



Newsletter

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**Greek School of Ayia
Triada Birmingham**

Strive, Learn, Grow in our
Community

Message from
our Teachers



Maria Georgiou

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to the November edition of our school newsletter! As we are well into the autumn season, we are thrilled to bring you another exciting and informative update from our school community.

In this month's newsletter, we highlight the beauty and magic in being different and unique. We celebrate those differences and look at how important respect and kindness is to everyone around us.

Furthermore, in November's newsletter, we would like to emphasise our commitment to inclusion, differentiation, and acceptance within our school community, as we learnt through our anti bullying week assemblies and workshops in class.

Finally I would like to say that Autumn has been a fun and informative term for us in school and we look forward to welcoming winter and the Christmas holidays.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 8th December Staff & MB
Christmas DO

9th-15th December Christmas Jumper
Week

Sunday 15th December Christmas
Celebration for All School- ESTIA
Banqueting Hall-13 45

Monday 16th December Christmas Carols-
The Children of GSAT sing for the
Community

Tuesday 17th December Christmas Party
for Children of Tuesday

ΤΟ ΠΟΙΗΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΗΝΑ

Η Μέρα συνέχεια μικραίνει, πιεσμένη
Από μια Νύχτα κυρτωμένη και πρόωρη
Το Απόγευμα έρχινε το λιγοστό του Κίτρινο
Στο βαθύ Δειλινό-
Οι Άνεμοι έβγαλαν τις πολεμικές τους συνήθειες
Τα φύλλα ζήτησαν άδεια και την πήραν-
Ο Νοέμβρης κρέμασε το Γρανιτένιο Καπέλο του
Πάνω σε καρπί Βελουδένιο.

The Day grew small, surrounded tight
By early, stooping Night-
The Afternoon in Evening deep
Its yellow shortness dropt-
The winds went out their martial ways
The Leaves obtained excuse-
November hung his Granite Hat
Upon a nail of Plush-

Έμιλυ Ντίκινσον
Emily Dickinson



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Spotlight Section

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STUDENTS OF THE

Month

November

NURS. & REC.

Amir.S

Evelina.S

Theodoros.S

YEAR 1

Theodoros Nicola

Elaina Nicola

Phoebe.G

Effy.M

YEAR 1 ADV./ 2

Emily.B

Christina.A

Evangelos.M

YEAR 3

Anastasia Archonti

Savvas Panay

Margarita.K

YEAR 4/5

Joseph.S

Zacharias.W

Efraim.S

YEAR 6

Thea Zachariou

PRE GCSE/GCSE

Angeliki El Bakri

Kyriaki Panay

Melina Valagianopoulou

Giorgos.K

A LEVELS & ELLINOMATHEIA

Nassiana.Z

Fotios.M



Student of the month Y3

Star Home Readers



NOVEMBER 17TH 1973



November 17, a day etched in history, marked by the spirit of resistance against the oppressive rule of the Greek military junta. It was a beacon of democracy, humanity, and freedom, and it will forever echo in our hearts.

Back in 1973, a group of army colonels had seized power, plunging Greece into a seven-year-long dictatorship. They stripped away civil rights, dissolved political parties, and unleashed a wave of persecution on anyone who dared express their political beliefs. It was a dark time for our nation.



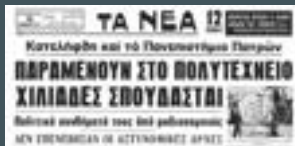
The spark that would ignite the flames of change began on February 21, 1973, when law students took a courageous stand. They refused to accept the unjust law that forced young minds labeled as "subversive" into compulsory military service. A staggering 88 of their fellow students had been forcibly drafted. In protest, they barricaded themselves inside the University of Athens Law School.

The police were ordered to intervene, and the students faced the brutal wrath of those sworn to protect them. The events at the Law School were a prelude to the larger movement that was about to unfold.

NOVEMBER 17TH 1973



Fast forward to November 14, 1973, the Polytechnic School became the epicenter of a growing storm. Students had occupied the building, and their message was clear: "Ψωμί - Παιδεία - Ελευθερία!" - "Bread, Education, Freedom!" A makeshift radio station was set up, broadcasting a call to all Greeks to join the cause, to rise against the junta. Behind the microphone were Maria Damanaki, Dimitris Papachristos, and Labros Papadimitrakis.



The voice of the Polytechnic echoed through the city: "Polytechneio here! Polytechneio here! This is the radio station of the free, fighting students, of the free, fighting Greeks!" It was a call to arms, a cry for freedom.

As the days passed, thousands of Athenians answered the call and flocked to the Polytechnic in a show of solidarity. But the authorities responded with force, urging the crowd to disperse and threatening violence. Tensions soared, and reports of police shootings and deaths started to circulate.

In the dead of night, at 1.30 am, a tank ominously stood at the gate of the Polytechnic School. Inside, the radio announcer's voice trembled with emotion as he beseeched the soldiers not to follow orders that would harm their fellow countrymen, reciting the national anthem with fervour.

Then, at 3 am, the tank smashed through the Polytechnic gate, and the police and military stormed the campus. As the gate crumbled, students rushed out, desperate to escape, only to be met with clubs and arrests.





Events & Celebrations

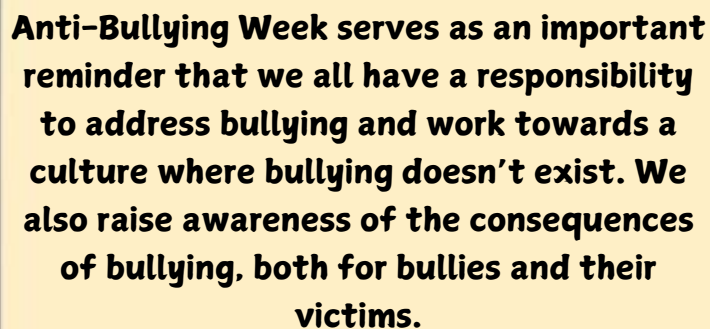
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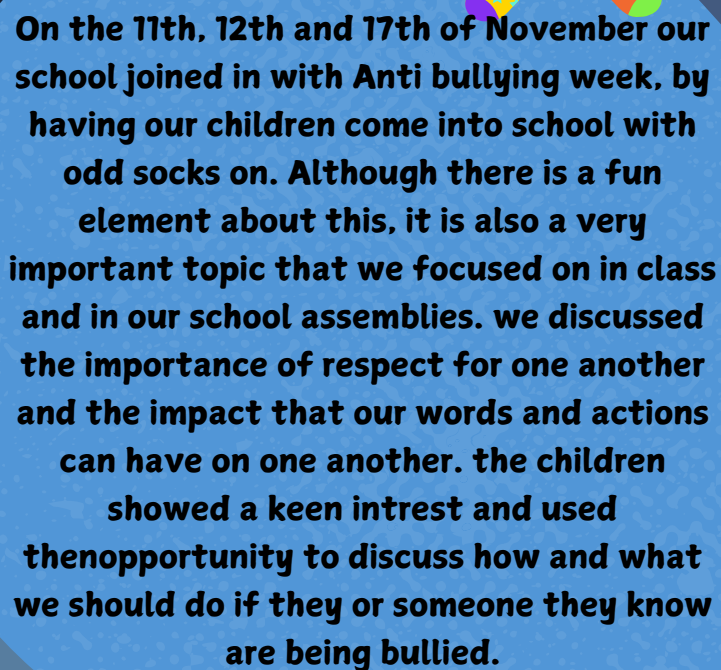
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11th-15th
November

ANTI BULLYING WEEK



Anti-Bullying Week serves as an important reminder that we all have a responsibility to address bullying and work towards a culture where bullying doesn't exist. We also raise awareness of the consequences of bullying, both for bullies and their victims.

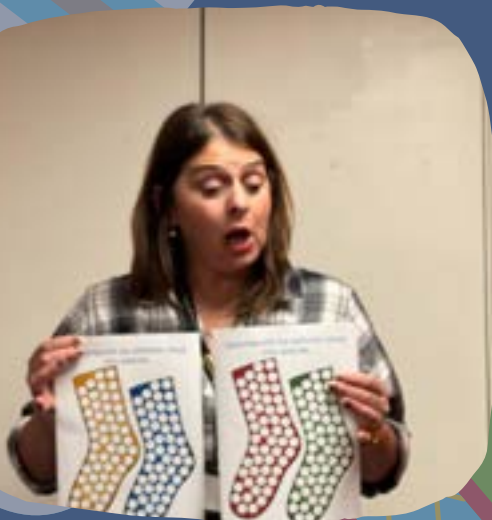


On the 11th, 12th and 17th of November our school joined in with Anti bullying week, by having our children come into school with odd socks on. Although there is a fun element about this, it is also a very important topic that we focused on in class and in our school assemblies. we discussed the importance of respect for one another and the impact that our words and actions can have on one another. the children showed a keen intrest and used thenopportunity to discuss how and what we should do if they or someone they know are being bullied.



11th-15th
November

ANTI BULLYING WEEK



I am kind

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

13th November



Kindness

Kindness is caring and helping and sharing kindness
is giving and also forgiving,
kindness adjusts all that's wrong and unjust,
kindness is gentle and never judgemental,
kindness is compassion like love, has no ration
kindness is transforming and always heartwarm

Liz Brownlee

Η καλοσύνη όταν μιλάς
δημιουργεί εμπιστοσύνη.
Η καλοσύνη όταν σκέφτεσαι
δημιουργεί βάθος.
Η καλοσύνη όταν δίνεις
δημιουργεί αγάπη.

Λαό Τσε

for what is thought
to be best in any re
point of view.

Kindness

of being kind, the
much compassion
moving in for the
that is thou

Saint Andrew's Day Απόστολος Ανδρέας



Saint Andrew, also known as the Apostle Andrew, is one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. He is also known as "Andrew the First-Called" (Protokletos) because he was the first apostle to follow Jesus. He holds a prominent position in Christianity and is honoured as a patron saint in several countries (Scotland, Russia, Greece, Romania). He is also the protector of fishermen as he was one himself.



Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ὡς τῶν Ἀποστόλων Πρωτόκλητος, καὶ τοῦ Κορυφαίου αὐτάδελφος, τῷ Δεσπότη τῶν ὅλων Ἀνδρέα ἰκέτευε, εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένῃ δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Saint Andrew is celebrated on November 30th in Western and Eastern Christian traditions. According to tradition, Andrew preached the Gospel in many regions and is credited with spreading Christianity to many lands.

Andrew was martyred in the Greek city of Patra around 60 AD. He was crucified on an X-shaped cross because he deemed himself unworthy to die on the same type of cross as Jesus.

In Cyprus, the Apostolos Andreas Monastery on the Karpas Peninsula is a significant pilgrimage site dedicated to Saint Andrew, known for miraculous healings.

Εορτολόγιο

- 01 Νοεμβρίου Αγίων Αναργύρων
- 08 Νοεμβρίου Σύναξις των Αρχαγγέλων και Αγγέλων
- 09 Νοεμβρίου Αγίου Νεκταρίου
- 14 Νοεμβρίου Φιλίππου του Αποστόλου
- 11 Νοεμβρίου Αγίου Μηνά
- 21 Νοεμβρίου Εισόδια της Θεοτόκου
- 25 Νοεμβρίου Αγίας Αικατερίνης Μεγαλομάρτυρος
- 26 Νοεμβρίου Αγίου Στυλιανού
- 30 Νοεμβρίου Αποστόλου Ανδρέα



Around the School



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MRS ELENI'S NURSERY AND RECEPTION CLASS MONDAY!



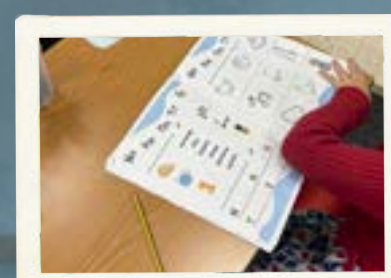
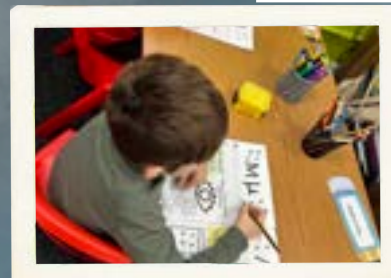
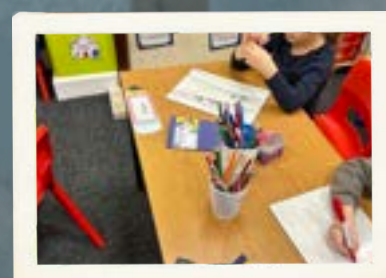
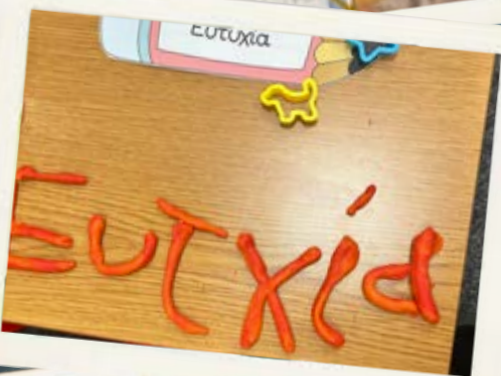
MRS ELENI'S NURSERY AND RECEPTION CLASS SATURDAY!



MRS MARIA'S
NURSERY CLASS
TUESDAY



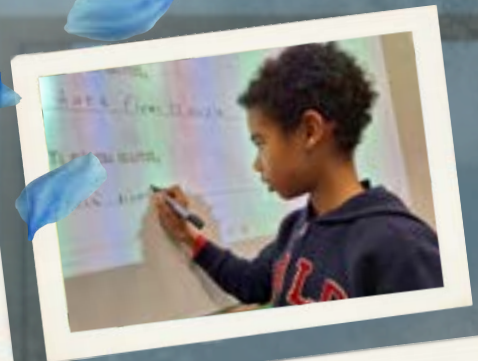
Μικροί μαθητές εν δράσει!



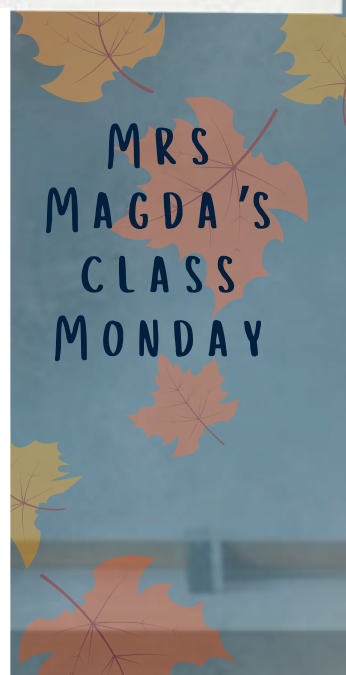
MRS MARIA'S
YEAR 1 CLASS
MONDAY AND
SATURDAY



MRS ELLI'S
CLASS MONDAY,
TUESDAY AND
SATURDAY
YEAR 1 ADV AND
YEAR 2



MRS ELLI'S
CLASS
MONDAY, TUESDAY
AND SATURDAY
YEAR 1 ADV AND
YEAR 2



MRS EVI'S CLASS YEAR 6 SATURDAY



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





Cultural & Educational Corner



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WORLD CHILDRENS DAY

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World Children's Day is UNICEF's global day of action for children, by children, marking the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Child rights are human rights. They are non-negotiable and universal. But in too many places today children's rights are being misunderstood, disregarded or even denied and attacked.



unicef

“Upholding children's rights is the compass to a better world – today, tomorrow and into the future.”

After world war II ended in 1945, many of Europe's children needed a great deal of help and support as part of the recovery effort. The United Nations (UN) created a new agency, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), which was tasked with getting food, shelter, water, clothing and healthcare to thousands of affected children. Many children lost their home, their school and members of their family – they needed urgent help.

In 1953, UNICEF became a permanent part of the UN. You may have heard of UNICEF at school or seen it on the news at home, because the agency now works in more than 190 countries and territories around the globe helping vulnerable* children.

World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal* Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare*.

WE LOVE
EUROPE

European Corner

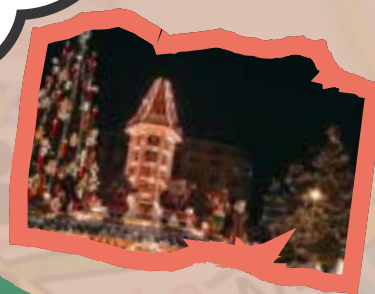
Did You Know?

This new section is called 'Did you know..?' and it will be presenting us with interesting/ funny facts about different European Union countries! Are you all ready to learn some new cool things??

The European Corner is introducing a new section for this year's newsletters, which will be written exclusively by our Junior Ambassadors.

Cool!

DID YOU KNOW THAT **LUXEMBOURG** IS THE FIRST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD TO COMPLETELY ABANDON FARES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN ITS TERRITORY IN 2020 . ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT WITHIN THE COUNTRY IS FREE. THE LIST INCLUDES TRAINS, BUSES, TRAMS AND EVEN THE FUNICULAR RAILWAY.



LUXEMBOURG

Rights Respecting School

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UNITED KINGDOM



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

Bronze
Rights Committed

As a Bronze Rights Respecting School we are committed in upholding all rights of all children, all of the time.



Article 30
Article 30 - I have the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of my family whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where I live.



The rights of the child are enshrined in the "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child," which was adopted by the United Nations in 1989. The UK signed the convention on 19 April 1990, ratified it on 16 December 1991 and it came into force on 15 January 1992. There are 54 articles.



Article 30 of the UNCRC makes it clear that children and young people who belong to a minority group have the right to share their culture, language and religion with other people in that group. Minority groups include ethnic minorities, religious minorities and linguistic minorities – people who use a language that's not the one most people use. That includes signed languages as well as spoken ones: British Sign Language users are members of a linguistic minority.

This is especially important for our school as our children are first, second and even third generation Greek and Greek Cypriot. Being able to have the freedom to speak our language and embrace our culture and traditions in the country that we are living is very important. Article 30 offers protection to our children to be exactly who they were born to be.