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I AM STRONG THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE
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Newsletter 2

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers;
Our first full week together has been punctuated by the traditional turn in the weather with heavy rain and strong wind. It was welcome after a prolonged drought. However, we did notice that many children who came to school with umbrellas did not have coats on. Please bring a coat as we will encourage children to make the most of outdoor time even when the weather is not perfect.

Safeguarding – an Allergy-aware school and Benedict's Law
You will have seen the tragic story of Benedict Blythe, a five-year-old boy who died at his primary school in 2021. A series of measures were put in place for schools to react rapidly to cases of allergies and anaphylaxis, and from 1st September this became a legal duty. This is called '**Benedict's Law**'.
All staff in school have received training about allergies and anaphylaxis and we have reviewed all our procedures. Our goal is that we are an '**Allergy-aware**' school. We know that the danger of allergens cannot be completely removed so instead we will make sure that everyone has the information needed to act quickly to keep everyone safe.

Communication
Have you made sure that your Arbor App is the most recent version, and that notifications are enabled? This is a vital tool for communicating with families.

Curriculum
Our first piece of whole-school writing this term will be about a lighthouse on a stormy night. Children of all ages will be asked to write on this theme – please talk to your child about what a lighthouse is and what it is used for. Hopefully we will be able to celebrate some amazing descriptive and imaginative writing.

Our School Council
This week the children have elected their representatives for the School Council. It is an important step for all children to understand about representation and democracy, which we talked about in Thursday's assembly. We congratulate the following children who will be representing their classes: Khalif and Gabriel in Skiathos Class, Levi and Sia in Santorini Class, Sofia and Micah-Rose in Zakynthos Class, Ariana and Mariqos in Ithaca Class, Sonari and Valerie in Samos Class, and Alessia and Tiago in Kalymnos Class.

Our Head Girl and Head Boy
We are delighted to announce that the Head Girl for 2026/27 is **Nicaea**. The Head Boy is **Willard**. They will be representing the school throughout the year. Congratulations.

Cultural Life of our school *A report from Mrs Adrien*
We were delighted to be invited by Equimundo, the Centre for Masculinities and Social Justice and the Children's Society to the **House of Lords** to mark the launch of the Beyond Gender Stereotypes impact report. Our KS2 pupils took part in the pilot programme alongside other schools. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear about the impact of the programme and to celebrate the work being done to challenge harmful gender stereotypes and promote equality for all children and young people.
https://www.equimundo.org/

Poem of the week
The poem that was shared with the children this week was 'The Blackbird' by Humbert Wolfe. You can find a copy on the internet at:
https://www.babelmatrix.org/works/en/Wolfe%2C_Humbert-1885/The_Blackbird

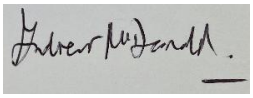
Golden Book
Congratulations to the following children this week who have been selected for outstanding achievement, perseverance or behaviour: Leonardo in Skiathos Class, Leyton in Santorini Class, Micah-Rose in Zakynthos Class, Josiah in Ithaca Class, Liam in Samos Class, D'Rius in Kalymnos Class, and Fairuz in Starlight Class. The Headteacher's Award is for Amayah-Rae in Kalymnos Class.

Religious Life of the school
Our first visit to the church will take place on Monday 14th September, when the children from Santorini Class attend the morning service. This week the children reflected on The Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. In our Monday assembly we looked at Icons of Mary and her parents, Joachim and Anna. We thought about how the birth of Mary was part of God's plan for the world.

Your birth, O Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world,
for from you dawned the sun of righteousness, Christ our God.
Freeing us from the curse, He gave us His blessings.
Abolishing death, He granted us eternal life.
(Apolytikion of Nativity of the Theotokos)

A prayer for peace
Today marks 25 years since the attacks on the United States of America in which 2,977 innocent people were killed. We pray for a world of tolerance and understanding where such actions will never happen again.

I wish you a peaceful weekend.
Yours faithfully,



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