

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2019



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring term has come to an end and as the saying goes, "...the people who make schools unique," (that is the students, teachers and staff) have worked together as a team to ensure we attain the very best academic outcomes. The equation will not be balanced if parents are not included. My gratitude goes to all parents and the entire staff and students of British International School for their wonderful support in all areas.

We have been able to inculcate ballet, Chinese, Praise dance, Guided Mathematics, Guided Writing and Enormous Mathematics into our primary curriculum as part of our curriculum enrichment efforts.

Interventions at the secondary department were also tightened and made more effective and this has helped most of our students to make the expected progress.

Early years have taken a new turn with the support of the Early Years and Primary Consultant: Bina Acheampong, who joined us in February last month from the United Kingdom. Ms Bina has many years of teaching experience and has brought about so many positive changes in the Early Years.

Inter-House sports events this year and project day were very successful. A big thank you to parents and guardians for your support and participation. Staff, students and parents gave their full support for the project day. Students achieved deep learning as they were involved in



FRANKLIN ADJETEY, PRINCIPAL

research methods and understood the importance of "learning how to learn."

This term has been a short one and the students have worked so hard and made good progress in their learning.

Next term, we plan to pilot STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) as we introduce it into the primary curriculum and run it as a club at the secondary. In the 21st century, scientific and technological innovations have become increasingly important as we face the benefits and challenges of both globalisation and a knowledge-based economy. To succeed in this new information-based and highly technological society, students need to develop their capabilities via STEM to levels much beyond what was considered acceptable in the past.

Next term will be a very busy term as it is the last term for the academic year. The year 6, 9 and 11 will be writing their final exams. We wish them all the best of luck and know for sure that they will come out with flying colours.

Once again, I extend my gratitude to all parents and entire staff of British International School for their wonderful support in all areas.

SPORTS DAY



Primary/Secondary Sports Day: Blue House Places First

This year's annual sporting event was held on Friday, 8th February, 2019 at the school's premises. In a brief opening remark, Mr. Franklin Adjetey, the Principal, gave a pep talk on the theme of the day: "Practice and Participate with Purpose and Passion." He encouraged the competing students to give off their best! The presence of some parents was also an important source of motivation for the students.

The programme began with a short ceremony addressed by Mr. Kyei Boateng Vice Principal.

As the budding children of Playgroup ran for the finishing line, the school's campus reverberated with enthusiastic cheers from the spectators and cheerleaders. Many new records were made in 50 meters.

In the end, Blue House was declared the champions of 2019 Annual Sports Day. The merit and participation certificates to the winners were presented by Mrs. Bina Acheampong, the Early Years Consultant. More interesting displays of fun-filled



After hours of the thrilling inter-house track and field events, which included High Jump, Shot Put, Javelin and the 100-meter dash, William Shakespeare—Blue House—came ahead of the other houses with 76 points and were declared winners.

We send hearty felicitations to all competing students for their tenacity and hard work. We also express gratitude to all parents who came to cheer the children on, especially Mrs. Esther Kwofie, who presented the Gold Trophy to the winners on behalf of the school.



A section of the early years pupils competing in a race

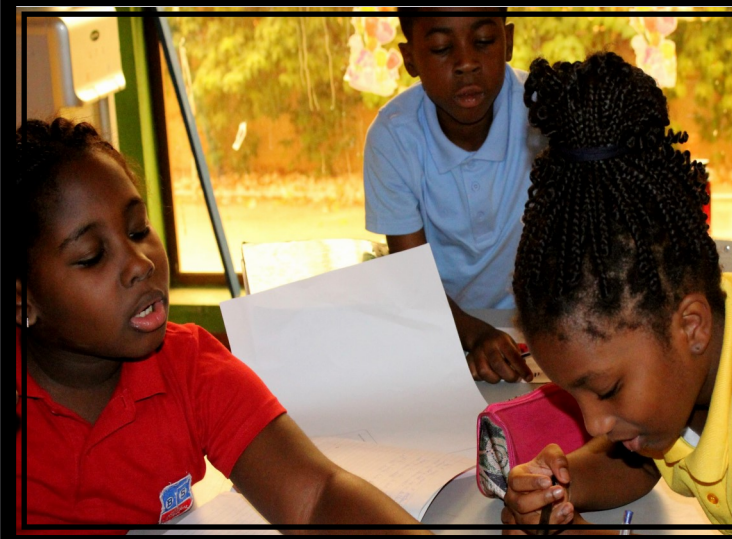
track and field events will come your way next year.



Early years & Key stage 1 Annual Sports Day

The Annual Sports Day for classes Playgroup to Year Two was held on Friday, February 1, 2019. All the children participated in the fun-filled track and field events.

ENORMOUS MATHEMATICS



Pupils from the Primary Department busily solving the mathematical problem of the day through team work

Enormous Mathematics is part of the new curriculum enrichment efforts made to demystify the fear students have of Mathematics.

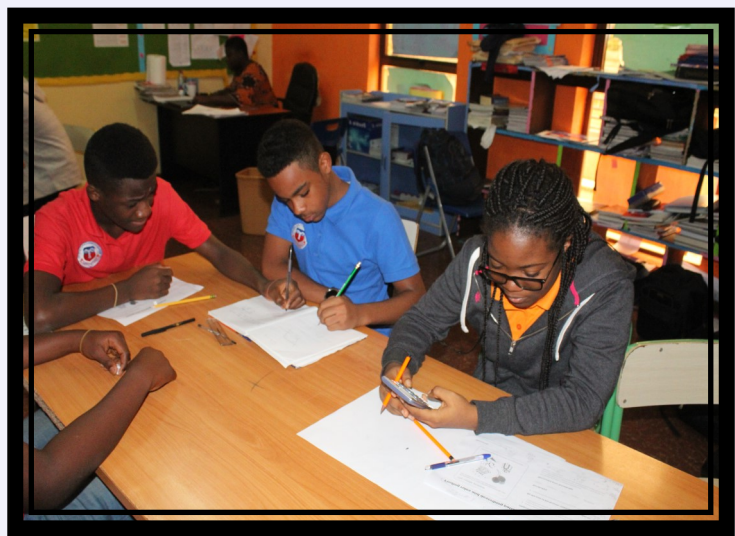
in groups or as individuals, the same time across all levels. Those who solve the problem correctly are rewarded accordingly.

During Enormous Mathematics, students are given respective mathematical problems to solve, either

We are confident that this will ultimately help students to improve in their Mathematics lessons.



Pupils from the Secondary Department busy solving the mathematical problem of the day.



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ENORMOUS WRITE

Current trends indicate that the zeal for reading and writing has woefully declined among children. However, since both skills constitute an integral part of children’s education at BIS, the need to boost their interest in these areas of learning, has become crucial.

In a bid to stir up children’s interest in reading and writing, ‘ENORMOUS WRITE’ has been introduced as an avenue through which children express their candid opinions, in a serene and conducive atmosphere. This academic exercise entails giving excerpts of stories which create positive lasting impressions on children’s minds to read. They are

then encouraged to write in role as specified characters featured in the stories.

The inception of ‘ENORMOUS WRITE’ has seen three successful sessions which were a great delight to watch because, children were enthused about the different characters they encountered as they read. Additionally, they could easily relate their personal experiences to issues raised in the stories.

It is our fervent hope that through this practice, children’s reading and writing skills will steadily develop and consequently alter their attitude to reading and writing.



Busy minds at work

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF ADMISSIONS



As we have come to the end of this spring term, I would like to extend my appreciation to all teachers, students, parents and the support staff of the school. I say **ayekoo** and well done to each and every one of you.

Again, to all our cherished parents and students, we will continue to operate an open door policy whiles strengthening our communication with you.

It is my sincere hope that parents will continue to support the school in all its activities.

Let us strive to achieve excellence together.

Thank you.

—Miss Florence Owusu, Head of Admissions.

Florence A.A. Owusu

BIS SERVICE PROJECT



BIS Students - Service Project Participants

On Saturday, February 2nd, some of our students departed for The Roman Ridge School where they were participants at a Service Project Seminar. They were there together with their counterparts from Roman Ridge, Ghana International, ICS, Morgan International, SOS, Beacon International, and Merton International.

Elizabeth Umusu, our Head Girl, and Naomi Umusu, a Student Representative Council (SRC) executive, made a presentation on behalf of BIS. Their presentation highlighted, among other things, the charity-driven initiatives at our school.

The program was successful and it helped students to become more aware of the fact that we need to give back to our communities and help the less privileged. It also gave them an understanding of the various steps needed to combat societal problems.



BIS Students - The Head Girl of BIS(Naomi Umusu) presenting at the seminar during the Service Project at Roman Ridge



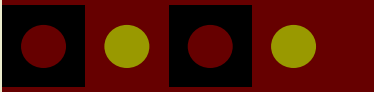
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Yaw Adom, the Advanced Senior Mentor and the GENIUS in 21 days team from the UK with students from BIS, after the course.

BIS is in partnership with an international company that specialises in teaching students advanced learning techniques, and creating a perfect study method tailored to meet the needs of the individual child.

Teaching is done through the use of tools such as cognitive pre-assessment text, memory retention and concentration techniques. This will help your ward to study faster and achieve excellence whilst enjoying the learning process.

Parents who are interested in the programme, should kindly contact the Principal or Yaw Adom, the Advance

Senior Mentor on +447944128606 via WhatsApp.



MODEL UN CONFERENCE



BISMUN delegates with some directors at the GHAMUN Conference



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On Friday, February 1, members of the BIS Model UN (BISMUN) Club made their first-ever Model United Nations conference appearance at the Ghana Model United Nations (GHAMUN) Conference 2019 held at Lincoln Community School from 31st January to 3rd February.

As first time attendees, the BISMUN members were observers at the four United Nations forums: Disarmament Commission, Environmental Commission, Security Council, and the General Assembly. At these forums, BISMUN members sent notes of commendations to the respective chairpersons. The chairpersons on receiving these notes also seized the opportunity to recognise the presence of the BISMUN members and officially welcome them to their respective forums.

This conference has improved the confidence of members, especially in the area of public speaking. The conference has also ignited our interest in becoming global citizens who will contribute to providing solutions to the problems of the world.

We also took some time to fraternize with other participants from other schools.

Following this conference experience, BISMUN is training hard to participate fully in the next conference scheduled tentatively for September, later this year hosted by Ghana International School.



Awarded delegates from Primary who constituted the 2019 Model Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

PROJECT DAY

This year's project Day celebration was one of the best. It was very competitive and came along with attractive prizes for the students as well as the teachers who guided them.

Students had to choose projects based on what they were taught in class and prepare presentations on them.

Each group or individual with the support of the class teachers researched and prepared on various topics ranging from Languages to Humanities.

Timelines were given to the learners on the various stages of progression and at the end, ten (10) projects, one from each department, were vetted and selected for the final day's presentation.

On the Project Day, judges from other schools were invited to join some members of staff to oversee the final presentations.

The program was well organised and structured. After the launch, parents and invited guests had the opportunity to do a walking tour of all projects as the students also took the advantage to defend their projects. Afterwards, all had to head to the School's auditorium for the final presentation. During the interludes, the Primary School Music Group treated the audience with some very remarkable and memorable Disney performances to the admiration of all present.

The day was well-marked and celebrated. Students who presented their projects were given some prizes. They were also given certificates in recognition of their participation.



Parents inspecting students' work on the project day



Principal, Mr. Franklin Adjetey and parents inspecting and interviewing students at the project display stands.

READ-A-THON



BIS commends the Tsikata family for supporting the school financially



Isaac Narisoni placed first in the Read-a-thon Competition for the upper primary. In the picture is Mr and Mrs Narisoni, Principal and class teacher.

An initiative of the Head Girl at the Primary Department, Shika Tsikata, Read-a-thon highlights the need to ignite a reading culture among students in BIS. As one of the foremost international schools in

Ghana, the need to groom future leaders who are readers is imperative. Hence, the importance of Read-a-thon.



Maxwell Gyampoh came first in the secondary Read-a-thon Competition. In the picture is Mr. Gyampoh, the BIS Principal and Vice Pincipals, Miss Monica (class Teacher) and Michelle, Maxwel's younger



Katherine Adzo Trebarh came first in the read-a-thon competition for the lower primary. In the picture is the Principal, Mr and Mrs Trebarh and Katherine..



A big thank you to the family of the Atta- Boakye for their donation towards read-a-thon.



ABOUT US

SCHOOL PLEDGE

On my honour
I promise to abide by the rules
and regulations of the
British International School. I
pledge to take active part in all
school's activities
To maintain and improve upon
its morals, professional and aca-
demic standards, in fulfillment
of the school's moto; Achieving
Excellence.
So help me God.

SCHOOL ANTHEM

Together we navigate the lonely
course of achieving excellence.
Our attitude more than our apti-
tude will we drive
And cultivating mind, body and
spirit will our ultimate goal be.
Finding faith we face our fears
and with smiles we'll fly o'er
all hurdles
O hail the name of BIS
Never giving up on our dreams
O hail the name of BIS

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