (14 th)
Selvi (15 th)	Elita (16 th)	Rafek (16 th)
Manuel (17 th)	Mouna (18 th)	Nimra (18 th)
Pareevash (19 th)	Elvin (21 st)	Miray (21 st)
Yewon (21 st)		

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

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.



Enrichment Activities and Clubs



Our second round of enrichment activities and clubs are starting this term. These take place during the school day every Friday.

If you would like a particular activity or club to take place, please speak to your Campus Coordinator 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.

Our Guiding Statements



Our Guiding Statements are what we do and why we do it that way at BISI. Every decision that we make is based around these statements. For the students in the Early Years Foundation Stage, we rewrote them in child speak. For our Primary aged students, we created a motto that they would remember: 'I Succeed'. Our Guiding Statements are located in every room and every corridor.

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 the City

Monday mornings 09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

Wednesday mornings 09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

At Zekeriyaköy (you will informed when available)

Tuesday mornings 09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

Thursday mornings 09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

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

Please feel free to contact me anytime. I am usually at the Zekeriyaköy Campus on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, and at the City Campus on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon.

City Campus

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Email

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I will endeavour to reply to your message within 24 hours.

The beginning and the end of the day is a very busy time for teachers. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please make an appointment via your Campus Secretary.

With best wishes

Richard I'Anson

Pre School & Primary School Director