

Newsletter

Greek School of Ayia
Triada Birmingham

Strive, Learn, Grow in our
Community



July

Message from
our teachers



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As the school year draws to a close and summer approaches, we reflect on the incredible, creative journey we've shared. This year has been filled with countless opportunities for learning and growth, both for our students and teachers. Our students have flourished, gaining new skills and knowledge through a variety of activities and experiences.

June was a particularly busy month. Our GCSE students gave their best efforts in the examinations, demonstrating remarkable dedication and hard work. In addition, our younger students participated in painting competitions, showcasing their artistic talents and creativity. The end-of-year assessments also took place, providing a comprehensive review of their academic progress. These assessments highlighted the impressive strides our students have made over the year, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Our final celebration on July 13th was a memorable event. Students received awards and bid farewell to their teachers and classmates. It was a wonderful occasion to recognize their hard work and celebrate the end of a successful and fulfilling school year. The joy and pride on the faces of our students and their families were truly heart-warming.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing journey. We all look forward to the exciting adventures that await us in the future!

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break!

Warm regards,
Elli Desli

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ΤΟ ΠΟΙΗΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΗΝΑ

Κώστας Βάρναλης
Να β' αγναντεύω...

Να β' αγναντεύω, θάλασσα, να μη
χορταίνω,
απ' το βουνό ψηλά
στρωτήν και καταγάλανη και μέσα
να πλουταίνω
απ' τα μαλάματά σου τα πολλά.

Να ταξιδεύουν στον αέρα τα
νησάκια, οι κάβοι, τ' ακρόγιαλα θα
μεταζένιοι αχνοί και με τους
χλάρους συνοδειά κάποιτ' ένα
καράβιν' ανοίξουν να το παίρνουν
οι ουρανοί.



NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Monday 09/09/24

Tuesday 10/09/2024

Saturday 14/09/2024



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

NURS. & REC.

Giorgos T.
Stavros K.

YEAR 1

Antony S.
Panagiota A.
Evangelos M.

YEAR 1 ADV. & 2

Andriana O.
Savvas P.
Leonardo T.

YEAR 3 & ADV.

Theodore K.
Solomon G.

YEAR 4/5

Lydia G.

YEAR 6 & GCSE

Panayiotis K.
Eleni S.
Haris A.
Melina D.

A LEVELS & ELLINOMATHEIA

Anna Gk.

congratulations!

SEPT 2023 - JULY 2024 ACHIEVERS

Gold Achievers End of Year Assessment



1. **Y1** Sophia Nonal Mouatsou 53/55 (Tuesday) / Theodoros Nicola
2. **Y1 Adv** Margarita Kanellopoulou (56/60)
3. **Y1** Mariam Derviziotis (Saturday)
4. **Y2** Theodosia Diakos (Saturday) (59/60, 98%)
5. **Y3** Angelos Gjekas 96% / Theodore Karoglou 98% (Monday)
6. **Y3 Adv** Theo Witter (Monday) (51/60, 85%)
7. **Y5** Zacharias Kyriacou (58/60 -Monday) / Vangelis Anastasakis (57/60)
8. **Y6** Anatoli Machairianakis
9. **GCSE** Anastasios Deriziotis



Outstanding Progress

September-July

1. **Y1** Mario Fletcher (Tuesday)
2. **Y1 Adv** Alexandra Leventogianni
3. **Y1** Efthimia Westwood (Saturday)
4. **Y2** Philippos Golgingay
5. **Y3** Yiannis Kantidakis / Alex Stamatakis
6. **Y3 Adv** Andreas Kyriacou
7. **Y5** Iris Karagiannopoulou
8. **Y6** Vincent Kokolakis Hall
9. **GCSE** Klea Maneraki

Maria's Vorgia Awards

1. Eleni Kantidaki
2. Penelope Edwards



100% Attendance

1. **Y1** Antony Small (Tuesday)
2. **Y1 Adv** Anthi-Maria Kountoura
3. **Y1** P and C Andreou (Monday)
4. **Y2** Thea Georgiou (Saturday)
5. **Y3 Adv** Panagiota Kyriacou (Monday)
6. **Y5** Christos Kyriacou (Monday)
7. **Y6** Savvas Kyriacou (Monday)
8. **GCSE** Anastasios Deriziotis

Continuous Effort

1. **Y1** Georgia Christophorou (Tuesday)
2. **Y1 Adv** Kyriaki Andreou
3. **Y1** Aggelos Charalampous (Monday)
4. **Y2** Stefanos Ioannou (Saturday)
5. **Y3** Noemi Doss (Monday) Stefanos Psychogios
6. **Y3 Adv** Leonidas Elia (Monday)
7. **Y4** Anna Maria Kamenou (Tuesday)
8. **Y5** Andreas Ioannou
9. **Y6** Eleni Kantidaki
10. **GCSE** Vasilis Manousis

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Congratulations!



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Father's Day



In celebration of Father's Day, our students engaged in a heartwarming activity dedicated to their dads. Each child had the chance to talk about their father and share the reasons why they love him so much. The stories were touching and filled with affection, highlighting the unique and special bonds between the children and their fathers.

After sharing their heartfelt stories, the children put their creativity to work by making beautiful, personalized cards. These cards, crafted with love and care, were decorated with drawings, messages, and lots of colours. The excitement in the room was palpable as the children eagerly anticipated giving these special cards to their dads.



Όνειρα στην άμμο

June 8th

On Saturday, June 8th, our school hosted a special event where Pamela Anastasiou Παπαϊακovou, the author of "Όνειρα στην άμμο," presented her book and spoke to the children about the events that took place in Cyprus in 1974.

Adding to the significance of the day, we had the honour of listening to Mr. Pantelis and Mr. Akanthiotis, who shared their first-hand stories of the invasion.



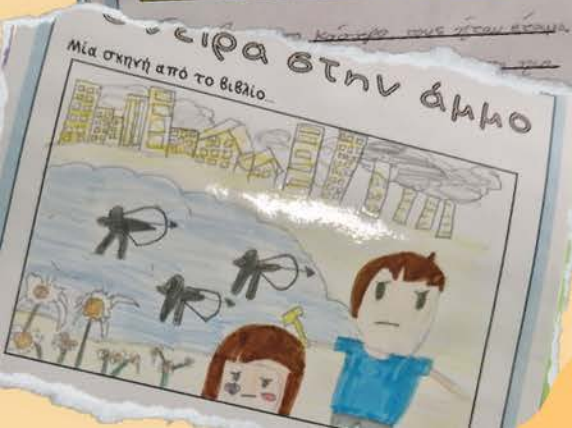
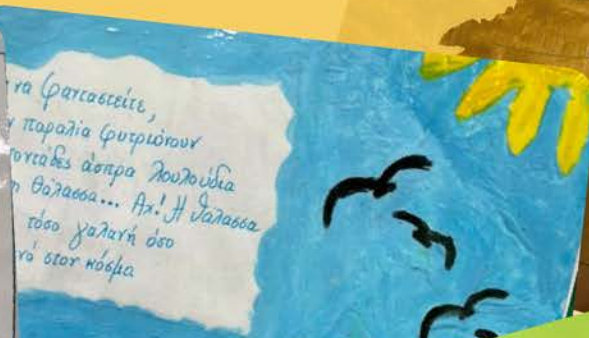
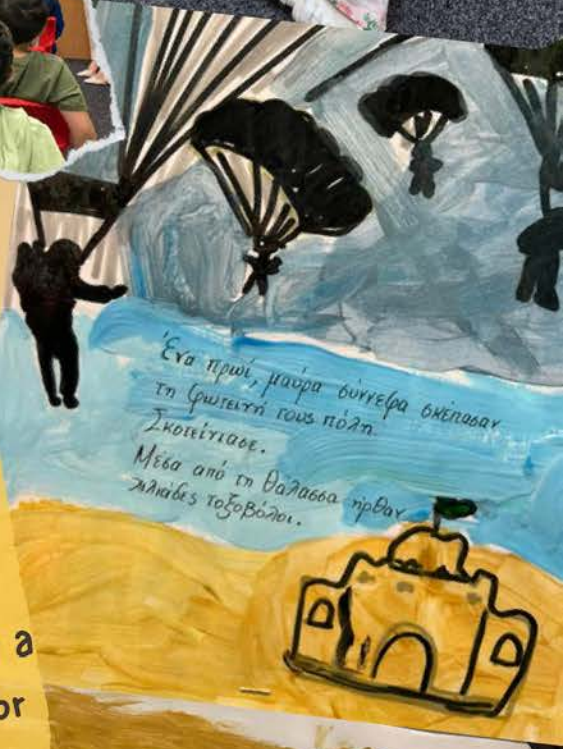
'ΟΝΕΙΡΑ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΓΓΙΟ

June 8th



The students, who had already read the book, eagerly participated, having prepared drawings and engaged in various activities related to the story beforehand.

Their enthusiasm and prior knowledge enriched the discussions, making the event a memorable and educational experience for all.



May Day festival



On June 9th our annual May Day Festival was a spectacular celebration held in the outdoor area of Estia. The event was a delightful blend of delicious food, traditional dance, and fun activities, bringing together our vibrant community.

We savored an array of mouth-watering treats, including succulent souvlaki, sweet loukoumades, hearty Cypriot sandwiches, and many other delectable dishes. The aroma of these delicious foods filled the air, making it an unforgettable culinary experience for everyone. The festival was also a feast for the eyes and ears as we danced to traditional Greek music, showcasing our cultural heritage with lively performances of beloved Greek dances. The joy and energy were contagious as everyone joined in, celebrating our rich traditions with enthusiasm and pride. Additionally, we enjoyed a spirited game of football, adding a sporty touch to the festivities. It was a perfect day of fun, food, and fellowship, reflecting the true spirit of our community. We look forward to many more such joyous occasions in the years to come!



Visit to the lake



On June 25th, our students enjoyed a delightful trip to the local park. It was a day filled with laughter, play, and lots of fun activities. The children had a fantastic time swinging on the swings, exploring the fitness equipment, and shooting hoops at the basketball court. The highlight of the day was definitely the treat of enjoying refreshing ice lollies, which brought big smiles to everyone's faces. It was a wonderful opportunity for the kids to enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise, and bond with their classmates and teachers. We look forward to more such enjoyable outings in the future!



Drawing Competition

Υπάρχει ένα Νησί...

We are thrilled to announce that our students participated in an exciting painting competition hosted by The Consul General of the Republic of Cyprus in the United Kingdom and the Cultural Department of the Cyprus High Commission.

This competition invited children and adolescents aged 5-17 to create artwork inspired by the vibrant and diverse exhibition "There is an Island" at Cyprus House. The exhibition beautifully showcases the richness of Cypriot culture, history, and identity through the eyes of talented artists from Cyprus and beyond. Our students were eager to draw inspiration from this stunning display and express their own interpretations through their paintings.



We are confident that this competition did not only enhance our students' artistic skills but also deepen their appreciation and understanding of Cypriot heritage.

We wish them the best of luck in the competition. Stay tuned for updates and highlights of their artistic journey!



Last Day of School

On the last day of school, our students enjoyed a delightful and memorable day filled with fun and excitement. We treated ourselves to refreshing ice lollies, which added a sweet touch to the celebrations. The day was packed with various games that had everyone laughing and cheering, creating an atmosphere of pure joy.

We also had parties in our classrooms, where students and teachers alike came together to celebrate the end of a wonderful school year. It was a heartwarming time as we shared stories, reflected on our achievements, and looked forward to the future.



BOWLING

BASH



To celebrate the end of an incredible school year, we traded our Tuesday classrooms for bowling lanes on July 9th. This special outing, which replaced our last lesson of the year, brought together students, parents, and teachers for a fun-filled day of strikes, spares, and smiles.

The atmosphere was electric as everyone, from seasoned bowlers to first-timers, enjoyed the friendly competition and camaraderie. Laughter echoed through the bowling alley as teachers and parents joined in the fun, demonstrating their skills and cheering on the students.

It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to relax, bond, and create lasting memories outside the usual classroom setting. The event was a fantastic way to celebrate the achievements of the past year and to strengthen the connections within our school community.

End of Year Celebration

On Saturday, July 13, our school had its end of year celebration held outdoors, marking the end of another successful school year. A year that had everything: activities, a trip to Cyprus, success in international competitions, recognition as a UNICEF school, and above all, it concluded with a wonderful team of educators who worked with enthusiasm and team spirit in all the school's events. The final event took place in a packed event hall, where the atmosphere was filled with excitement and emotion at the same time.

The children presented a rich cultural program, singing and dancing to summer rhythms, earning warm applause from all people who attended. The top-performing students were specially honoured and presented the end of year high achievers awards. The celebration ended with souvlaki, while both children and their parents participated in various sports activities, adding a pleasant and lively touch to the day.



Our SCHOOL LIFE





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Dance Groups



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

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HISTORY & CULTURE



ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟΣ

PENTECOST

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστέὸ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁγίους ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην βαρηνεύσας, φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον

Ὅτε καταβάς τας γλῶσσας
ευνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ
Υψιστος· ὅτε τοῦ πυρός τας
γλῶσσας διένειμεν, εἰς ἐνότητα
πάντας ἐκάλεσε, καὶ συμφώνως
δοξάζομεν τὸ πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.

Pentecost, a Greek word meaning "fiftieth," is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. Besides celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, the feast also celebrates the full revelation of the divine Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Hymns of the Church, celebrate the sign of the final act of God's self-disclosure to the world of His creation.

Κάθε χρόνο, οἱ χριστιανοὶ
εορτάζουν με ἰδιαίτερη
λαμπρότητα τὴν εορτὴ τῆς
Πεντηκοστῆς καὶ αὐτὸ διότι
θεολογικὰ ἡ ἡμέρα αὐτὴ
θεωρεῖται ἡ γενέθλια ἡμέρα τῆς
Εκκλησίας.

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GSAT: Rights Respecting School

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



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We are very proud to be apart of UNICEF's scheme for becoming a rights respecting school. A rights respecting school is a school that follows the principles of the United Nations convention on the rights of a child and adults and children together can make a difference in children lives. It is a school where the rights of children are learned practiced and enforced through everyday learning and where children will learn that no matter who you are, how old you are, big or small we all have rights and all children are entitled to having those rights met.



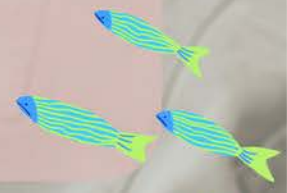
We began our journey to becoming a rights respecting school in September 2023, and although it hasn't always been easy, this academic year we have managed to achieve bronze status for our school. We are the only Greek school in the U.K to have achieved Bronze status and it is our goal for the next academic year to achieve Silver. It it's important to us to be a part of something so big and something so important, it teaches our children their rights and gives them a voice to speak up now and throughout their lives. It also showcases the importance of having these rights not just in this country but in other countries around the world where it is not always clear, and rights are not automatically given. Overall it teaches our children the importance of fighting for what is right always.





What is the name of the international document that outlines the rights of children?

- a) *The Children's Charter*
- b) *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*
- c) *The Youth Declaration*



Which of the following is a right every child has according to the Convention?

- a) *The right to play all day*
- b) *The right to play and rest*
- c) *The right to vote*

True or False: Every child has the right to go to school and get an education.

True or False: Every child has the right to a safe place to live.

Who is responsible for making sure children's rights are respected?

- a) *Only parents*
- b) *Governments, families, and communities*
- c) *Children themselves only*

True or False: Children have the right to a name and nationality.

True or False: Only children living in certain countries have the right to express their opinions freely.

True or False: Every child has the right to be treated equally, no matter their race, religion, or abilities.



EUROPEAN CORNER

Bringing Europe into our school

WE LOVE
EUROPE



Pizza



JUNE IS FOR ITALY!!

Italy's Independence Day, known as "Festa della Repubblica," is celebrated on June 2nd each year. This significant day marks the birth of the Italian Republic in 1946, when the Italian people voted to abolish the monarchy in favor of a republic.

JULY IS FOR FRANCE!!!



French National Day is the anniversary of the Storming of the Bastille on 14 July 1789, a major event of the French Revolution, as well as the Fête de la Fédération that celebrated the unity of the French people on 14 July 1790.

bonjour





Καλό Καλοκαίρι
have a lovely
summer