

# Middle School Newsletter

March 2004

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*I am pleased to inform you that our school's application to participate in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years programme (MYP) has been accepted. We are now authorized by IBO to offer this programme.*

*L. Corsi  
Middle School Principal*

I would like to congratulate *Alex Chirdaris, Nasia Kalokerinou, Arianna Mouha* in Grade 9 and *Dimitris Cangelaris* in Grade 8, for their participation in a French class project organised by Les Cléphonies, a French Cultural Centre. Their drawings, which represented "***Dreams of the World***" were exhibited in three cities in France and are now saved on a computer. Our students also received drawings and poems from other international participants.

*L. Corsi*

## **Parent / Teacher Conferences.**

We look forward to seeing you all on  
Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004  
2:00pm - 6:00pm.

## **World Water Day**

Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

## **Met Link International**

Weather Project

March 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004

If interested in the progress of this project go to:

<http://www.metlink.org>

where you can check weather data from all over the world and admire our page on the site.

## **Drama Workshop**

On 4<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended a drama workshop at the Auberge.

4<sup>th</sup> grade presented their choral odes, 5<sup>th</sup> grade presented their Commedia dell' Arte, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade's presentation was their Olympic Oath.

All 3 groups had a question and answer session where they shared their opinions on the presentation. The workshop finished with 5<sup>th</sup> grade teaching 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades elements of Commedia. All in all, it was an entertaining and educational Wednesday afternoon!

*A. Avradopoulos  
HOD of Fine Arts*

## **Health and Science Week**

On March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>, we organised Health and Science Week for the students of the Middle Years Programme (Grades 6 - 10), in order to increase the students' awareness of health related issues, to prepare them to make informed choices about health hazards that they may face and to develop in them a sense of responsibility for their own well being. Professionals from the community were invited to give lectures pertaining to *Substance Abuse, AIDS, Accident Prevention* and *Teenage Relationships*. To further enhance students' involvement during Science classes, grades 6 - 9 prepared projects, individual presentations and activities on a number of topics: puberty and changes, nutrition, human reproductive systems, human variations, human cells, pregnancy, adolescence, hygiene and addictions. The exploration of all these issues allowed students to examine, discuss and reflect on a broader range of medical, psychological and sociological aspects of health. Health and Science Week ended with a general knowledge quiz, which gave students the opportunity to check their knowledge on a number of topics and win prizes. Students are to be congratulated for their excellent participation, interest and enthusiasm in all areas of the Health and Science Week programme.

*H. Tzaros  
HOD of Science  
M. Protopapa  
Area Leader*

## **Exciting Events**

Middle School Student Council has continued to be extra productive! After the successful Hippie Holiday Hullabaloo Winter Dance, activities for the Middle School were in full force. A January Chocolate Sale of delicious treats funded the bowling afternoon for grade 6, 7 and 8 in February. Students bowled and played pool; laughter and smiles were contagious. At the exciting Birthday Bash #2 for students celebrating their birth dates from November to February, 25 students were served cake and juice after the choral birthday song. This month grade 9 will also be bowling one afternoon as part of their math class with Mr Psaromatis. Grade 8 will be participating in an ***Awake-a-Thon***, an overnight competition to see how many hours the students can stay awake. They will be gathering sponsors for the event and the money collected will go to the organization The Other Face of Ethiopia. Students in the Literary and News Group are working hard collecting student writing samples and writing news articles for the end of year edition. I am proud to see school unity and spirit among the Middle School students.

*M. Voulgaris  
Middle School Student Council Advisor  
Area Leader*

## **"GOLD MEDAL' Certificates to Our Olympic Champions**

Cambridge University Press launched their second annual event last month - *Communicating the Olympic Spirit* - held at Arsakeio School on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Students' artwork portraying Olympic themes was displayed. TASIS Middle School proudly presented art work by: *Nicholas Trakas, Anna-Maria Gueorguieva and Amalia Mermingas*. All pieces were excellent and Anna-Maria, who was selected for the third prize, received a certificate and gifts from the Olympic Committee. A poster using all the award-winning entries can be seen in the Middle School multi-purpose area.

Another aspect of the event was a performance programme where students put on athletic presentations, theatrical and dance routines, debates and music recitals. Once again TASIS 6<sup>th</sup> graders took part in presenting a gymnastics routine using balls and synchronized movements. Their performance was brilliant and their efforts were rewarded with a certificate which can also be seen in the Middle School area. The young ladies who participated in the event were: *Elise Barry, Vania Bovan, Jacqueline Cremos, Marietta De Silva, Eleni Doriza-Loukakou and Vasiliki Ziadah*.

On behalf of everyone involved, I would like to thank Mr Valvis for all his support and excellent organization of the gymnastics presentation.

*A special commendation should be made to our two 11IB students, Sada Chatziali and Ivy Delacion who were Masters of Ceremony for the day.*

*M. Metaxa  
Librarian*

## **From the P.E. Department**

On Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, grades 6, 7 and 8, participated in a sports day organised by the Athletics Department. The students had the opportunity to practice their athletic skills in three sports: Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer. This event enhanced the students' teamwork, co-operation and sportsmanship. The students enjoyed the day which was filled with fun and exercise. Even though it was a little tiring, they expressed the wish to do it again in the future.

## **MYP Sports Day Results**

### **Boys**

Boys Soccer : Winners **HERCULES**  
Alex Aharonian  
Nicholas Trakas  
Peter Plevrities  
Leogene Tanagon  
Dimitris Cangelaris

Boys Basketball : Winners **HERCULES**  
Alex Aharonian  
Nicholas Trakas  
Peter Plevrites  
Leogen Tanagon  
Dimitris Cangelaris

Boys Volleyball : Winners **MIXED**  
Alex Aharonian  
Aris Ioannou  
Peter Plevrites  
Leogen Tanagon  
Dean Tragas  
Rodion Skarvelis

### **Girls**

Girls Volleyball : Winners **ATHENIANS**  
Sophia Berkhout  
Elena Doriza  
Lynn Abhulemen  
Alice Barry  
Tanya Husler  
Marina Cangelaris

Girls Basketball : Winners **MIXED**  
Danae Boundy  
Zenta Melnika  
Nefeli Sotiraki-Black

Girls Soccer : Winners **ATHENIANS**  
Sophia Berkhout  
Elena Doriza  
Lynn Abhulimen  
Alice Barry  
Tanya Husler  
Marina Cangelaris

### **Thessaloniki Sports Trip**

On Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>, eight athletes from our Under 14 Boys Soccer team traveled to Thessaloniki for the annual Aegean Sports Tournament hosted by Anatolia College.

Our team played two very challenging games against Anatolia A and B teams. During the trip, members enjoyed a night out, delicious lunches at a local tavern and lots of sports. Although Thessaloniki was not covered in snow like Athens, the weather was very cold. This, however, did not affect our athletes who worked hard and played very well.

The team, together with the rest of our school teams returned to Athens on Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to *Aris Komborozos, John Klonizakis, Nicholas Trakas, Abe Cohen, Dimitri Cangelaris, Alex Gregos, George Savevski* and *Mark Georgiou* for their participation.

*J. Vradis*  
*HOD of Physical Education*

*R. Scilipoti*  
*Under 14 Boys Soccer Coach*

