

# JANUARY NEWS

# Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and have started the year off positively. It has been a very full month at the academy as our students continue to engage will all the opportunities available to them. It was also a real pleasure to welcome so many parents to our January Parent Teacher Evening, where focused and meaningful discussions took place regarding student achievement. I wish everyone a productive and successful semester ahead!

Georgina Michaelides Senior School Principal

### THIS MONTH

From student leadership and clubs activities to school trips, it's been a really busy month.

In particular, our students have really shone in school assemblies – from Education Day celebrations to informing younger students about world religions and student leadership opportunities, they have showcased their ability to speak clearly and confidently in front of an audience.

2024 - 2025 REGISTRATION IS OPEN ENTRANCE EXAMS, SATURDAY 9TH MARCH



### Presidential Palace: Human Rights Event

Members of the Model United Nations Club visited the Presidential Palace for the United Nations and Human Rights event, an event which emphasised the importance of striving for world peace and individual freedoms. Our students were very excited and honoured to speak with H.E. the President of the Republic, Mr. Christodoulides, H.E. the Ambassador of Switzerland and other distinguished diplomats.

## Year 1: Team Building Activities



On Monday, 15th January our Year 1 students had an empowering morning! From exciting games to collaborative challenges, they learnt about team building, problem solving and leadership. It was a memorable day for everyone and we are confident the skills they have built and the new friendships they have made will have a positive impact on their learning inside and outside the classroom.



### Dale Carnegie Graduation

This year's cohort of Dale Carnegie Generation Next participants graduated from the programme this month. Working alongside Mr Dinos Demetriou and Mr Savvas Hadjihambi, students learnt skills in communication, teamwork and public speaking. As part of their graduation, each participant gave a speech in front of their parents, teachers and peers. They we reflective, confident and articulate and we are so proud of their journey. Congratulations to all those who took part!



## **World Religion Day**

The World Religion Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in January every year and is a reminder of the need for understanding between religions. The following week our students delivered a presentation in the assembly which described each of the six religions' traditions (Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism and Sikhism) and their holiest or most known places of worship. The presentation was delivered to Y3 and Y4 students and the presenters were from Y4, Y5 and Y7 groups.



# **Student Leadership** Programme

This month, our Year 1 students were informed about the SSAT Student Leadership Accreditation by Mr Savvas Hadjihambi and members of our SPL Year 2 programme. The programme allows students to showcase and celebrate their leadership skills and gain recognition through their portfolio. One of our real strengths as a school, for which we are very proud, is the level of self confidence, teamwork and community spirit that we instill in our students. This programme gives students the opportunity to earn Bronze, Silver and Gold by demonstrating their skills in 'Developing myself', 'Working with others' and 'Contributing to my community'.



### **FEBRUARY 2024** KEY DATES

- 2 Years 3 & 5 Options Evening
- 7-8 Clubs/Teams Photos
  - 9 International Greek Language Day
- 22 Sports Day

### **Mathematics Regional** Competition

The following students have participated in the Mathematics regional competition.

### Year 1

Laptenok Daniel - Merit Yu Perseus - Merit Year 2 Michael Marios - 2nd place Savic Nikola - 3rd place Hadjinicolaou Panagiotis - Merit Year 3 Yu Liang Xuan - 1st place Angonas Panagiotis - Merit Year 4 Konstantinou Andreas - 1st place Year 5 Papaevripidis Nikolas - 2nd place Demetriou Pantelis - 3rd place Year 6 Angeli Dimitris - 3rd place Year 7 Stylianou Rafail - Merit

Congratulations to all for their hard work and exceptional results!

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world".

-Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa

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