SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

March has been a month of long weekends, national celebrations and whole school events. One of my favourites is Tsiknopempti. This is something I never really experienced in the UK, and the atmosphere and spirit with which we celebrate at the Academy never fails to excite me. We had some incredible baking from the Cooba club, a real display of community spirit from all our blood donors, a love of literacy at our book sale and some healthy competition during our football tournament. Of course we also ate souvla that was expertly prepared by our students, and enjoyed loukoumades courtesy of our generous PTA. Whilst we pride ourselves on our high academic standards and the excellent achievements of our students, it is days like this, where we come together as a big family, that I believe the American Academy Larnaca community really shine.

We now look ahead to a month of sacrifice and preparation – for both Easter (for those who observe) and for the upcoming exams. I wish all our students the very best of luck in their revision and in their exam performance.

Georgina Michaelides Senior School Principal

THIS MONTH

Our school came together for a number of events each one demonstrating the teamwork, talent and community spirit of our students. As well as the success of Tsiknopemti, we really enjoyed the spectacular gifts of our dancers, performers and musicians at the Spring concert. The performances were nothing short of incredible and I felt so proud watching our students and seeing the rewards of the hard work that they, and our staff, dedicated to the event. We also saw students succeed at the Euromath competition in Rome, where they received a number of awards, and celebrated our Junior Achievement Sci-Tech challenge team who won first place against teams from across the island. We look forward to seeing them represent Cyprus in the world finals in April. We also enjoyed a number of assemblies from the Business, Maths, Science, IT, Music, MUN and Greek teams, highlighting the diversity and value of our curriculum.

Girls graduate from the
American Academy Larnaca
for the first time - there are
nine of them.



JA Sci-tech Challenge

This month our brilliant scientists won first place in a highly competitive challenge! A team of our Year 6 students took on the challenge of creating an solution to revolutionise innovative energy conservation in houses at the JA Sci-tech challenge. From brainstorming to presenting, they showcased their brilliant solutions to a panel of esteemed experts. Following this achievement they will represent Cyprus in the worldwide competition held in Brussels next month. It was also a delight to see two of our Year 7 students, and former JA champions, host the event.



Spring Concert

A symphony of talent and teamwork! Our Spring Concert was nothing short of magical, with outstanding performances from our students that left the audience in awe. Huge applause to our dedicated teachers for nurturing this musical brilliance. The energy and excitement in the audience created an unforgettable atmosphere!



Euromath Conference



A team of our Year 4 and Year 6 International Euromath and EuroScience Conference was held in Rome from 12th – 16th March 2024, this year. Students compete against hundreds of other students worldwide and give presentations. With a focus on communication skills related to science and mathematics, the conference encourages students to build their competencies and skills. Our school was represented by 46 students from Years 4 and 6. Awards received:

- 2nd place in the Individual Euromath Presentation competition
- 3rd place in the Group Euromath Presentation competition
- 2nd and 3rd award in the Math Poster competition

Congratulations to all participants and the accompanied teachers for making us proud once more.





Pancyprian Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition



A triumph of grace and talent! Our incredible Year 2 student Aleksandra Dubrovskaia, soared to 1st Place overall in Rhythmic Gymnastics at the Pancyprian School Competition. Dominating in Ball and Clubs routines and adding a touch of elegance with a 2nd Place Ribbon finish. A true champion, showcasing skill, dedication and poise!

APRIL 2024

KEY DATES

1 School Holiday

- 2 Years 6 & 7 Final Exams Begin
- 13 Greek Play at 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Year 4 Maths Final Exam
- 19 Year 5-7 Final Exams end
- 29 Easter Holidays

CooBa Club

A huge shout-out to all the talented chefs who participated in the annual CooBa Club competition! Special thanks to Chef Andreas Bouassi for his invaluable support and guidance throughout the event.



Junior School Expansion



Exciting times ahead as we sign the contracts for the expansion of our Junior School! Growing, investing, and committed to delivering outstanding education standards for our bright minds.

"Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace".

- Confucius, Chinese philosopher

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