

# The Bear Essentials

## Principal's Monthly Bulletin

May - June 2011

Welcome back for the last seven weeks of school for this academic year! Firstly, I am proud to announce that Ms Tagas' grade 5 class organized the fundraising of approximately 1300 euro for the Japanese earthquake victims through a Bake Sale (400 euro), the annual Nearly New Sale (500 euro), a lovely Helping Hands Display (200 euro) and Tags Days (200 euro). The sincerest of thanks go to everyone who participated in our community project.

Preparations and planning are well under way for the numerous special events in our third trimester. In addition to regular class work, students and teachers are particularly busy with rehearsals for shows and celebrations, plus numerous annual events, such as Sports Day, the grade 6 Science Fair, the grade 5 Exhibition and the Talent Show. Check the diary dates at the end of this bulletin and mark your calendar now for these special events and more!

Much of my time is spent meeting prospective families and planning our calendar for 2011 - 2012. Work has already started on the new Kindergarten building on Spartis 6, Kifissia and planning meetings with our 3 Kindergarten coordinators take place regularly: opening a new campus is an exciting venture and one which will enable us to continue to offer a well designed Kindergarten program for our young learners.

I urge you to re-register as soon as possible to help us plan effectively for next year. Each year we say goodbye to mobile families whose Greek assignments have come to an end, so please be kind enough to let us know if your family is moving on. In this way we can prepare your child's exit papers in a timely manner. As the third trimester report cards are mailed at the end of June, be sure to let Ms Pauline know if reports should be mailed to a summer address.

- Once again, **ISA will be running two summer programs**, one at Melina's Kindergarten and one at the main campus. Dates are June 20<sup>th</sup> till July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Further details can be obtained from Mrs Dereziotis at the main campus or Mrs Barry at Melina's. Tel: 210 8012719.
- **On behalf of the school community I welcome the Al-Kenani family:** in Grade 3 we have Fatima; in Grade 4 we have Maryam and Mohammed is in grade 5.
- **The Easter Egg Hunts were a great success!** I want to thank everyone in the Parents in Action group, plus their volunteers, who helped with this special event. Now the plans for the Spring Fair are taking shape – you will be receiving more information soon. Don't forget that the Primary School Student Council will be organising a Lucky Ticket stall for which all donations will be gratefully received.
- **Congratulations are due to all the wonderful art teachers at ISA** whose work with your children resulted in such a prestigious exhibition at the Art City Mihalarias Gallery on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Visitors were certainly impressed by

the talent, creativity and freedom of expression in the pieces on display.  
**Check out the video on [youtube.com/user/ISA GREECE](https://www.youtube.com/user/ISA_GREECE)**

- **The topics for the grade 5 personal student exhibition** will be as varied as ever following much deliberation over the choice of each personal inquiry: subjects range from environmental issues such as the uses of solar power to health and medicine and computer technology. It promises to be a great opportunity for students to share their concerns and curiosity with the community. Be sure not to miss our exhibition on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Did you know that Hearing Dogs for Deaf People** is the charity in England to whom I forward all the used stamps that families drop off in our reception area? So please don't throw those envelopes out without cutting round the stamp area, and giving the stamps to your child. Perhaps you can ask your work colleagues to do the same? Please continue to send in any used batteries also. Thank you!
- **The Lost and Found Basket is full of items of clothing** again – and mostly unmarked with a child's name. Until it is given to the Parents in Action Group at the end of the year I suggest parents check it out for items their children have lost. Is school uniform not too expensive to throw away?

### Diary Dates till end of school year

#### May

Week of May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Review begins for Greek Mother Tongue Exams
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade 4 Field Trip to Inter Active Museum
Week of 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother Tongue Greek Speaking and Listening Exams
10 <sup>th</sup>	GRADE 1 to Train Museum
11 <sup>th</sup>	Drama Shows at 11.00 a.m and 2.30 p.m
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day at Zirinion stadium 9.45 – 12.30p.m.
Week of 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother Tongue Greek written exams EAL End of Year exams
18 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 Field Trip to Islamic Museum
20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Science Fair at 1.30 p.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade 1 to the Benaki Museum
26 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 "Heros and Sheros" presentation at 2.30 p.m.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Poros weekend

28<sup>th</sup> Melina's Kindergarten Summer Show

Week of 30<sup>th</sup> May Student Portfolio Week grades 1 - 5

## June

1<sup>st</sup> Music Recital at 2.00p.m. for grades 1-3 and 7.00p.m. for grades 4-6

3<sup>rd</sup> All library books due to be returned

4<sup>th</sup> ISA Spring Fair

7<sup>th</sup> Last Parent Group Meeting at 2.15 p.m. in Dr Thanopoulou's office

8<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Exhibition at 9.15 a.m.

9<sup>th</sup> Greek BBQ and "Wheelies Afternoon"

10<sup>th</sup> No classes: Accreditation In Service Day

13<sup>th</sup> No Classes: Pentacost holiday

15<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Breakfast

16<sup>th</sup> Talent Show at 2.00p.m.

17<sup>th</sup> Awards, YearBook distribution .

**Classes end at 12 noon.**

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL TABLE AT THE SPRING FAIR?**

**The Student Council will have a lucky number table – 1 in 5 tickets will win a prize! Please donate any items, large or small, which could be used as prizes. We have many "bottle" gifts donated before Christmas which we will use, but anything extra will just mean we can raise the chances of winning and please our customers more!**

**Books, stickers, games, sweets, new toys, etc – all welcome!**

**Thank you.**