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I AM STRONG THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE
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Newsletter 7

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers;

The days are shortening now and we must all bring our attention to keeping the children safe on the journey to and from school. Please make sure that all children know their routines and also know what to do if something unexpected happens. This is especially relevant for children who have permission to travel home on their own at the end of the school day.

Parent Consultation Meetings – 13th & 14th October
It was a pleasure to welcome parents into school on Monday and Tuesday evening. For me it was the first time to meet many of you and it was important to be able to meet as many parents as possible.
Don't forget that in addition to this weekly newsletter, lots of our communication arrives via the **Arbor App** – a platform tailored for parents and schools. If you do not have the App on your device, please make sure you download it. The office staff are happy to assist you in this.

Safeguarding – PANTS
As part of our RSE and PSHE lessons in school we talk to all of the children about personal space and privacy. As children develop and learn about their bodies they are naturally curious and our staff are trained to consider what is developmentally normal and make judgements on the appropriateness of children's conduct towards each other. Parents can assist their children by talking about the PANTS rule. This is a mnemonic that helps children to remember boundaries:
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/

Important reminder: Secondary School applications for Year 6 children
Year 6 parents should now have completed choices for secondary schools and submitted online applications via eAdmissions. If you have not done this, please make it a priority – the closing date is the end of the month.

Ydra Class Assembly
Well done to the children of Ydra class who presented about their island this morning. It was a lovely celebration of culture. The children's knowledge of Greek language shone through and was really impressive.

Class Assemblies – advance notice for parents
A further reminder of these upcoming dates:
Assemblies begin at 9.00am.

7th November	Samos Class
14th November	Ithaca Class
21st November	Zakynthos Class

28th November Crete Class
5th December Santorini Class

Curriculum
The year five children are going to be on the radio again this weekend! Tune in to London Greek Radio (LGR) this Sunday 19th at 10am to hear the children speaking. The frequency for FM radio is **103.3**.
Please follow the link for the radio website for how to listen:
www.lgr.co.uk

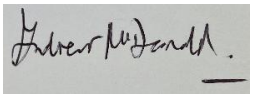
Open Day
Please don't forget to help us to promote our next Open Day which will take place on **Wednesday 22nd October 2025**. Try to talk about our school to as many people as you can.

Photographs
This is advanced notice and will be repeated so that parents have the opportunity to make preparations. The first day back after our half-term holiday, Monday 3rd November, will be the day that individual photos of the children are taken. Please add it to your diaries and calendars now! Tuesday 4th November will be the day for family photos with siblings.

Spotlight
Spotlight today falls on **Shane** from Kalymnos Class. Shane wrote a beautiful poem this week based on our whole school book '*The River and the Tree*' by Aaron Becker. His poem is attached with this newsletter as a .pdf if you have received this newsletter via email. Well done, Shane. The world needs young poets.

The religious and cultural life of the school
On Monday in our assembly the children listened about and talked about the Holy Cross, and who was present to witness Christ's Passion and Death. The children were knowledgeable and identified Mary, Mother of Christ, St John, Mary Magdalene and the Women of Jerusalem. We then learned about Longinus, the Roman Centurion who was present and who pierced the side of Christ with his spear. This is an important element of our teaching around The Passion. The children reflected on the terrible place this man held in the story of the Passion and how, according to tradition, he was converted at the moment of the earthquake and is considered by many as the first Christian.

Ohi Day Επέτειος του Όχι
On Friday 24th October there will be a special assembly in the school hall to commemorate Ohi Day. The remembrance highlights the bravery of the army and people of Greece during the Second World War in 1940, and is now part of a wider reflection on remembrance and sacrifice. You are warmly invited to join the children for a range of reflections and presentations that will help everyone in our community to consider the value of democracy and the price of freedom.
I wish you a restful weekend.
Yours faithfully,



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