

# **Afternoon Activity Descriptions**

# **Critical Thinking workshops**

In our workshops we primarily aim to help children develop their critical thinking skills. Through dialogue work, narratives and games, we touch on various topics related to everything children experience in their everyday sphere, like Science, Religion, Ethics, etc. By using a dialogue-driven method, we strive to give children the opportunity to explore, share and critically respond to these ideas as part of a group. Children have a hands on experience of what it's like to engage in philosophical inquiries, all done in a fun and interactive way!

### Arts and crafts

Explore the wondrous world of arts and crafts, from water colours to badge making, collage to jewellery making.

### **Debate club**

Covering an array of topics, you will master the techniques of debating, where an elected judge will pass the ruling for the winning team.

### **Track and Field athletics**

Pupils will have the opportunity to experience and learn the techniques involved in various disciplines from athletics- for example sprinting, long distance running, team relays, high jump, long jump, triple jump, tennis throw, shot put\_and discus.

#### Quiz club

children will work in groups to answer general knowledge questions for years 4, 5 and 6.

#### Puzzles and games

Board games, Card games, Jigsaw puzzles, mental puzzles (crosswords, Sudoku)

#### Just dance/ Zumba

A fun and active club where we dance together.

### Chess

Chess club is an after school activity designed to give kids an opportunity to learn the game of chess, improve their chess skills, and to enjoy competition against their peers. Players will be taught the basic rules, the value of pieces, and how to checkmate. More experienced players will learn different opening and defence strategies, various tactics, and will be given the opportunity to challenge themselves by solving chess puzzles. While students will have the chance to measure their progress through wins and losses against their peers, our main focus will be on encouraging good sportsmanship and on having fun.

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## Problem solving and math reasoning club

Students participating in this math club, will be challenged in problem solving and develop their reasoning skills. Past Kangourou exams as well as additional resources will be used. By the end of March, students can choose to take the Kangourou Math exams to evaluate their level of understanding. Due to the fact that children will be working on challenging 'Kangourou' exam questions, it is preferable that participants have confident numerical skills. There will be limited places available.

# Math Olympiad Year 5 and 6 (\* by invitation only)

Students will be invited to participate in this math club, where they will have the opportunity to practice on past papers and develop further on their mathematical skills, in regards of the Cyprus Mathematical Society's Olympiad.

### **CSEO Space club**

Students will follow a series of interactive lessons where the main focus will be the exploration of space, learn facts about the universe and the recent discoveries made on the field. They will also be given the unique opportunity to "Train like an astronaut!" The club will be supported by the CSEO (Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation) and will often host special guests. *A 20e fee is requested* and paid once at the start of the club. It will cover the expenses of the material and the guests.

### **Coding club**

Students will follow a series of interactive lessons on programming and computational thinking. They will be given the opportunity to develop appropriate skills that can later on help them learn proper programming languages. A fee of 15 euros per student will be requested for a yearly subscription to the software to be used.

#### **Open Minds Theatre Club**

This is a fun, engaging activity which encourages imagination, promotes creativity and allows children to explore and apply their ideas in practice. They get introduced to the many styles of theatre (eg. shadow, classical, devised, physical, site-specific, puppetry, etc) and everything that it entails (including light, sound, music, aesthetics, scenery, voice, movement, production, etc). Inspired by everyday life or a painting or even a small sound, children are capable of creating wonderful things. We aim to guide them and encourage them to think outside the box, be brave and confident and find ways to reach their goals. Theatre is an excellent form/medium to achieve that, and furthermore builds character, promotes confidence, raises and cultivates social awareness, makes better learners and so much more. I can't wait to see what they'll come up with this time, as their innovative ideas are unique every time!

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## **Greek Drama and Games**

Pupils will participate in fun drama games and activities in greek. These will involve role playing, drama based games and performing small plays.

## **Team Building**

Team building games typically require participants to work closely together to attain a desired result. Kids learn how to communicate, articulate their ideas and compromise with others during the course of a group game. When it comes to team building activities for kids, there are two key criteria: simple and fun. Such activities are fun and engaging for the children themselves, they're also an opportunity to learn skills such as teamwork, cooperation and creative thinking. Team building activities also give kids the chance to build relationships with each other and develop their social skills.

Through such activities, kids learn more about their capabilities and stretch themselves to achieve goals that they may have thought unattainable. The self-confidence that they gain through successfully completing team building games can transfer over to other aspects of their lives such as school, extra-curricular activities and family.

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