



Greek School of Ayia Triada Birmingham

Strive, Learn, Grow in our Community

Newsletter

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HELLO NOVEMBER

Message from our Teachers

We welcome the month of November and are delighted to share with you our new newsletter! This month is always filled with wonderful moments, creative activities, and important commemorations that remind us of the value of Greek history and tradition.

We are especially proud of the progress and enthusiasm of our students, who continue with love and perseverance to deepen their knowledge of the Greek language and strengthen their connection to Greek culture. We also extend our warmest thanks to all of you – the parents and supporters of our school – for your ongoing support and cooperation.

As we reflect on a full and meaningful November, we look forward to an equally inspiring month ahead. We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter!

With appreciation,

Mrs. Maria Georgiou & Ms. Kleio Theodosiou
Teachers of the Birmingham Greek School



Maria Georgiou



Kleio Theodosiou

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 7th December Staff & MB
Christmas DO

6th-14th December Christmas Jumper
Week

Sunday 14th December Christmas
Celebration for All School- ESTIA
Banqueting Hall-13:30

Monday 15th December Christmas Carols-
The Children of GSAT sing for the
Community

Tuesday 16th December Christmas Party
for Children of Tuesday

Saturday 20th December Christmas party
for children of Saturday (last day of
school)



ΤΟ ΠΟΙΗΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΗΝΑ

When You Are Old
William Butler Yeats

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;

How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face;

And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled
And paced upon the mountains overhead
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.



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Spotlight Section

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STUDENTS OF THE Month

NURS. & REC.

Alexandros M.
Eftyhia K
Nektarios G

YEAR 4

Evdokia A
Savvas K
Leo Thompson

LEVEL 1 & 2

Katerina J
Angelina B
Elaina N



YEAR 1

Natalia K
Andreas K

YEAR 5.

Pavlos Z
Lydia.G



PRE GCSE/GCSE

Anton M
Andreas I
Eleni K
Anatoli M



YEAR 2

Christos G.
Vasilios A.A



YEAR 6

Vangelis A
Sofia B
Manolis M

ELLINOMATHIA

B1:KATERINA M

B2 Anna G.



YEAR 1 ADV

Alex K
Michalis G

YEAR 3

Alexandre L.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

NOVEMBER

Philip G Y4
Thea G Y4
Stefanos I Y4

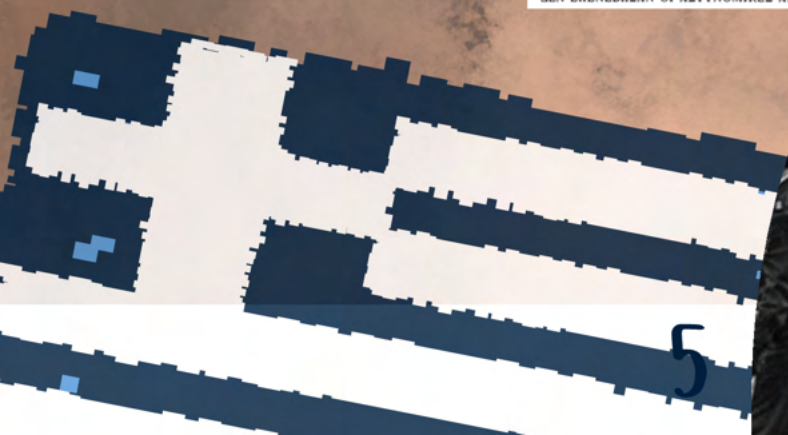
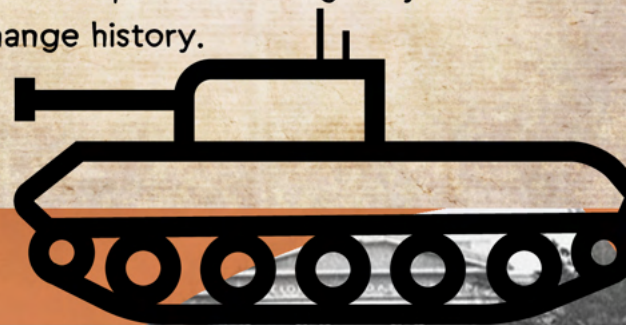
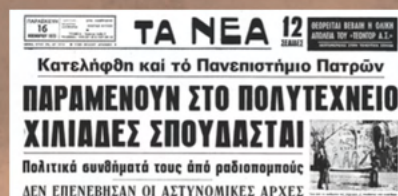




NOVEMBER 17TH 1973

On 17 November 1973, the students of the Athens Polytechnic rose up against the military dictatorship that governed Greece at the time. Young people, together with workers and citizens, gathered inside the Polytechnic to demand freedom, democracy, and human rights. They broadcast their message through a small radio station, calling on everyone to join them with the words: "People of Greece, the Polytechnic is with you!"

The protest became a symbol of courage and hope. Although the uprising was met with violence, the students' bravery inspired the entire country and helped lead to the end of the dictatorship in 1974. Today, 17 November is remembered as a day of struggle, unity, and the fight for democracy, reminding us that even in difficult times, voices calling for justice can change history.





Events & Celebrations

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WORLD KINDNESS DAY

13th November



Kindness is the quiet thread
That stitches hearts as one,
A gentle bridge of understanding
Shining like the sun.
It doesn't ask for anything,
It's simple, warm, and true—
But every act of kindness
Comes back in light to you.

On 13 November, we celebrate World Kindness Day—a reminder that even the smallest act of kindness can brighten someone's day. Kindness doesn't need to be big or complicated. A smile, a helping hand, a kind word, or inviting someone to join in can make our school a happier, friendlier place for everyone.

In our school, kindness is more than a nice idea—it's an important part of who we are. When we treat one another with respect and care, we create a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and included. It helps our classrooms run smoothly, makes playtimes more joyful, and strengthens the sense of belonging that every child deserves. Kindness builds confidence, reduces worries, and encourages children to look out for one another.

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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

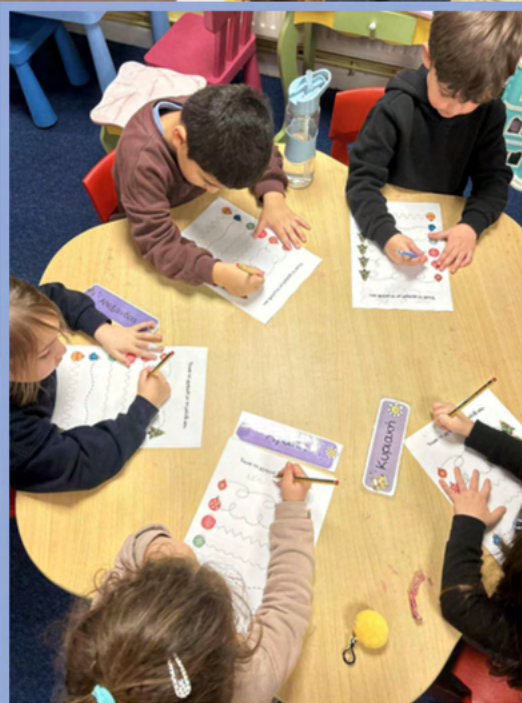


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Around the School





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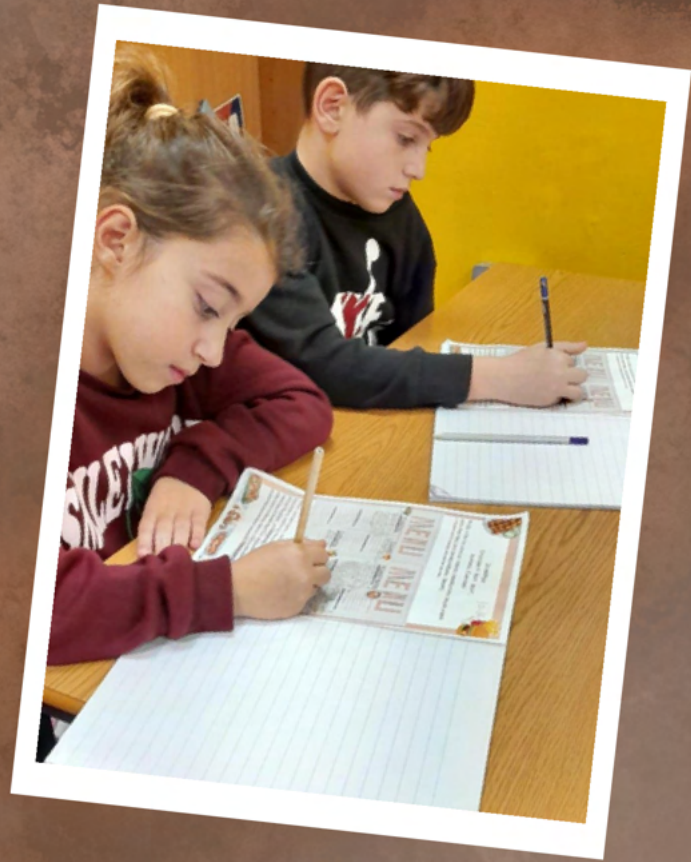
MRS MARIA'S
YEAR 1 CLASS
MONDAY AND
SATURDAY



YEAR 1
ADVANCED CLASS
MONDAY AND
SATURDAY



YEAR 2
MONDAY AND
SATURDAY



YEAR 3
CLASS
MONDAY

YEAR 5
CLASS
MONDAY AND
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





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Cultural & Educational Corner



WORLD CHILDRENS DAY

20TH NOVEMBER 2025



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.

“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*.

NOVEMBER EVENTS IN EUROPE

November is a transitional month in Europe, offering a mix of warm weather and cultural experiences. Whether you're looking for warm beaches, cultural eve, or outdoor adventures, November offers a diverse range of options across Europe.



Italy — Italian Opera Season

Italy is the birthplace of opera, and each November, the new season kicks off at opera houses throughout the country. You will find a wide range of performances in most cities. The performances are spellbinding, and the venues are equally magnificent.

London, England — Bonfire Night (Guy Fawkes Night)

On November 5 each year, the London skies light up in celebration of Bonfire Night. This British tradition dates back to the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 when Guy Fawkes attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. These days it is a jovial affair with some of the world's most elaborate fireworks displays over the skies of the capital.



Amsterdam, Netherlands — Sinterklaas Parade

Despite the cold, Amsterdam is a vibrant city during November and December. The arrival of Saint Nicholas kicks off the festive season in style. He arrives on a ship in November and then leads a parade through the city. Children flock to the parade to witness the spectacle, and a fantastic atmosphere surrounds the event.



Koblenz, Germany — Koblenz Weihnachtsmarkt

The German town of Koblenz hosts a fantastic Christmas festival. It starts in November and runs until a few days before Christmas. It takes place in the Old Town and features over 100 decorated wooden stalls. These sell a range of goods, from candy to handmade toys. You will also find a range of traditional German food and drinks, and various performances and concerts – perfect for warming up in winter.



Rights Respecting School



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NO DISCRIMINATION



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RESPECT FOR
CHILDREN'S VIEWS



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SHARING
THOUGHTS FREELY



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PROTECTION FROM
VIOLENCE

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying Week is held each year in November and is a time for all of us to think about how we can develop positive relationships in school based on dignity and respect, take a proactive approach to preventing bullying and also support people who have faced or are facing bullying.

There are a number of articles from the CRC that link to Anti-Bullying Week including Article 2, which states that the convention applies to all children without discrimination, Article 12 which says that children's views should be taken seriously in all decisions that affect them, Article 13 which says that children have the right to express their thoughts and opinions and Article 19 which says that all children should be protected from violence and abuse.

Reference: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/resources/teaching-resources/guidance-assemblies-lessons/article-of-the-week/>

November is Anti-Bullying Month...Articles of the Month 19, 15 and 2

Article 2 (non-discrimination) - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) - Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Article 13 (freedom of expression) - Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect) - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

This month, our school continued its journey as a Rights Respecting School, placing children's rights at the heart of everything we do.

Throughout November, our students learned about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and explored how these rights help create a safe, respectful and inclusive learning environment. Classes took part in discussions, activities and assemblies that encouraged kindness, teamwork and understanding of each other's needs. We are proud of the positive atmosphere our pupils help create every day, and we look forward to building even more opportunities for them to use their voices and take an active role in our school community.



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Rights Respecting School

EXPLORING ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Did you think of these?

- It is repeated behaviour that treats another person badly over time.
- Behaviour that makes you feel unsafe and/or puts you down as a person.
- Physical – aggressive or violent, being pushed, hit, kicked, intimidated.
- Verbal – name-calling, threatening, being laughed at, teasing, being shouted at.
- Social – being purposefully excluded from plans with your 'friends'.
- Cyber bullying (online, on social media or gaming forums) – unkind comments, sharing photos with negative comments.
- Discrimination - against race, nationality, sexuality, faith or another protected characteristic.
- Sexual bullying – unwanted sexual comments or contact, spreading of sex rumours.
- Emotional or psychological – when someone gets what they want by making others feel angry/sad (manipulation) or being told they are not good enough.

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R. I. G. H. T. S.

This acronym may help you think about your rights and why they matter:

R is for really important. Why do rights matter for every child?

I is for international. Remember - every child in the world is born with these rights.

G is for governments, grown-ups, guardians. How do they help you to get your rights?

H is for hopeful. Because of the CRC the world is becoming a better place for children.

T is for together. You are connected with every other child and young person as you have the same rights.

S is for sharing. How can we tell others what we know about rights?

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REFLECTION

Take a little time to think...find somewhere quiet and give yourself some space...

- Think about how it feels when you experience kindness from others.
- Why does kindness matter in our lives and our relationships?
- Think of one thing you could do today to show kindness to somebody.
- Think of one way that you might be able to show support and kindness if you ever become aware of somebody being bullied.



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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

This month, the Birmingham Greek School was delighted to take part in the "Christmas Love Box 2025" initiative, organised by NEPOMAK UK. Pupils, parents, and teachers joined forces to prepare boxes filled with gifts and essential items, which will be sent to the Enclaved Cypriots in Rizokarpaso, as well as to refugee children facing difficulties here in the United Kingdom.

The response from our school community was truly moving. The children participated with great enthusiasm, choosing clothes, toys, books, basic necessities, and small surprises to bring smiles to the children who will receive them. Each box was prepared with care and love, clearly labelled to show whether it was intended for a boy or a girl.

We warmly thank all the families for their kindness, generosity, and spirit of giving. With your contribution, we helped make this Christmas a little brighter for children in need. Together, we continue to demonstrate what true community support means.



WHERE GOBLINS, MYTHS, AND CYPRUS MEET OUR SCHOOL

15-18 November 2025

The Spirit of Cyprus

Our school had the honour of welcoming Mr. Marios Theocharous, Cultural Counsellor of the Cyprus High Commission, as part of the UK Cyprus Film Festival - Birmingham Edition. His visit offered our students and community a unique opportunity to engage with the rich cultural heritage of Cyprus through storytelling, film, and discussion.

During the visit, students learned about Cypriot traditions through an interactive cultural workshop. They discovered how tertzellouthkia—a traditional handmade Cypriot pasta once prepared in villages—were created, and even had the chance to make their own. The session also introduced the children to the playful folklore of the kalikantzaroi, the mischievous goblins of Cypriot mythology. It was a hands-on and imaginative experience that brought Cyprus's heritage to life in our school.

