



Holy Cross Greek School Newsletter April - July 2022

Dear parents & students

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

We have finally reached the end of the academic year & I hope you are all having a good time whether you have already travelled to our beautiful Greece & Cyprus, decided to stay in the UK or decided to take in the wonderful places another country has to offer!

This term has come and gone so fast, all our teachers and the children have been working hard this term. I would like to say thank you for the hard work everyone has put it, some of the childrens efforts haven't been unnoticed.

I have also been keeping in touch with Mrs Vana Sarimpalidou who teaches some of our older children 'Ellinomatheia' on Friday afternoons.

Mrs Vana has given me some amazing feedback on the children's progression which is so lovely to see & it makes me so proud them, especially as they have dedicated their time for these additional lessons.

I know it may be hard at times but keep up the good work, you are doing brilliantly – trust in yourselves!!!

For more information about the Ellinomatheia programme our children are following please see the link below:

<https://www.greek-language.gr/certification/index.html>



The 9th of July was our last day of Greek school for this academic year, it was wonderful to see everyone gather together to enjoy our end of year party, which our lovely PTA team organised for the children & their families - Thank you so much for all the effort and & hard work you have put into organising this event, we couldn't do it without you!

I would also like to thank the parents who kindly volunteered to help us on the day from organising the sound, to overseeing our various activities & games, to helping at the entrance & clear up at the end of the day.

For any of our parents who would like to join our PTA group please feel free to get in touch with myself and Mrs Avra. We would love to have you on board to help us organise even more fun & exciting school events!



Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.

–Helen Keller



Dates for your diary

1st term

Saturday 10/09/2022 –

Saturday 17/12/2022

Autumn Half Term

Monday 24/10/2022 –

Saturday 29/10/2022

Christmas Half term

Monday 19/12/2022 –

Friday 06/01/2023

First day of Greek school

Saturday 11/09/2022

On the day, everyone was able to explore a variety of activities, delicious food that was kindly prepared and donated by our parents & I feel the children enjoyed participating in our different games with excitement.

Our younger children had a chance to recite their summer poems as well as give their parents a special surprise by singing 'Trava Bros' by Aliki Vougiouklaki, which they sang beautifully - Well done to all the children!!!!

With your support we were able to raise £420 which will go towards the upkeep of the school and for future events, this means a lot to our school & we cannot thank you enough!

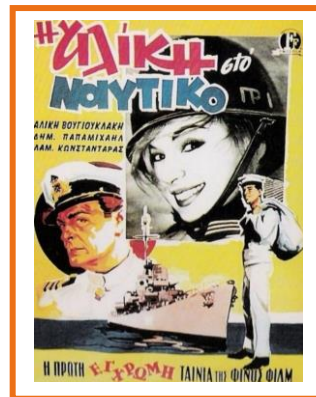
We would also like to thank 'Aroma Patisserie' for kindly donating their handmade delicious Loukoumades for our event, it was a lovely gesture and we look forward to many more collaborations in the future.

As they say on their website 'Our goal is to make your tastebuds happy!' Please follow the link below to discover their menu featuring traditional and contemporary delights <https://aromapatisserie.co.uk/>

I would like to say how lovely it is to see some of our parents who use to be students themselves at our Greek school are now brining their children. I feel that this is particularly special to our school as it shows the loving memories they hold during their time as students within our school.

Thank you for choosing our school to support your children's journey through our Greek & Cypriot cultural traditions, our language as well as helping them to build lasting memories themselves.

Looking back on the day...



Το ήξερες...

Η ταινία 'Η Αλίκη στο Ναυτικό' προβάλλεται για πρώτη φορά στο σινεμά το 1961 και ήταν η πρώτη έγχρωμη ταινία της «Φίνος Φιλμ» και φυσικά δεν θα μπορούσε να έχει άλλη πρωταγωνίστρια, εκτός από την Αλίκη Βουγιουκλάκη.

Ο Μάνος Χατζιδάκις υπέγραψε τη μουσική του έργου και μεταξύ των τραγουδιών είναι τα «Τράβα Μπρος», «Ο Γλάρος» και «Ο Γαϊδαράκος».

Η ταινία κόστισε 2,5 εκατομμύρια δραχμές, ποσό αστρονομικό για την εποχή και όλη η τεχνική επεξεργασία της έγινε στο Παρίσι.

'Η Αλίκη στο Ναυτικό' ήταν επίσης η πρώτη ταινία στην οποία δόθηκε άδεια από το υπουργείο Εθνικής Άμυνας να επιτραπεί σε γυναίκα να ανέβει σε πολεμικό πλοίο.

Η είδηση αυτή δεν δημοσιοποιήθηκε και κρατήθηκε επτασφράγιστο μυστικό μέχρι την έναρξη των γυρισμάτων, τα οποία έγιναν στον Πόρο.



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Updates...

As the new school year will be slowly approaching with certain changes taking place, we have some exciting news to share with you as well as some sad ones.

The good news is that we have a few more students joining our Nursery class this September. I am sure we will all welcome them and make them feel at home. I would like to thank our new families for choosing our school as the environment in which your children will grow learning our Greek language & traditions, we will do our outmost best to support them in their new adventure!

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to one of our lovely teachers Miss Despoina Boulانيتου (Year 4/5).

Miss Despoina's new position in a special needs school will demand more of her time & understandably needs the time to adjust and explore this new & exciting role. We will stay in touch with Miss Despoina as she is happy to support us on occasions when we need a cover.

We would like to wish her a fond farewell, she will be greatly missed by all & thank her for love & enthusiasm she has shown us over the past year, our door will always be open to her.

Our school has advertised for our two positions (Nursery & Year 5), we have received some good CVs & we will inform you as soon as we have made a decision about the new teachers who will be joining our school in September.

Our little Greek school will reopen on **Saturday 11th of September** & along with a positive team spirit I sincerely hope we will welcome all our children and families back with a fresh new start to the academy year.

Thank you for making this academic year fun, loving and memorable for all.

From all the teaching staff we hope that you have a wonderful summer!!!

Σας ευχαριστούμε για την αγάπη και στήριξη που μας έχετε προσφέρει αυτήν την σχολική χρονιά.

Από όλο το διδακτικό προσωπικό ευχόμαστε να έχετε ένα υπέροχο & ξέγνοιαστο καλοκαίρι!!!

Our church is looking for more charismatic & enthusiastic people to join its committee.

They need individuals that can bring a fresh approach & ideas in helping organise special events, discuss matters of the church and way to improve their community.

As our school is part of the church it would be nice to see some of our parents being involved.

If you feel you can make a difference, please feel free to get in touch with Father Vasileios for more information.

