Welcome Note for our December Issue

Dear parents,

Welcome to December’s Newsletter. My name is Konstantinos Bompotis (BA Primary Education Teacher) and I am a member of the teaching staff of the GSATB.

This month found our school in a festive mood. Although the heavy snow-falling at the start of the month has disrupted the smooth running of the school, all children seemed excited and happy to miss some school time in exchange for enjoying the beautiful winter weather and the snow with their families. Our school and all Birmingham reminded good old snow covered winters. During the first day of the snow we took the children outside to play in the snow and their happiness and excitement put a big smile on all of our faces!

Up and Coming Events

• School breaks for Christmas 22/12/2017
• 8th January first day back to school
• Vasilopita and Blessing for the new Year, Saturday 13th January 2018
• Online Skype Conference with our School Inspectors in London to wish Happy new year to our students
• Parents Evenings for classes where they were cancelled, will be re-scheduled for the second week of January
• 28th January 2018, The Three Hierarchs, celebration will take place only at the church this year
The children had so much fun playing with the snow, that we struggle to take them back inside. They kept saying to us, “We want to do this again, we want to play with the snow…”
Interview with Alki Zei

5th December

As part of the involvement of Year 7 children in a school magazine competition, which we talked about in previous issues of our newsletter, we have planned various different activities. One important activity maybe the most important one, was the interview of one of the most well know children’s books author: Alki Zei. The interview was arranged, following hard work by our teacher Miss P. Vasilaki, and contact with Mrs A. Zei. It was an amazing experience which spread feelings of excitement and enthusiasm and it was so emotional. A life time experience for all of us, an interview we felt honour to be able to achieve. We learnt so many important things about the books and the history behind them and Mrs Zei was speaking of her heart and her responses to our questions were so honest and heart-warming and felt as if we knew her for years.
Christmas Night Out...

Saturday, 9th December 2017

The Annual Christmas Do of our Management Board and Teaching staff was celebrated this year on Saturday, 9th December at EATON hotel. Great food, great wine and lovely time! The photos below highlight the evening:
Christmas Production 2017

Throughout the month we have been preparing with our students the Christmas celebration that took place on the 17th of December.

Our Christmas celebration was also a huge success. Our students along with their parents attended the Sunday Liturgy at the church before our celebration started. The Christmas celebration included all the school branches and all the students of the school from nursery to Year 7.

Our students sang traditional Greek Christmas carols representing the traditions of different areas across Greece and Cyprus. They also took part in 3 theater plays and they also danced.

The following pictures offer you a glimpse into the day.
Christmas Jumper Week

Christmas is that time of the year where all people celebrate, feel happy and in festive mood. Christmas is also the time for celebration and the time of receiving presents... Not only this but most importantly it is the time of the year for giving and time for thinking of other people, less fortunate than us... Within this concept we launched a Christmas Jumper week. We wanted to encourage staff and children to wear their best Christmas jumper and come to school with their Christmas jumper. The fundraising week aimed at raising money for the Heartlands Hospital (Ward 19, New Chemotherapy Unit) and the Respiratory Unit at Birmingham Children’s hospital. The response from people was overwhelming. We managed to gather £900. Well done everyone and especially Dr Manos Nikolousis and Sian Averill for the very informative presentations.
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Pupils of the month

In our school, we praise children for their achievement, good working and learning. These following students have been awarded as pupils of the month for attendance, effort, achievement and participation:

**Erdington**
**Monday**
- **Reception:** Paraskevi Nicolaou
- **Year 1:** Melina Doss
- **Year 2:** Xenophon Varvavas
- **Year 3:** Christina Charalambous
- **Year 4:** Ioannis Karafyllides
- **Year 6:** Marius Kosmin Stan

**Saturday**
- **Reception:** Ioanna Antoniadi
- **Year 1:** Anastasios Deriziotis
- **Year 2:** Danae Manolopoulou
- **Year 3:** Ioli Apostolaki
- **Year 4:** Maria Sofia Apostolaki
- **Year 5:** Kamal Ur Rehman
- **Year 7:** Stavroulla Fiotaki, Panagiota Aslanidis

**Worcester**
- **Nursery:** Elina Kalispera
- **Year 2:** Vangelis Vasiliogianakis
- **Year 3:** Katerina Fletcher
- **Year 6:** Kiki Smith

**Stourbridge**
- **Reception:** Christina Gallen
- **Year 1:** Raphael Archer
- **Year 2:** Adriana Xiourouppa
- **Year 4:** Luke Gallen
- **Year 6:** Angelina Jassell

**Stoke**
- **Reception:** Melina Kappakas
- **Year 1:** Teo Kappakas
- **Year 4:** Antonis Antoniou
- **Year 6:** Julie Demetrios

**Tamworth**
- **Year 1:** Lexi Holland
- **Year 3:** Ioannis Christoﬁpi

**Cannock**
- **Year 3:** George Nicolaidis

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One more term came to an end and we would like to wish you all, lovely Christmas and a happy new year. Warm Regards,

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