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LIFE AT THE JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOL

Christmas Edition

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 participate in.



As we reflect on the first half of this term, our school has been bustling with excitement and joy. We kicked off the festivities with our inaugural Stay and Play event, where parents had the delightful opportunity to engage in activities and see a snapshot of their children's day.



Let's talk about our Christmas concerts—pure magic! The Early Years family is known for our love of events and celebrations, and Christmas time is our most favourite celebration of all. The EY3 and the Reception children and teachers have been working extra hard this festive period to prepare their Christmas concerts for their families and friends. Our focus this year was split into two areas: recreating the story of Bethlehem and reminding everyone what Christmas is all about: love, kindness, and peace.



And to add to the festive fun, we had a blast with a special Christmas Jumper Day and Pyjama Day! The school was adorned with an array of festive jumpers, and our cosy pyjamas brought an extra touch of warmth to the holiday spirit. It was a joy to see our little ones and staff embracing the festive season in style. Oh, and did you know we had a surprise visit from Santa on the last day of term? The joy and excitement on the children's faces were priceless as they shared their Christmas wishes with the man in the red suit. It was the perfect way to wrap up a magical term filled with festive cheer.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... in EY1C!! The children have been busy making their extraordinary Christmas creations using different tools and materials! They've also enjoyed our wonderful book advent calendar and have been excitedly waiting to unwrap their special books! It's been a blast!





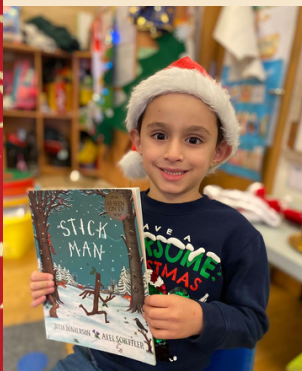
It has been an adventurous few week in EY2!! We have been getting into the Christmas spirit by undergoing some Christmas arts and crafts, making reindeer sandwiches, decorating our classroom tree and playing some fun games!! It's been a busy and fun term!



The children in EY3 had a delightful time delving into our autumn and woodland theme, immersing themselves in stories, tuff tray and art activities. Noteworthy moments in November encompassed a sing-along during Friendship Week and a Stay and Play day for parents. Transitioning into our Christmas theme, the children welcomed a playful elf, participated in festive tabletop activities, and enjoyed a book advent calendar. All leading up to the highly anticipated Christmas Show, which beautifully showcased the children's festive spirit.



The children in Reception have enjoyed a delightful exploration of Cyprus, engaging in activities such as crafting traditional pots, experiencing live music, lively dancing, and baking delicious halloumi muffins. In the spirit of the festive season, the past few weeks have seen the children enthusiastically preparing for Christmas, culminating in a heartwarming Christmas show where their beautiful singing truly shone.



Η αφηγήτρια και συγγραφέας κυρία Μιράντα Σκέττου επισκέφθηκε σήμερα το σχολείο μας η οποία παρουσίασε στα παιδιά της Β' Δημοτικού τη διαδραστική αφήγηση χριστουγεννιάτικων παραμυθιών «Το πιο όμορφο Χριστουγεννιάτικο δέντρο» της Jennifer Jordan και το «Το πιο υπέροχο δώρο του κόσμου» του Mark Sperring. Μέσα από την αφήγηση, τα παιδιά ήρθαν σε επαφή με μουσικά όργανα, κατασκευές όπως την ανέμη, κυρίως όμως βίωσαν το νόημα της αληθινής φιλίας μέσα από τα παραμύθια, ως κομβική αξία στη ζωή κάθε παιδιού και ενήλικα!

Storyteller and writer Mrs. Miranda Skettou visited our school today and presented to the children of the 2nd grade the interactive telling of Christmas stories "The most beautiful Christmas tree" by Jennifer Jordan and "The most wonderful gift in the world" by Mark Sperring. Through storytelling, the children interact with musical instruments and constructions, but above all they experienced the meaning of true friendship through fairy tales, as a pivotal value in the life of every child and adult!



On Thursday, 23rd November, Falcon hosted the inter-school basketball matches on their site. Five private schools took part and the level of play was high and intense. The Junior School contingent showed true sportsmanship, along with a healthy level of competitiveness throughout. When they weren't playing, they were watching the other schools play, thinking of tactics to use in order to win their games. Well done to both our boys' and girls' teams. Our girls' brought home the trophy for 1st place and our boys' came 2nd. Well done to everyone who played and a big thank you to Falcon School for organising this event.





There was great excitement and anticipation at the final KS2 assembly on the last day of school. KS2 students had been working hard during the term to collect housepoints for their house. A huge number of housepoints were awarded and well done to Stone who were the overall winners! Keep up the great work next term!



A big thank you to our staff for decorating the Christmas cut out figures and for the PTA for decorating The Junior School so nicely. Thank you to the PTA for making the festive season come alive for our students with the combined Fireworks and Christmas Bazaar. In addition, the PTA have been busy with Christmas photos in our Early Years as well as second hand Uniform sales and ensuring that Santa visits our school! We couldn't do these things without you!



We would like to wish Mr. McMurray a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and relaxed 2024 as he enjoys his retirement. We are sure that Mr. McMurray must have fantastic memories from the many places that he has worked and we hope that he has some great memories to take with him from Cyprus as well.

THANK YOU

We love our school! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible Early Years team, to our Assistant Heads, our supportive families, the dynamic PTA, and our creative PA, Pascale, for designing this newsletter. Together, your efforts not only enrich our school experiences but also strengthen the bonds within our warm and inclusive community.

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