Newsletter

Greek School of Ayia Triada Birmingham

Strive, Learn, Grow in our Community



message from our teachers

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to our February Newsletter. This month has been full of activities and full of work.

Once again this year, our school participated in the Birmingham Multicultural Festival, contributing to the vibrant celebration of diversity. We celebrated the International Mother Language Day with an unforgettable extravaganza. Our talented young performers, captivated the audience with a kaleidoscope of music, dance, and drama. Our school proudly presented the work that we do here at the GSAT, as children and teachers performed traditional dances, and one of our students Recited "Ithaca" by Cavafy in Greek. Attendees also had the opportunity to watch a video highlighting the essence of the Greek School and our community.

On the last day of the term, our Nursery/Reception groups from Monday-Saturday-Tuesday, had an enriching experience attending a theatre show and exploring the Birmingham Library. It was a unique experience for our young children and we would like to thank you all for your attendance and your support.

Following the half-term break, our school held parents' evenings. We would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who attended. We hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work and discussing progress and next steps with the teachers. Your participation is greatly appreciated as we work together to support the growth and development of each student.

Warm regards, Eleni Topalidou



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TO NOIHMA TOY

΄΄΄ Και στης ζωής τους πιο βαρείς χειμώνες Αλκυονίδες μέρες καρτερούν΄΄

Γεώργιος Δροείνης





- ANNUAL MEMORIAL EVAGORA
 PALIKARIDI & GRIGORI AFXENTIOU: Sun
 10/3
- MOTHERS' DAY AFTERNOON TEA Sat. 09/03
- PARTICIPATION OF THE SCHOOL IN THE ANNUAL COMMONWEALTH DAY IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY LONDON: Mon. 11/3
- CELEBRATION 25TH MARCH 1821: Sat. 16/3
- CATHOLIC EASTER: 29/3 12/4
- GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER: 3/5 6/5



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

NURS. & REC.

Giorgos T. Anastasia K.

YEAR 1

Penelope E.

Savvas D.

Christina A.

Vasilis K.

YEAR 1 ADV. & 2

Andriana O.

Kyriaki A.

YEAR 3 & ADV.

Loizos P.

Esther T.

Giannis K.

Maria - Eleni P.

YEAR 5

Zacharias K.

Anatoli M.

Pavlos P.

Iris K.

YEAR 6 & GCSE

Savvas K.

Harris A.

George D.

Sofia B.

A LEVELS & **ELLINOMATHEIA**

Filios M.





ΕΚΔΡΟΜΗ ΜΕ ΤΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΝΗΠΙΑΓΩΓΕΙΟΥ

THE STORY

CAN BEARS SKI?
What a fantastic
show!!!Nursery/Reception
experienced a fun end of term
watching the theatre show
CAN BEARS SKI ?

Was a great show with singing and acting that tells a story around hearing aids. The children were visibly delighted and captivated by warm humour. The actors brought a playful and energetic spirit on stage, which is key for a show aimed at a diverse and younger audience. They brought clarity not only speech but also through body language, ensuring the story told in a way that is inclusive and engaging for all!!

Boy Bear cannot hear Dad Bear coming to wake him up in the morning but he can feel the floor vibrate with his heavy footsteps. He can only grasp little bits of what his teacher says to him at school. He cannot catch what his friends are laughing at. And, all the time,

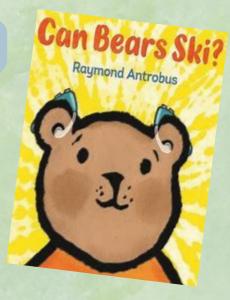
Boy Bear keeps hearing the question, "Can Bears ski?" What does it mean? With the support of Dad Bear, Boy Bear visits an audiologist and, eventually, he gets hearing aids. Suddenly, he understands the question everyone has been asking him:

"CAN YOU HEAR ME?"

Raymond draws on his own experience to show how isolating it can be for a deaf child in a hearing world. But through his lyrical and moving words, matched with Polly's stunning imagery, he also shows how many ways there are to communicate love. With a solid network, Boy Bear will find his

place in the world.

Theatre is
one of the
best ways to
bring
classroom
learning to
life!!!















ΕΚΔΡΟΜΗ ΣΤΗ ΒΙΒΛΙΟΘΗΚΗ



Το Σάββατο 10 Φεβρουαρίου πρα_δματοποιήθηκε εκπαιδευτική εκδρομή _δια το Νηπια_δω_δείο/ Προδημοτική στη βιβλιοθήκη του Birmingham.

Ενημερωθήκαμε από τους υπεύθυνους _δια τις υπηρεδίες της, τους χρήδτες και τον τρόπο ταξινόμηδης των βιβλίων.

Ξεναγήθηκαμε και στους υπόλοιπους χώρους της βιβλιοθήκης, καθώς επίσης τα παιδιά είχαν την ευκαιρία να διαβάσουν ένα βιβλίο της επιλογής τους. Τέλος απολαύσαμε μία υπέροχη ιστορία απο την υπεύθυνη της βιβλιοθήκης.

Ήταν μια όμορφη εμπειρία για

όλους μας!!



ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY



In February were so pleased to have an anti-bullying assembly.

In this assembly we examined what makes someone turn to bullying and explored strategies to encourage bullies to transform their behaviour. Pupils invited to explore ways to deal with bullies, seeking assistance and ensuring a safe and joyful school experience.

The key themes we covered during assembly:

Making Friends: Discussed the importance of building friendships and treating others kindly. Being friendly and supportive is the right way to interact with peers.

Dealing with Falling Out: Children discussed with teachers how to handle disagreements or falling out with friends. They discovered strategies for resolving conflicts peacefully.

Understanding Bullying: Was emphasized how bulling affects people, and what it might look like and how to recognise signs of bullying behaviour.

We also discussed with children how to:

- Ensure their safety and happiness
- Foster friendships
- · Find help when needed
- Deal with bullies and the
- The importance of respecting and treating others well

BULLY-FREE ZONE

NURSERY-RECEPTION



MONDAY & TUESDAY



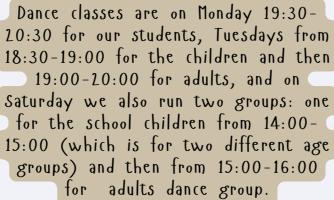


DANCE CLASSES





This year our school has been running dance classes led by our Dance Teachers Mrs Sotiria Karafillides and Mr Dimitris Themistokleous.



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







APXWNBDTEYQHMI3X EYQHMGXDTEYQHMI3X Birmingham Multicultural

Festival 2024

Festival of life, diversity, and culture

Our School was very proud to be one of the contributors to the **Birmingham Multicultural** Festival once again! Together with many other community schools from Birmingham we celebrated the day of International **Mother Language Day** with an unforgettable extravaganza, our talented young performers alone with other ones from diverse communities captivated the audience with a kaleidoscope of music, dance, and drama. Our school proudly presented the work that we do here at the GSAT as well as we had children and teachers performing traditional dances and one of our students Recited Ithaca by Cavafy in Greek.

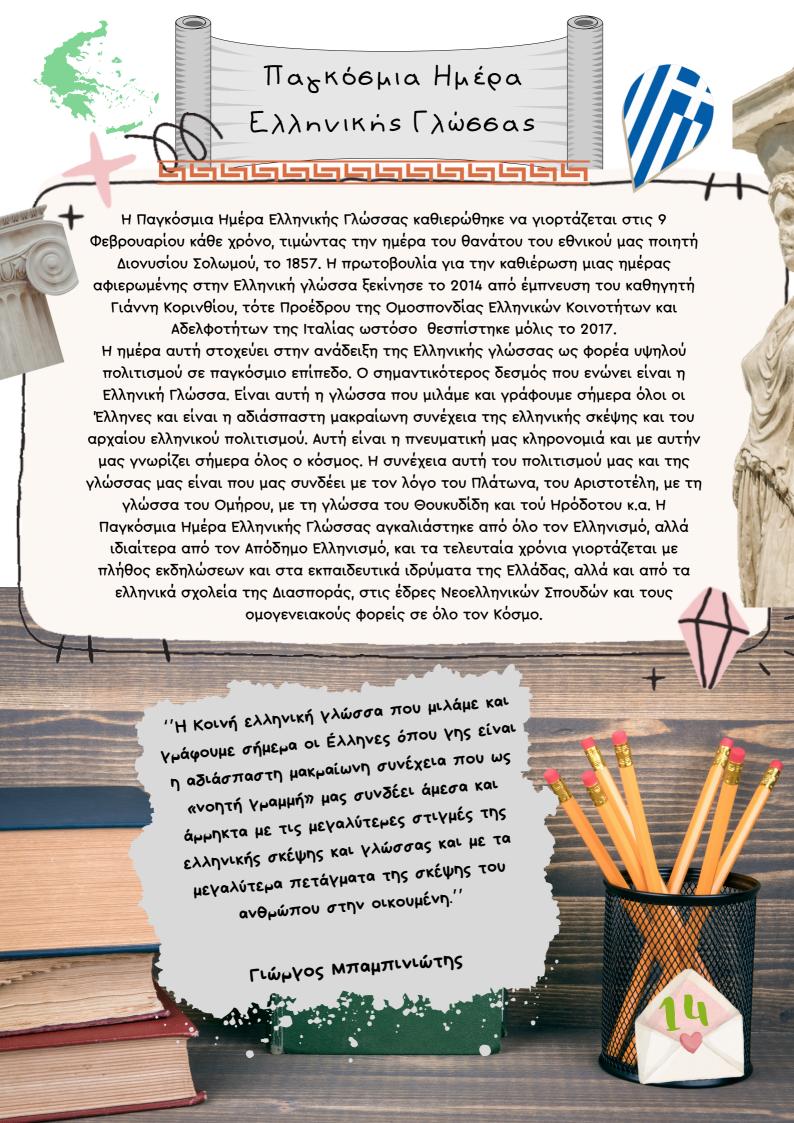
Well done to our Dance teacher Mr Dimitris Themistokleous who coordinated the participation of our School the teachers Maria Georgiou, Elli Desli, Evangelia Bakola and the students Maria Sofia Apostolaki, Lydia Georgiou, Thea Georgiou, Kiki Panay, Rafaela Socratous and our headteacher Dr S Tryfonos for making this happen. Well done everyone! We are really proud of your performance and your hard work towards this and of course our heritage and our mother language



Multicultural



HISTORY & CULTURE



YNANANTH

FEBRUARY 2ND

At the Greek Orthodox Church of Holy Trinity and Saint Lukes

"Χαίρε Κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, εκ 60ύ χαρ ανέτειλεν ο Ήλιος της δικαιοσύνης, Χριστός ο Θεός ημών, φωτίζων τους εν σκότει. Ευφραίνου και συ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος εν αχκάλαις τον ελευθερωτήν των ψυχών ημών, χαριζόμενον ημίν και την Ανάστασιν."

Η Υπαπαντή είναι Δε6ποτική και Θεομητορική εορτή της Ορθόδοζης Εκκλησίας, που εορτάζεται η "προσφορά" του Ιησού στο Ναό από την μητέρα Του Μαρία και τον θετό Του πατέρα Ιωσήφ, σαράντα ημέρες μετά τη ξέννησή Του. Ήταν μια παράδοση ξια τα πρωτότοκα αξόρια που την τήρησαν οι κηδεμόνες του Ιησού ως πιστοί Εβραίοι. Κατ' αναλοξίας σήμερα είναι ο "σαραντισμός" που τελούν οι μητέρες με το παιδί στον χριστιανικό ναό. Στο ναό του Σολομώντα όπου έξινε η τελετή, συνάντησαν δύο πρόσωπα με προφητικό χάρισμα, τον ξέροντα Συμεών και την ξερόντισσα Άννα. Και οι δύο αναξνώρισαν στο πρόσωπο του βρέφους τον Μεσσία και προφήτευσαν σχετικά με το λυτρωτικό έρδο του προσαδομένου βρέφους.

Η εορτή της Υπαπαντής, ανήκει στις εορτές του 12όρτου, δηλαδή τις σημαντικότερες 12 εορτές της Εκκλησίας. Ο εορτασμός της ζεκινάει στις 15 Ιανουαρίου, μετά την απόδοση των Φώτων (τέλος της περιόδου των Φώτων 14 Ιανουαρίου), κορυφώνεται την κυριώνυμο ημέρα, 2 Φεβρουαρίου, και ολοκληρώνεται στις 9 Φεβρουαρίου με την απόδοση της εορτής.

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FEBRUARY 2024

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25 26 27 28 29

1 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίου Τρύφωνος του Μάρτυρα

2 Φεβρουαρίου Υπαπαντή του Σωτήρος

3 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίων Σταματίου και Ιωάννου

5 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίας Αγαθής της μάτρυρος 6 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίου Φωτίου του Μεγάλου

7 Φεβρουαρίου Οσίου Παρθενίου Οσίου Λουκά

8 Φεβρουαρίου Προφήτου Ζαχαρία

10 Φεβρουαρίου Χαραλάμπους Ιερομάρτυρος

12 Φεβρουαρίου Αγίου Μελετίου

17 Φεβρουαρίου Θεοδώρου του Τήρωνος

19 Φεβρουαρίου Φιλοθέης

21 Φεβρουαρίου Ευσταθίου αρχιεπίσκοπου Αντιοχείας

23 Φεβρουαρίου Πολύκαρπου

26 Φεβρουαρίου Φωτεινης Σαμαρειτιδος

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

The Rights of the Child vol.4





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

Article 28: Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Article 30: Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



Right to a good quality education education that develops your talents and teaches you respect for others

Article 32: Governments must protect children from work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education. There should be a minimum age for children to work and work conditions should be safe and appropriate.

Article 33: Children have the right to be protected from the illegal use of drugs and from being involved in the production or distribution of drugs.

Articles 34 -36 Governments must protect children from all forms exploitation. Must protect children from being abducted, sold or sexually abused.

Governments must protect children from the exploitation of children for political activities, by the media or for medical research.

WE LOVE EUROPE



FEBRUARY IS FOR ESTONIA



When picturing Estonia, the enchanting and romantic Old Town of Tallinn immediately comes to mind. This exceptionally preserved Medieval center stands out as one of Europe's best examples of its kind, making it a prominent highlight for any visitor to the country. Notably, the entire Old Town of Tallinn holds the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage status.

24th of February

Independence Day in Estonia is a significant national holiday that commemorates the Estonian Declaration of Independence, which was published in the capital city of Tallinn on 24 February 1918. On this historic day, the Republic of Estonia was officially established, marking a pivotal moment in Estonian history.

THE COLOURS OF THE FLAG ARE SAID TO SYMBOLIZE:

Black- tragic past of Estonian nation

Blue- the blue sky, sea and lakes of Estonia

White- the striving towards enlightenment and virtue.

