

December 2022

Autumn Term

# LIFE AT THE JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOL

There is so much going on daily at The Junior School and it is wonderful to see our students coming in happy every day. Below is a brief overview of some of the amazing things that our students are doing, especially getting ready for Christmas.

## EARLY YEARS 1: GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS!



EY1 are getting ready for Christmas! The EY1 children have been extremely busy making and creating beautiful Christmas decorations! They filled their socks with rice to make their doorstep snowmen and lovely, super shiny baubles! They even decorated their class tree which they thoroughly enjoyed! It's been an interesting term full of fun, creativity and lots of learning!!

## EARLY YEARS 2: IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The EY2 children have been busy decorating their class Christmas tree and making cute and festive cards for their loved ones! Now they are ready and set to meet the one and only- Santa!



## EARLY YEARS 3: ITS CHRISTMAS TIME



It has been a great start to the school year and our EY3 children have been busy talking about themselves, getting to know their teachers, friends and classroom environment, while engaging in lots of fun activities



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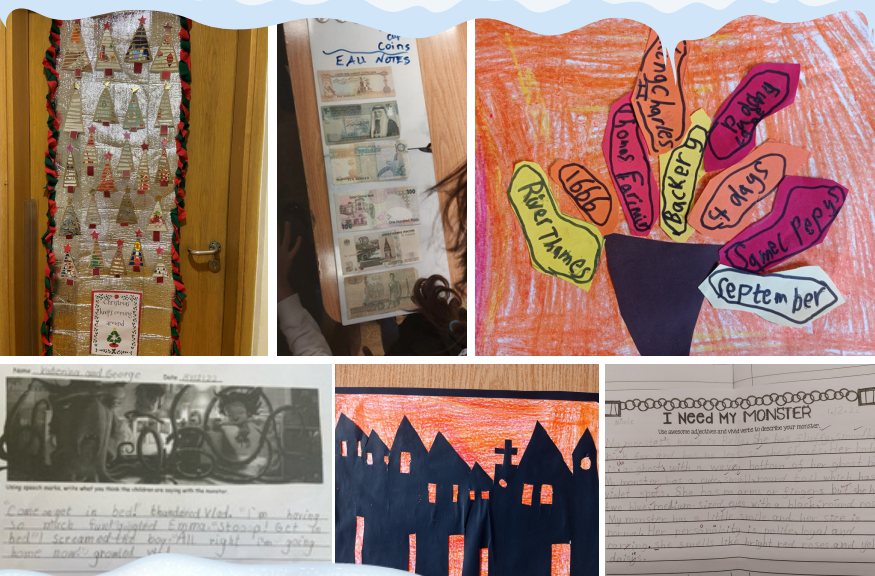
Reception have performed their first Christmas Show, they sang with great enthusiasm and everyone was very proud of them. The children have been learning about Christmas traditions and have had fun making their own baubles, cards and biscuits. They have spent time discussing and learning the true meaning of Christmas, spending time with their family and loved ones. They have read the story 'The Snow Globe' and written their own Christmas wishes!

## YEAR 1: LEARNING IS FUN!

In Year 1 the children have been introduced to Place Value and learned how to represent 2-digit numbers. They have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and have solved Maths problems using vocabulary for addition and subtraction. In English the children have learned about the past tense and have developed their descriptive language. They have learned about mammals and their characteristics, created portraits and taken part in many activities to help them understand how to be a good friend.



## YEAR 2: BUSY RIGHT TO THE END OF TERM



A busy 8 weeks for Y2 as Autumn Term comes to an end! The children have been working hard learning about money in Maths, illustrating historical facts about The Great Fire of London in Topic and a Monster Unit where they explored descriptive words and how to use speech marks in a dialogue. With Christmas around the corner, the children also enjoyed decorating their doors using recycled materials!



## YEAR 3: KOURION TRIP

The Year 3 group enjoyed an interesting trip to the ancient site of Kourion on Friday 18th November. The trip was part of their topic on the Ancient Romans. Students learnt about the ancient baths and the hypocaust system and got to experience the acoustics of the amphitheatre. Exploring the site, revealed the intricate details of the Mosaics as well as the beautiful pillars of the ancient agora. An educational and enjoyable day was had by all.



## YEAR 4: TERM 1 COMING TO AN END



What a thrill! The year 4 students have mastered the art of cross stitching and needlework to create some beautiful Christmas decorations. Their creativity did not stop there! It continued into their drawing skills as they entered a winter scene art competition judged by teachers around our school. With the festive season fast approaching we would like to wish you a Merry Jolly Christmas.

## YEAR 5: ALL ABOUT CYPRUS' RICH HISTORY'

This half term, the Year 5s have gone on an exciting journey through time, discovering Cyprus as it was more than 500 years ago! We have learned all about the Lusignans, Venetians and Ottomans, and the rich history that our island has to offer. We finished off our topic by performing drama skits, depicting the life of Hadjigeorgakis Kornosios.





## YEAR 6: TEAM CALLS TO JAPAN AND SICILY



Year 6 have been working on group projects in ICT linked to their mountain project in class, researching and presenting facts on Mount Fuji and Mount Etna. To finalise the projects, they participated in Teams calls to Japan and Sicily. They presented a PowerPoint about Cyprus, and the Japanese students presented a PowerPoint about Japan. The children really enjoyed this cultural exchange.

## CHARITY BRACELET SALE

A group of enthusiastic and creative Year 4 girls made some exquisite bracelets and rings which they sold to their fellow students during breaktime. They managed to raise the fabulous sum of 360euros which was given to Mrs Stella Stylianou, the founder of the charity 'Argos Animal Shelter'. Mrs Stylianou came into school and spoke to the children about her charity and ways in which we can all help. Bravo girls!



## GREEK DEPARTMENT



The Reception children in the Nutrition thematic section, made their own fruit salads and had a wonderful dessert! In a spirit of a beautiful collaboration, the Y4 Advanced children together with their teacher Ms. Athanasia Veneti, created their own project on Recycling! It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and the Reception children, used their creativity and imagination, to make their own handicrafts, enjoying the process to the fullest! Y6 children made their own adverts and they were so unique and creative!

Y3 children become detectives and have to find out the puzzles following the four clues each time and then they have to decode the secret message by using the letters of the Greek alphabet, which was "Merry Christmas Detectives".



## FRIENDSHIP, ANTIBULLYING AND ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

The Junior School highlighted the gift of friendships and celebrated the importance of being kind and respectful to each other. The Assemblies emphasised how to build and maintain healthy friendships, how to be good friends with each other and whom they can reach out to when they are facing difficulties within and outside school. Across the week, the children created friendship bracelets, performed acts of kindness, made kindness flags, crowns, as well as drawings that are placed across the school, with the aim of building an Anti-bullying /Kindness wall. Also, children had a parade, where they sang Greek and English songs related to friendship. During the parade, Ms Andrea from the Red Cross Youth Section and collected money which was raised by the school. This money will help with Christmas packages of food and daily essentials offered to young people and families who are in need.



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



It was truly wonderful to have our annual Christmas Bazaar again on 10th December. Once again, we were very fortunate with the weather, which enabled the children to enjoy games, singing, playing, showing off their talents and of course eating! The adults were able to browse the stalls, watch their children having fun and eat too! A big thank you to our dedicated PTA who spent hours preparing for the event and also hours on the day, making sure everything ran smoothly. Thank you also to our staff who prepared games for the students and volunteered on the day.

In addition the PTA dedicated another Saturday in December to come into school to decorate the hall and outside areas. They also made sure that Father Christmas remembered to visit our school and took him to each class. On the rounds with Father Christmas, they judged our beautifully decorated classroom doors, using only re-cycled materials. Thank you so much PTA.

