



ΝΟΣΤΟΣ

COMMENDATIONS for commitment and effort

Well done to all pupils who were awarded certificates this year! (There are too many to name you all individually.)

Over the years, Andriana Georgiou, Alexia Angelakou, Vassilia Kastelanides and Maria Charalambidou have offered their enthusiasm and commitment to the staff and children at the school. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to them—for now.....

Maria Thanassa and her team are breaking new ground with the first ever Youth Festival at the Hellenic Centre in Paddington Street. Make sure you don't miss swift-footed Christos Papalekkas and many of our students/teachers at this extraordinary event; proof that our school is gathering 'sousta' speed in inspiring yet more followers of Greek dancing, culture and history.

"I wish to 'put in writing' how I enjoy the lessons on Greek language and culture; how very welcome I feel not only amongst my classmates but amongst the teachers too. I really feel part of the community at The Greek Community School at St. Cyprian's. THANKYOU." Paul (new adult student 2008)

Αγαπητοί γονείς, παιδιά, φίλοι και συνεργάτες του παροικιακού μας σχολείου, Χριστός Ανέστη!

Στους μήνες που πέρασαν από το περασμένο τεύχος του Νοστος, το σχολείο μας πραγματοποίησε την ετήσια γενική συνέλευση στις 17η Μαΐου. Θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω αυτούς τους γονείς που στήριξαν με την παρουσία τους την δουλειά του σχολείου μας και να καλωσορίσω τα νέα μέλη της επιτροπής, τον Mark Edgington, Vassilia Kastelanides ως επίσης τον Πάμπο Χριστοφίδη ο οποίος έχει ήδη αναλάβει την ανανέωση της ιστοσελίδας του σχολείου μας. Βλέπετε, συνεχίζονται οι γενιές της προσφοράς στο σχολείο και στην παροικία μας.

Με χαρά και ικανοποίηση σας δηλώνω πως το σχολείο μας ακόμα μία φορά πρωτοπορεί με τη διοργάνωση του πρώτου Φεστιβάλ Νεολαίας στο Λονδίνο www.ekon.org.uk στο οποίο θα λάβει μέρος και

το σχολείο μας με χορευτικό χοροδία, τραγούδι και μουσική. Το Φεστιβάλ θα φιλοξενηθεί από το Ελληνικό Κέντρο στο Paddington Street στις 6η Ιουλίου. Σας περιμένουμε να χαρούμε και να καμαρώσουμε τους νέους μας όλοι μαζί. Ευχαριστώ θερμά την δασκάλα μας Μαρία Θανασσά που άξια ανέλαβε τον συντονισμό του φεστιβάλ.

Θα αφιερώσουμε την τελική μας γιορτή στις 12 Ιουλίου στη μνήμη του Μάριο Τόκκα. Ελάτε να τραγουδήσουμε μαζί!

Speaking of music, where is it possible to hear renowned singers play authentic instruments from Greek folklore, live? Where is it possible to dress to the nines, dine and then dance until one in the morning with your whole family, some close friends as well as members of your wider community? Or, where is it possible to feel

part of a shared ideal, indulge yourself in memories of your own nostalgic past in which you were brave pioneers; modern citizens with an ancient heritage playing out your newly found roles on the community stage? If this sounds vaguely familiar it is because you were one of the lucky revellers at our annual Dinner & Dance. Full of energy and enthusiasm our students made us all proud as they took to the dance floor and put on a show that would match any professional dance troop! It was as if we were in a taverna somewhere in Plaka or in a Rembetiko club somewhere in the suburbs of Nicosia. If, sadly, you were stuck at home watching TV then make sure you don't miss next year's event. It really is an uplifting experience.



Current news roundup

January: A huge thank you goes to Ferrari's Modern Italian Brasserie in Balham/Croydon. They donated all prizes and money raised from a raffle at a New Year's Eve party - £210 respectively - to Save the Children and our school! February: Students said of our guest speaker, an ex-pupil, Thomas, that his talk about being a community policeman was "inspirational." April: After a successful inspection our school is well on its way to achieving the Quality Mark! May: A warm welcome to Irene Panayiotou who has recently

been appointed School Administrator and to all new Committee members. Thanks also to Alexi, our de-facto school photographer, whose work (right) can be found at www.stcyprianscs.com-yet another of his achievements. June: Extending our pupils' knowledge/awareness of our cultural background and ancient heritage is an important part of our school curriculum. To this end, all exam classes went to see The Apology of Socrates at the Hellenic Centre. This fantastic free event was enjoyed by all and made our

journey home a truly Odyssean affair; sparks flew in philosophical debates on how we should educate our youth. WOW the BBC have chosen some of our students to feature in a documentary on www.teachers.tv It will explore social cohesion in school; students will be encouraged to celebrate their differences, while schools work towards a more cohesive environment.

Important dates

Youth Festival at The Hellenic Centre	6th July
'A Tributeto Marios Tokkas' (End of year concert) Summer Holiday	12th July
Summer Barbeque New Events & Activities	13th July