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

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers;
We have had another productive week here in school, with many children taking community responsibility and gathering resources for our Olive Branch Harvest Collection. Some of the items are on display in the foyer, to remind us all to take part and to make a difference for the most vulnerable in our society.
https://olivebranchaid.org/

Safeguarding – the dangers that using AI poses for your children's photos
There was an interesting report from the BBC this week about a new trend of parents using AI to remove the watermark on school class photos and making their own copies, rather than buying the originals. In doing so they are unwittingly uploading the image to the internet where many AI platforms then have access to the image – not just of their own child but the whole class.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cr5ye4p86d21o

Religious Life of the school
On Monday the children learned about The Martyr Longinus, the Roman Centurion who was commanded to carry our Christ's Crucifixion. He later preached to God News of Christ, and was martyred on the order of Pontius Pilate. His commemoration is today. We considered the terrible job he had to carry out, and thought of people in our lives who have difficult jobs.
"*Truly this was the Son of God*" (Matthew 27:54)

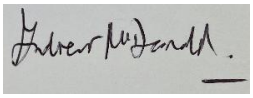
Class Assemblies
Yesterday we were entertained by the children of Ithaca Class who told everyone about their island. Ithaca is held as the place of origin of Odysseus, who travelled for ten years to get back home. The children sang really well in Greek, and shared their learning via the 'St Cyprian's Airways'.
Unfortunately, the assembly for the children of Zakynthos Class has had to be postponed. We apologise for the short notice of this, which was unavoidable. Their assembly will now be on **12th November**.

Poem of the week
The poem this week is a cautionary tale for all children: 'The Day I Got My Finger Stuck Up My Nose' by the late, great Brian Patten. It made the children giggle in assembly.
https://www.poeticous.com/brian-patten/the-day-i-got-my-finger-stuck-up-my-nose

A reminder about school uniform
In our Friday assembly we reminded all children of the importance of coming to school with a coat. We did notice that several children were not wearing coats this morning when it was pouring with rain on the school run. Please make sure this weekend that your child has a suitable waterproof coat.

Golden Book
Congratulations to the following children this week who have been selected for outstanding achievement, perseverance or behaviour: Alicia in Skiathos Class, Leyton in Santorini Class, Thaisa in Zakynthos Class, Alexsa in Ithaca Class, Sonari in Samos Class, and Nicaea in Kalymnos Class. The Headteacher's Award is for Isla in Samos Class.

I wish you a restful weekend.
Yours faithfully,



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