PTA NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Community & Connection

PTA
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



A MAGICAL BEGINNING: SANTA'S GROTTO

The Parent Teacher Association was formally announced in November 2025—just in time for a touch of festive magic.

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of our parent volunteers, the school was transformed into a winter wonderland as Santa's Grotto brought joy, excitement, and wide-eyed wonder to our children.

Before heading off for the winter break, students were treated to a truly special experience—meeting Santa, sharing their wishes, and soaking in the warmth of the season.

It was a beautiful way to end the term and create lasting memories.

A Winter Bazaar at the festival allowed students to purchase yummy treats from local vendors, toys and gifts for the holiday season and just sing along and be merry.

"This is the best day of my life."



FUTURE CEO

DREAM PLAN ACHIEVE: CAREERS FAIR

From dream to plan to achievement, the Careers Fair brought our community together with a shared purpose—to inspire and guide our students as they explore their future paths.

Meticulously planned over several weeks, the event provided a dynamic platform for parents and professionals to share real-world insights into their careers, offering students a valuable glimpse into the possibilities that lie ahead.

Nearly 18 professionals generously contributed their time, each showcasing their personal journeys and giving students a deeper understanding of diverse industries and career trajectories. Their stories not only informed but also motivated students to think ambitiously about their own futures.

To mark the occasion, every delegate and participant received a thoughtfully prepared conference bag filled with memorabilia, creating a lasting reminder of an enriching and inspiring experience.

STAY TUNED

There's so much more to come! Please keep an eye on the school bulletin and communications for updates on upcoming PTA events and initiatives.



FOR THE LOVE OF COMMUNITY

After the winter break, the spirit of connection continued as parents came together for a relaxed and enjoyable gathering along the Bosphorus waterfront.

This event was a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet, share stories, and strengthen the sense of community that makes our school so special. We look forward to many more moments like these.



SPREADING KINDNESS

Our Kindness Day Pop-Up held during Kindness Week reminded us of the power of small gestures. Whether through thoughtful notes, shared smiles, or acts of generosity, it was inspiring to see our community come together to celebrate compassion and empathy.

Children gathered around the wall of kindness, received a special note, gratitude for their actions and a bag of chocolates.

Teachers and parents came together as a cup of kindness was served to them along with a bag of sweet treat.



SUSTAINABLE & SUPPORTIVE

The Second-Hand Uniform Sale was a great success—supporting sustainability while helping families access quality uniforms at affordable prices.

Thank you to everyone who donated, organized, and participated.



WELLNESS & FUN

We're excited about the growing interest in Parent activities, such as Yoga and Zumba sessions—a fun and energizing way to stay active while connecting with other parents.

Stay tuned for upcoming session dates!

Together, we are building more than a school—we are building a community.





Let's Cele


Trying to look Employable
Future CEO

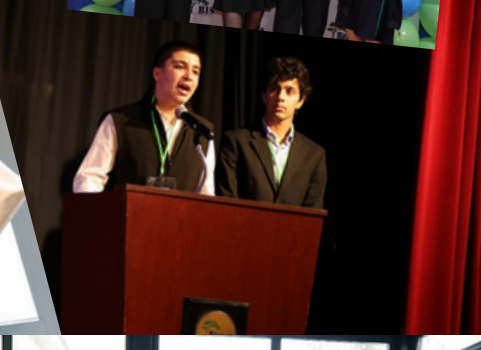

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MEET *the* PTA

ZENA HABBOUSH

Vice Chair

My name is Zena Habboush, mother of Faisal in Year 12. With 15 years of experience at the American Red Cross and a background in project management and operations, followed by my role as Chief of Staff in our family's energy business, I hope to bring strong organizational and leadership skills to help foster a supportive, collaborative, and engaged school environment.





DAVID PRICE

Chairman

I'm David Price, dad to Leyla in Year 5, originally from the UK, and delighted to serve as PTA Chairman this year. Professionally, I'm the managing partner of a firm that invests in and develops energy and industrial projects across several countries in the region. Before all that, I studied at Cambridge and the LSE, with a lesser-known detour through Camberwell College of Arts - which perhaps explains an unexpected enthusiasm for crafting shoeboxes and dreaming up event designs! This year, I believe our aim is simple: to strengthen our community and to create genuinely enjoyable, memorable experiences for our children, parents, and teachers. You'll start seeing some events and activities very soon, and we are excited for all of us to meet, collaborate, and build something lively and welcoming together!



AMBEREEN HUSSAIN

Secretary

My name is Ambereen Hussain, mother of Daniyal Alavi in Year 12. With a background in marketing, branding, and strategy consulting, I hope to bring strong communication and organizational skills to my role as PTA Secretary, supporting a positive and well-connected school community. I'm further looking forward to engaging with the BISI community around not just the exciting events and activities envisioned but also how the PTA can continue to make our children's school experience positive.



KRISTY LOPEZ

Treasurer

Hello, I'm Kristy Lopez! We've been in Istanbul for 3 years now, originally from Australia, and I'm mum to Jack in Year 1 and Eva in pre-school. We moved here when little Miss Eva was only 6 months old! Dad is Spanish, so we're a fun little mix of Aussie–Spanish-Filipino living in Türkiye. I'm a CPA accountant with over 20 years of experience across New Zealand, the UK and Australia, mostly in the media and advertising space. My passion for numbers, creativity, and all things events is what brings me here — and I'm excited to help bring our community together for some fun, new and exhilarating events!

ESTHER SOULIER-SEIFFERS

Events Liaison - Primary

My name is Esther Soulier - Seiffers, mother of two (year 4 and year 6) originated from the Netherlands. We moved to Istanbul 5 years ago and have I been active in the PTA in the event commity since then. My background as a Marketing & Communication Manager and Entrepreneur has given me a lot of experience in organizing events, which I am more than happy to avail, in order to make school events even more unforgettable.



JACKIE SKELDING

Events Liaison - Secondary

Hi all, my name is Jackie Skelding. I'm from the U.K., North Yorkshire and I'm mum to Lorna in year 11. Absolutely newly arrived in Türkiye and looking forward to creating a home here in Istanbul.

