

Newsletter

Greek School of Ayia
Triada Birmingham
Strive, Learn, Grow in our
Community



Message from our teachers



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to our February Newsletter. This month has been full of activities and full of work.

Once again this year, our school participated in the Birmingham Multicultural Festival, contributing to the vibrant celebration of diversity. We celebrated the International Mother Language Day with an unforgettable extravaganza. Our talented young performers, captivated the audience with a kaleidoscope of music, dance, and drama. Our school proudly presented the work that we do here at the GSAT, as children and teachers performed traditional dances, and one of our students Recited "Ithaca" by Cavafy in Greek. Attendees also had the opportunity to watch a video highlighting the essence of the Greek School and our community.

On the last day of the term, our Nursery/Reception groups from Monday-Saturday-Tuesday, had an enriching experience attending a theatre show and exploring the Birmingham Library. It was a unique experience for our young children and we would like to thank you all for your attendance and your support .

Following the half-term break, our school held parents' evenings. We would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who attended. We hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work and discussing progress and next steps with the teachers. Your participation is greatly appreciated as we work together to support the growth and development of each student.

Warm regards,
Eleni Topalidou



February



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ΤΟ ΠΟΙΗΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΗΝΑ

“Και της ζωής
τους πιο βαρείς
χειμώνες
Αλκυονίδες μέρες
καρτερούν”

Γεώργιος Δροσίνης



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ANNUAL MEMORIAL EVAGORA
PALIKARIDI & GRIGORI AFXENTIOU: Sun
10/3
- MOTHERS' DAY AFTERNOON TEA Sat.
09/03
- PARTICIPATION OF THE SCHOOL IN THE
ANNUAL COMMONWEALTH DAY IN
WESTMINSTER ABBEY LONDON: Mon.
11/3
- CELEBRATION 25TH MARCH 1821: Sat.
16/3
- CATHOLIC EASTER: 29/3 - 12/4
- GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER: 3/5 - 6/5



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

NURS. & REC.

Giorgos T.
Anastasia K.

YEAR 1

Penelope E.
Savvas D.
Christina A.
Vasilis K.

YEAR 1 ADV. & 2

Andriana O.
Kyriaki A.

YEAR 3 & ADV.

Loizos P.
Esther T.
Giannis K.
Maria -Eleni P.

YEAR 5

Zacharias K.
Anatoli M.
Pavlos P.
Iris K.

YEAR 6 & GCSE

Savvas K.
Harris A.
George D.
Sofia B.

A LEVELS & ELLINOMATHEIA

Filios M.





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ΕΚΔΡΟΜΗ ΜΕ ΤΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΝΗΠΙΑΓΩΓΕΙΟΥ

CAN BEARS SKI?

What a fantastic show!!!Nursery/Reception experienced a fun end of term watching the theatre show CAN BEARS SKI ?

Was a great show with singing and acting that tells a story around hearing aids.

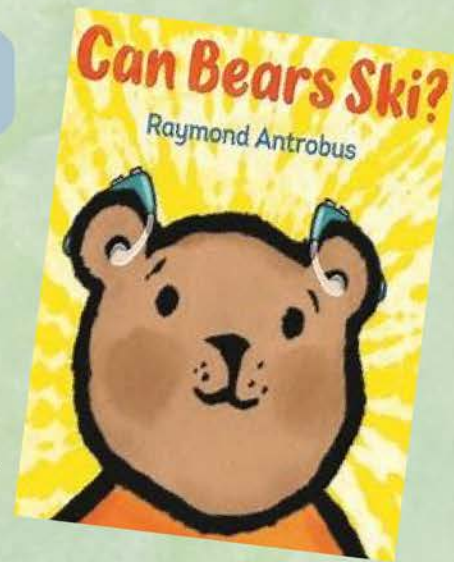
The children were visibly delighted and captivated by warm humour. The actors brought a playful and energetic spirit on stage, which is key for a show aimed at a diverse and younger audience. They brought clarity not only by speech but also through body language, ensuring the story told in a way that is inclusive and engaging for all!!

ABOUT THE STORY

Boy Bear cannot hear Dad Bear coming to wake him up in the morning but he can feel the floor vibrate with his heavy footsteps. He can only grasp little bits of what his teacher says to him at school. He cannot catch what his friends are laughing at. And, all the time, Boy Bear keeps hearing the question, "Can Bears ski?" What does it mean? With the support of Dad Bear, Boy Bear visits an audiologist and, eventually, he gets hearing aids. Suddenly, he understands the question everyone has been asking him: "CAN YOU HEAR ME?"

Raymond draws on his own experience to show how isolating it can be for a deaf child in a hearing world. But through his lyrical and moving words, matched with Polly's stunning imagery, he also shows how many ways there are to communicate love. With a solid network, Boy Bear will find his place in the world.

Theatre is one of the best ways to bring classroom learning to life!!!



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ΕΚΔΡΟΜΗ ΣΤΗ ΒΙΒΛΙΟΘΗΚΗ

LIBRARY



Το Σάββατο 10 Φεβρουαρίου πραγματοποιήθηκε εκπαιδευτική εκδρομή για το Νηπιαγωγείο/ Προδημοτική στη βιβλιοθήκη του Birmingham.

Ενημερωθήκαμε από τους υπεύθυνους για τις υπηρεσίες της, τους χρήστες και τον τρόπο ταξινόμησης των βιβλίων.

Ξεναγήθηκαμε και στους υπόλοιπους χώρους της βιβλιοθήκης, καθώς επίσης τα παιδιά είχαν την ευκαιρία να διαβάσουν ένα βιβλίο της επιλογής τους. Τέλος απολαύσαμε μία υπέροχη ιστορία από την υπεύθυνη της βιβλιοθήκης.

Ήταν μια όμορφη εμπειρία για όλους μας!!



ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY



Anti-BULLYING Week



In February we were so pleased to have an anti-bullying assembly.

In this assembly we examined what makes someone turn to bullying and explored strategies to encourage bullies to transform their behaviour. Pupils invited to explore ways to deal with bullies, seeking assistance and ensuring a safe and joyful school experience.

The key themes we covered during assembly:

Making Friends: Discussed the importance of building friendships and treating others kindly. Being friendly and supportive is the right way to interact with peers.

Dealing with Falling Out: Children discussed with teachers how to handle disagreements or falling out with friends. They discovered strategies for resolving conflicts peacefully.

Understanding Bullying: Was emphasized how bullying affects people, and what it might look like and how to recognise signs of bullying behaviour.

We also discussed with children how to:

- Ensure their safety and happiness
- Foster friendships
- Find help when needed
- Deal with bullies and the
- The importance of respecting and treating others well



NURSERY-RECEPTION



CAMERA



MONDAY & TUESDAY



SATURDAY



ΜΑΜΑ
Σ'ΑΓΑΠΩ
ΠΟΛΥ



DANCE CLASSES



This year our school has been running dance classes led by our Dance Teachers Mrs Sotiria Karafillides and Mr Dimitris Themistokleous.



Dance classes are on Monday 19:30-20:30 for our students, Tuesdays from 18:30-19:00 for the children and then 19:00-20:00 for adults, and on Saturday we also run two groups: one for the school children from 14:00-15:00 (which is for two different age groups) and then from 15:00-16:00 for adults dance group.



It's amazing to see that this year our dance classes are flourishing and both children and adults are enjoying them.



Anyone interested in dance classes can contact our school directly or the class teachers. We are always happy to welcome new students



Birmingham Multicultural

Festival 2024

Festival of life, diversity,
and culture

Our School was very proud to be one of the contributors to the Birmingham Multicultural Festival once again!

Together with many other community schools from Birmingham we celebrated the day of International Mother Language Day with an unforgettable extravaganza, our talented young performers alone with other ones from diverse communities captivated the audience with a kaleidoscope of music, dance, and drama.

Our school proudly presented the work that we do here at the GSAT as well as we had children and teachers performing traditional dances and one of our students Recited Ithaca by Cavafy in Greek.

Well done to our Dance teacher Mr Dimitris Themistokleous, who coordinated the participation of our School the teachers Maria Georgiou, Elli Desli, Evangelia Bakola and the students Maria Sofia Apostolaki, Lydia Georgiou, Thea Georgiou, Kiki Panay, Rafaela Socratous and our headteacher Dr S Tryfonos for making this happen. Well done everyone! We are really proud of your performance and your hard work towards this and of course our heritage and our mother language.



MULTICULTURAL Festival



FESTIVAL





HISTORY & CULTURE

Παγκόσμια Ημέρα Ελληνικής Γλώσσας

Η Παγκόσμια Ημέρα Ελληνικής Γλώσσας καθιερώθηκε να γιορτάζεται στις 9 Φεβρουαρίου κάθε χρόνο, τιμώντας την ημέρα του θανάτου του εθνικού μας ποιητή Διονυσίου Σολωμού, το 1857. Η πρωτοβουλία για την καθιέρωση μιας ημέρας αφιερωμένης στην Ελληνική γλώσσα ξεκίνησε το 2014 από έμπνευση του καθηγητή Γιάννη Κορινθίου, τότε Προέδρου της Ομοσπονδίας Ελληνικών Κοινοτήτων και Αδελφοτήτων της Ιταλίας ωστόσο θεσπίστηκε μόλις το 2017.

Η ημέρα αυτή στοχεύει στην ανάδειξη της Ελληνικής γλώσσας ως φορέα υψηλού πολιτισμού σε παγκόσμιο επίπεδο. Ο σημαντικότερος δεσμός που ενώνει είναι η Ελληνική Γλώσσα. Είναι αυτή η γλώσσα που μιλάμε και γράφουμε σήμερα όλοι οι Έλληνες και είναι η αδιάσπαστη μακραίωνη συνέχεια της ελληνικής σκέψης και του αρχαίου ελληνικού πολιτισμού. Αυτή είναι η πνευματική μας κληρονομιά και με αυτήν μας γνωρίζει σήμερα όλος ο κόσμος. Η συνέχεια αυτή του πολιτισμού μας και της γλώσσας μας είναι που μας συνδέει με τον λόγο του Πλάτωνα, του Αριστοτέλη, με τη γλώσσα του Ομήρου, με τη γλώσσα του Θουκυδίδη και τού Ηρόδοτου κ.α. Η Παγκόσμια Ημέρα Ελληνικής Γλώσσας αγκαλιάστηκε από όλον τον Ελληνισμό, αλλά ιδιαίτερα από τον Απόδημο Ελληνισμό, και τα τελευταία χρόνια γιορτάζεται με πλήθος εκδηλώσεων και στα εκπαιδευτικά ιδρύματα της Ελλάδας, αλλά και από τα ελληνικά σχολεία της Διασποράς, στις έδρες Νεοελληνικών Σπουδών και τους ομογενειακούς φορείς σε όλο τον Κόσμο.

“Η Κοινή ελληνική γλώσσα που μιλάμε και γράφουμε σήμερα οι Έλληνες όπου γης είναι η αδιάσπαστη μακραίωνη συνέχεια που ως «νοητή γραμμή» μας συνδέει άμεσα και άρρηκτα με τις μεγαλύτερες στιγμές της ελληνικής σκέψης και γλώσσας και με τα μεγαλύτερα πετάγματα της σκέψης του ανθρώπου στην οικουμένη.”

Γιώργος Μπαμπινιώτης

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ΥΠΑΠΑΝΤΗ

FEBRUARY 2ND

At the Greek Orthodox Church of Holy Trinity and Saint Lukes

"Χαίρε Κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, εκ βού θαρ
ανέτειλεν ο Ήλιος της δικαιοσύνης, Χριστός ο Θεός ημών,
φωτίζων τους εν σκοτει. Ευφραίνου και συ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε,
δεζάμενος εν ακάλαις τον ελευθερωτήν των ψυχών ημών,
χαριζόμενον ημίν και την Ανάστασιν."

Η Υπαπαντή είναι Δεσποτική και Θεομητορική εορτή της
Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας, που εορτάζεται η "προσφορά" του
Ιησού στο Ναό από την μητέρα Του Μαρία και τον θετό
Του πατέρα Ιωσήφ, βαράντα ημέρες μετά τη γέννησή
Του. Ήταν μια παράδοση για τα πρωτότοκα αγόρια που
την τήρηναν οι κηδεμόνες του Ιησού ως πιστοί Εβραίοι.

Κατ' αναλογίας σήμερα είναι ο "βαραντισμός" που
τελούν οι μητέρες με το παιδί στον χριστιανικό ναό.
Στο ναό του Σολομώντα όπου έγινε η τελετή, συνάντησαν δύο
πρόσωπα με προφητικό χάρισμα, τον γέροντα Συμεών και την
γερόντισσα Άννα. Και οι δύο αναγνώρισαν στο πρόσωπο του
βρέφους τον Μεσσία και προφήτευσαν σχετικά με το λυτρωτικό
έργο του προβαγομένου βρέφους.

Η εορτή της Υπαπαντής, ανήκει στις εορτές του 12όρτου,
δηλαδή τις σημαντικότερες 12 εορτές της Εκκλησίας. Ο
εορτασμός της ξεκινάει στις 15 Ιανουαρίου, μετά την
απόδοση των Φώτων (τέλος της περιόδου των Φώτων 14
Ιανουαρίου), κορυφώνεται την κυριώνυμο ημέρα, 2
Φεβρουαρίου, και ολοκληρώνεται στις 9 Φεβρουαρίου με
την απόδοση της εορτής.



Εορτολόγιο

FEBRUARY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

- 1 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίου Τρύφωνος του Μάρτυρα
- 2 Φεβρουαρίου Υπαπαντή του Σωτήρος
- 3 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίων Σταματίου και Ιωάννου
- 5 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίας Αγαθής της μάτρυρος
- 6 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίου Φωτίου του Μεγάλου
- 7 Φεβρουαρίου Οσίου Παρθενίου, Οσίου Λουκά
- 8 Φεβρουαρίου Προφήτου Ζαχαρία
- 10 Φεβρουαρίου Χαλαάμπους Ιερομάρτυρος
- 12 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίου Μελετίου
- 17 Φεβρουαρίου Θεοδώρου του Τήρωνος
- 19 Φεβρουαρίου Φιλοθέης
- 21 Φεβρουαρίου Ευσταθίου αρχιεπίσκοπου Αντιοχείας
- 23 Φεβρουαρίου Πολύκαρπου
- 26 Φεβρουαρίου Φωτεινης Σαμαρείτιδος



The Rights of the Child vol.4



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

Greek School of Ayia Triada
Birmingham is proudly a Rights
Respecting School.

Article 28: Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Article 30: Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

28 Right to a good quality education



29 Education that develops your talents and teaches you respect for others



Protection

Article 32: Governments must protect children from work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education. There should be a minimum age for children to work and work conditions should be safe and appropriate.

Article 33: Children have the right to be protected from the illegal use of drugs and from being involved in the production or distribution of drugs.

Articles 34 -36 Governments must protect children from all forms exploitation. Must protect children from being abducted, sold or sexually abused. Governments must protect children from the exploitation of children for political activities, by the media or for medical research.

30 Practice your own culture, language and religion



31 Right to play and rest



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WE LOVE EUROPE

FEBRUARY IS FOR ESTONIA



When picturing Estonia, the enchanting and romantic Old Town of Tallinn immediately comes to mind. This exceptionally preserved Medieval centre stands out as one of Europe's best examples of its kind, making it a prominent highlight for any visitor to the country. Notably, the entire Old Town of Tallinn holds the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage status.

24th of February

Independence Day in Estonia is a significant national holiday that commemorates the Estonian Declaration of Independence, which was published in the capital city of Tallinn on 24 February 1918. On this historic day, the Republic of Estonia was officially established, marking a pivotal moment in Estonian history.

THE COLOURS OF THE FLAG ARE SAID TO SYMBOLIZE:

Black- tragic past of Estonian nation

Blue- the blue sky, sea and lakes of Estonia

White- the striving towards enlightenment and virtue.

