



DECEMBER NEWS

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,



I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes for the holidays to all our Academy families. Your dedication and enthusiasm enrich our school, and I am grateful for your unwavering commitment to your children's education and growth. May the holiday season bring you peace, happiness, and an abundance of blessings. Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year to the entire American Academy Larnaca community!

Best wishes from all of us!

Georgina Michaelides
Senior School Principal

THIS MONTH

This month was short but busy at the Academy. The Christmas Open Day event was a success, with students, staff and parents coming together to organise a wonderful celebration. Despite the weather, the turnout was high and it was a fantastic evening. Thank you to all those who helped to make it happen and to those who attended and supported. We also had a number of activities and trips, and ended the semester with the traditional Top Class show performance from our Year 7.

*May the Christmas miracle fill your heart with warmth and love.
Christmas is a season for sharing and giving. It is the season of love
and forgiveness.*

*From everyone at the American Academy Larnaca, we wish you a
Merry Christmas.*



George Panagi: Cyprus Shooting Championship

Our Year 6 student, George Panagi, won for the second consecutive year the Cyprus shooting championship in the U21 category for Sporting and Compak! He also won the 9th Cyprus Cup Fitasc! This year he participated in the European Sporting Championship and for Compak World championship as part of Cyprus national team and he is 69th in the Fitasc world ranking for Sporting U21. Congratulations George!



Christmas Carols - Open Day



We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all attendees, participants and staff for making our recent Open Day and Christmas Carols a resounding success. The event provided an exciting opportunity to prospective families to explore and engage with our school. The overwhelming turnout and positive feedback reaffirm the enthusiasm and interest in American Academy Larnaca. We remain dedicated to fostering excellence through education and collaboration.

Learning Walks

This year we have moved away from formal lesson observations and introduced 'Learning walks'. Throughout the month of November, Senior and Middle leaders popped into lessons across the school. They saw some wonderful lessons and got to speak with students about their learning. As teachers, we are constantly reflecting on what went well in our lessons and how we can continue to improve. This is something that will continue across the academic year in our continued efforts to celebrate excellent practice and share and collaborate across the school.





Cyprus National Football Teams



Meet the driving force behind the Cyprus national football teams for U19, U17 and U15. The captain of each national team is an American Academy Larnaca student. These young men embody the perfect blend of talent and dedication, demonstrating the leadership skills we hold so highly, and highlighting once again that our students excel not just in academics, but character and athletic prowess.

Our Y7 student Panagiotis Karagiorgis is the captain of our National Team U19. He played for the qualifying phase of European U19 Championship in Tbilisi, Georgia, 13-22/11/2023 against Georgia, Spain and Moldova.

Our Y5 student Kyriakos Strouthou is the captain of our National Team U17. This year he is taking part in a European tournament and has already competed against a number of countries, including England, Denmark, Scotland, Switzerland, Portugal and the Netherlands.

Our Y3 student Michalis Hadjichambi is one of the three captains of our National Team U15. He participated in the development tournament that took place in Cyprus and played against San Marino, Armenia, Bulgaria.

JANUARY 2024

KEY DATES

- 1-5 Christmas Holidays – School closed
- 8 Start of 2nd Semester for Y1-6
- 9 First day back for Y7
- 19 Semester 1 reports issued
- 24 PTE Years 1-7
- 30 School Holiday: Education Day

"We should learn to do our best for the sake of our communities and for the sake of those whom we pave the way."

–Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.