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Welcome from the Director

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the **16th edition of the Xenion High School magazine, 'Ithaki'**. This publication reflects our school's commitment not only to fully meeting the aims of the Ministry of Education but also to providing a multi-dimensional education that prepares our students for life as active citizens of the twenty-first century world.

'Ithaki' is a gazette; a record of the tremendous work undertaken during the past academic year by all our teachers and students. It records not only their prowess in academic endeavours but also the initiatives and events that have developed their creativity and strengthened the vital human qualities of respect, empathy and love of the arts that they will carry with them long after they leave us. Its pages demonstrate our fundamental belief that learning does not begin and end at the classroom door but encompasses every aspect of human experience. The contents of this journal chronicle the diversity of learning experiences that we at Xenion offer our students and the way in which they have risen to meet every challenge and taken every opportunity to excel.

I would like to congratulate all those who make this possible. I congratulate the teachers on their dedication and commitment to providing the best possible learning experience to our students. Most of all, however, I congratulate the students. They are the ones who bring our school to life. They are the ones who make all our efforts worthwhile. They are the ones whom 'Ithaki' celebrates.

The Director
Katelitsa Zouvani Phylactou



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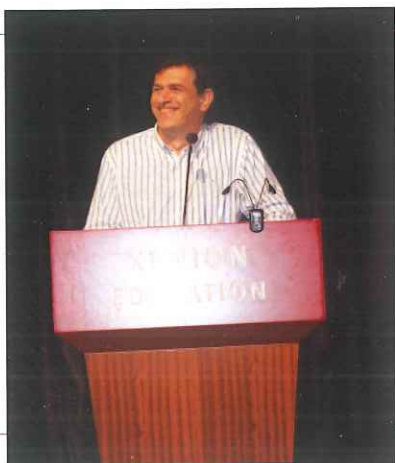
International Participation

Good Causes & Charitable Giving

Visitors & Guest Speakers

'INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED MOUTH PAINTER'

The renowned artist, **Mr Kyriacos Kyriacou**, came to give a demonstration of his art. Having been paralysed by an accident when he was 15 years old, Mr Kyriacou holds the brush in his mouth as he paints and is the only Cypriot member of the Mouth and Foot Painters Association. He has achieved international recognition as 'Kris Kirk' and his work is exhibited worldwide.

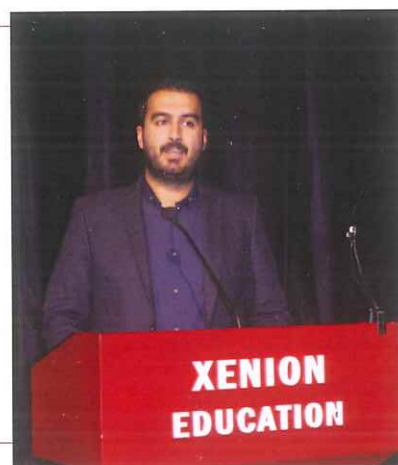


'PLANTS OF CYPRUS - THEIR USES AND BENEFITS'

Botanist, **George Ellinas**, is an expert on native Cypriot flora. He spoke about the many ways in which plants are an important part of our everyday lives and about their nutritional and healing properties.

'XENION ALUMNUS, YIANNIS CONSTANTINOU, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YOUTH BUSINESS NETWORK.'

Yiannis Constantinou spoke about the conferences which the YBN organises in order to educate young people about business and help them to make the most of their creativity.



'BRAIN - COMPUTER INTERFACES: THE TECHNOLOGY OF MINDREADING'

Dr Nicoletta Nicolaou, honorary Research Fellow at Imperial College London, gave a fascinating lecture about the future of brain / technology interfaces and their implication for medical issues such as pain-relief.



GENE THERAPY

Dr Alexia Kagiava, Post-doctoral Fellow at The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, spoke about gene therapy to students in years 6 and 7.

THE PHILEAS GUIDES

Pambos Charalambous, a Xenion alumnus, introduced the Phileas Guides. These represent a pioneering index of useful information and were created by a group of Cypriots with the intention of placing all the information they will ever need at the fingertips of every resident of Cyprus.



'HOW THE 'TELETHON' HELPS PEOPLE WITH MYOPATHIES'

Telethon presentation by **Georgos Vatiliotis** from the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics.

'ROAD SAFETY TALK'

This is an important annual fixture in the Xenion school calendar. This year, Paralimni Traffic chief, **Giorgos Demetriou** was joined by **Ms Lena Mavrikiou**, the mother of a young man who tragically lost his life in a traffic accident one New Year's Eve.



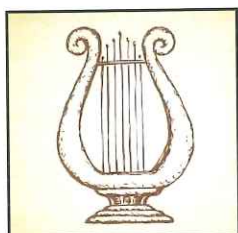


'THE TARO ROOT AND THE PROMOTION OF CYPRIOT CUISINE'

Chef **Antonis Attounis** spoke about the versatility of the Taro (Kolokassi) root and the development of new recipes and applications for it in Cypriot cuisine.

'QUALITY TOURISM : SUSTAINABLE CULTIVATION OR SEASONAL HUNTING?'

Mr Polyvios Kallis, President of the Pancyprian Association of Hotel Managers, spoke to the whole school about the importance of understanding Tourism and its importance to the Cypriot economy.

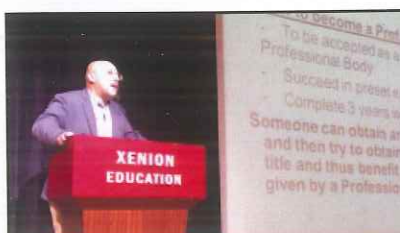


TRADITIONAL POETRY

Takis Zouvanis, who is a traditional Greek lyric poet, presented his work to the whole school.

CAREERS WEEK

Every year we are delighted to welcome representatives of the professions as guest speakers during Careers Week. This year's speakers included careers as diverse as medicine, law and construction.



Focus on health

Over the year we were visited by a number of **health professionals**, who gave a wide range of talks about all aspects of healthy living. These speakers make an important contribution to our students' **Health and Personal Education** and we are very grateful to all those who give so freely of their time.



'YOUNG PEOPLE AND NUTRITION'

Nutritionist,
Maria Moulazimi Fokki,
with the Director



'SMOKING AND E-SMOKING'

A presentation by
Dr. Michalis Zouvanis
on the danger of all
forms of smoking.



'ORAL HYGIENE'

Lecture by dentist
and Xenion alumna
Dr. Tasoula Petrou
(seen here at work).



'PROTECT YOUR SKIN FROM THE SUN'

The Director with
dermatologist, **Katia Michaelidou**, who gave
a fascinating talk about
why and how we should
protect our skin from
sun-damage.



'PROTECTING YOUR EYES FROM THE SUN'

Our Science teacher,
Sotia Shiantani spoke
about the dangers of
sun-damage to our eyes
and the need to protect
them properly.



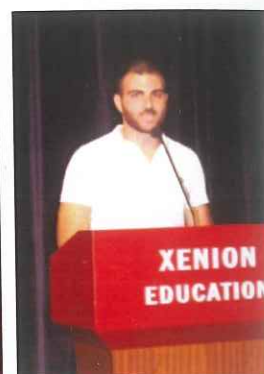
'SEXUAL HEALTH AND PERSONAL HYGIENE'

Dr. Costas Flouris,
gynaecologist, gave a talk
on sexual health and
personal hygiene.

Special Assemblies

26TH SEPTEMBER - EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

This was marked by a short presentation by English teacher, Ms Kendra Loizou and some of her year 4 students. Xenion alumnus, Nicolas Zouvani, who is studying Intercultural Communication and Interpretation in Vienna, also took part and spoke about the value of learning languages .



United Nations Day



24TH OCTOBER - UNITED NATIONS DAY

A presentation by Year 6 students who are taking A Level History, directed by their History teacher, Mr Michael Charalambous



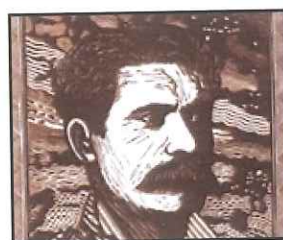
10TH DECEMBER - 'HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL'

A presentation in celebration of Human Rights Day from Lower School members of the Drama Club. Directed and produced by English teachers, Ms Anna Michael and Ms Kendra Loizou.



8TH MARCH - NATIONAL TREE DAY

Presented by year 4 students and Biology teacher, Sotia Shiantani.



**VASILIS
MICHAELIDES,
CYPRUS'
NATIONAL POET**

A presentation by the Head of the Greek Department at Xenion High School, Ms Sophia Tsantila Phylactou commemorating the centenary of the death of the poet Vasilis Michaelides on 18th December, 1917.

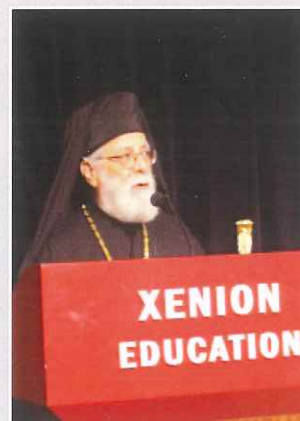
MAY 14TH - MOTHERS' DAY

An appreciation of mothers everywhere by the Drama Club.

School Celebrations & National Anniversaries

2ND SEPTEMBER 2016

The academic year began formally with the Blessing Ceremony, conducted by the Metropolitan Bishop of Constantia and Ammochostos, Mr. Vasilios. The opening address was given by the Director of Xenion High School, Mrs Katelitsa Zouvani Phylactou. The bishop also gave a homily to the assembled students and staff.



CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE DAY – OCTOBER 1ST

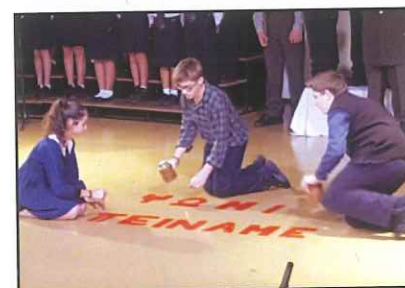
A presentation by the school's Greek department, remembering in words and music this important anniversary, which commemorates the date in 1960 when Cyprus officially became an independent country.



28TH OCTOBER 1940 – OXI DAY

The anniversary of the occasion upon which Metaxas, the ailing Greek Prime Minister, refused to give in to the Axis powers and chose, instead, to join the fight against fascism.

Each October our students take part in the commemorative parade through Paralimni. On that occasion, the school banner and the national flags of Greece and Cyprus are carried proudly by year 7 students who have earned that privilege by their academic excellence. They are attended by an Honour Guard drawn from the best students in years 2 to 6. This year's commemorative presentation and ceremony was co-ordinated by Ms Margarita Prountzou.


**15TH AND 17TH NOVEMBER – CONDEMNATION OF THE PSEUDOSTATE
AND ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLYTECHNIC UPRISING**

A number of different events took place; including the Student Council's delivery to UN representatives of a letter of protest at the continuing occupation of Cyprus by Turkish forces, a performance related to the Condemnation by Upper School students and a special presentation in the amphitheatre in commemoration of the student uprising of 1973 at Athens Polytechnic.



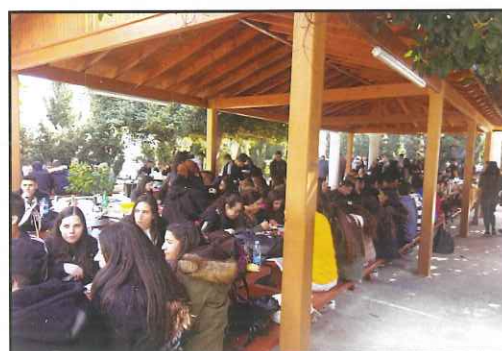
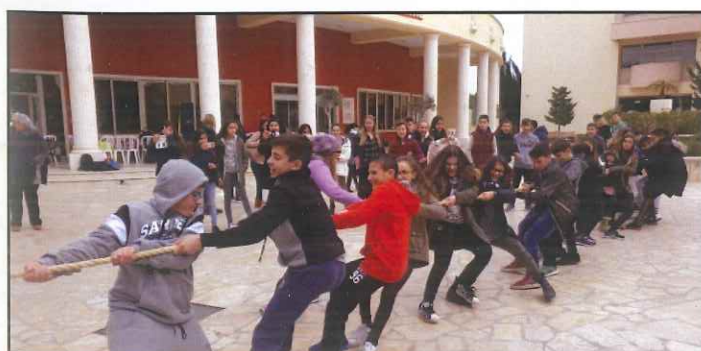
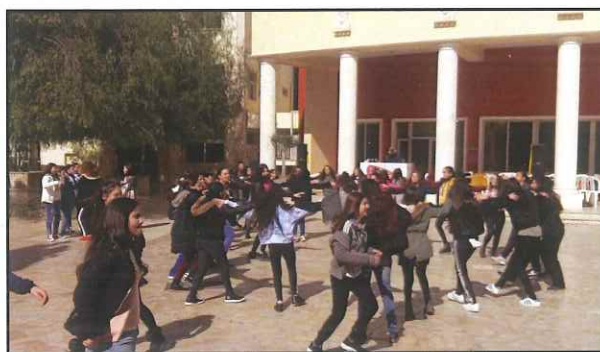
30TH JANUARY – DAY OF THE THREE HEIRARCHS

A celebration of letters and learning, presented by R.E. teacher, Ms Angelika Kyriacou.



16TH FEBRUARY – TSIKNOPEMPTI

This is always a very popular and enjoyable celebration and this year was no exception. Lower School students were catered for by the lovely staff in the canteen while the Upper School cooked up a storm of traditional Cypriot barbecue. It was a day of delicious food, great fun and good company



25TH MARCH AND 1ST APRIL - GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY AND EOKA DAY

A joint celebration of these two important national holidays was marked by a beautifully performed production in the amphitheatre.

Greek Independence Day is celebrated on March 25 in commemoration of the start of the War of Greek Independence in 1821. It coincides with the Greek Orthodox Church's celebration of the Annunciation to the Virgin, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she would bear the son of God. The anniversary is traditionally marked by a schools parade, in which schools carry their own flags together with the Cypriot and Greek flags.

Events on the 1st of April remember the beginning, in 1955, of the fight for independence from British rule in which the EOKA organisation played a leading role. In the parade on the 25th, our standard bearers led their fellow students in a dignified and proud representation of our school – as always.



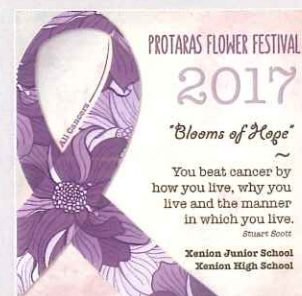
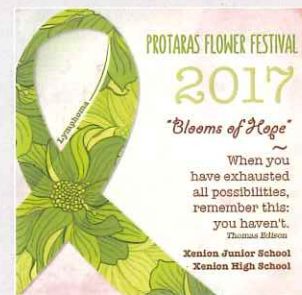
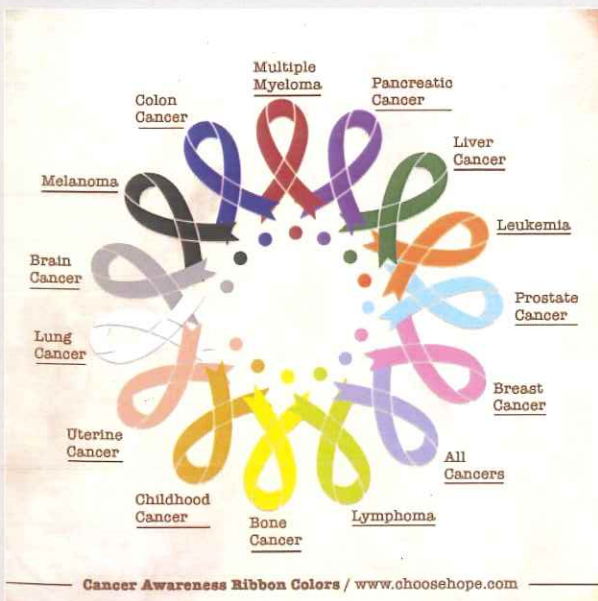
AGIA NAPA MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

Our Drama Club participated in the festival with a performance of their 2016 production, 'The Dragons and us'



PROTARAS FLOWER FESTIVAL

A large group of students from both the Junior School and the High School took part in the parade this year. The theme was 'Blooms of Hope' and aimed to raise awareness of cancer issues.

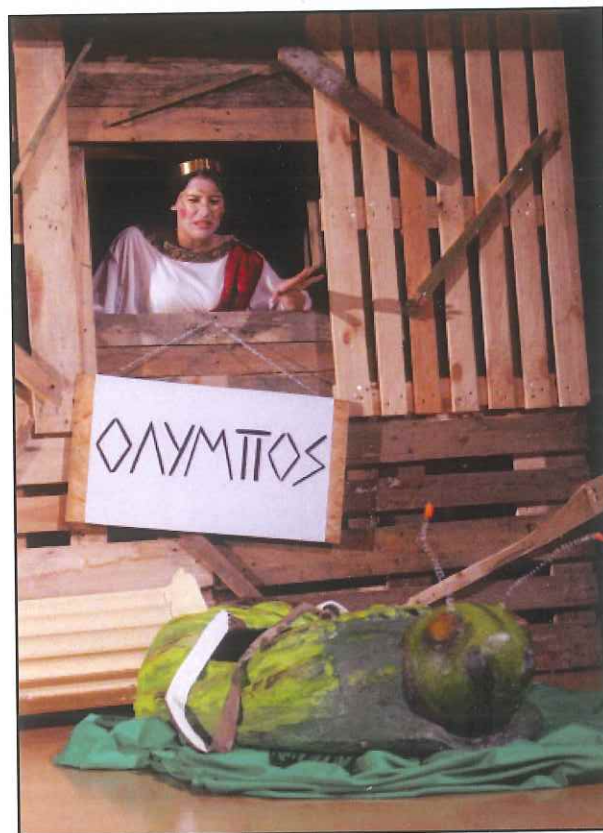


Theatrical Performance

'PEACE' BY ARISTOPHANES

In this biting satire on the warmongers of Athens and Sparta, **Trygaeus**, the protagonist, is on a mission to reason with the gods about the Peloponnesian War and, if necessary, to prosecute them for treason against Greece.

Arriving at Olympus, Trygaeus discovers that only Hermes is home; the other gods having packed up and departed for some remote refuge where they hope never to be troubled again by the war or by the prayers of humankind. Hermes alone is there, making some final arrangements for the new occupant of the house, War, who has already moved in. Peace, we are told, is imprisoned in a cave nearby.

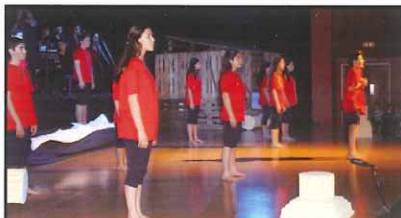
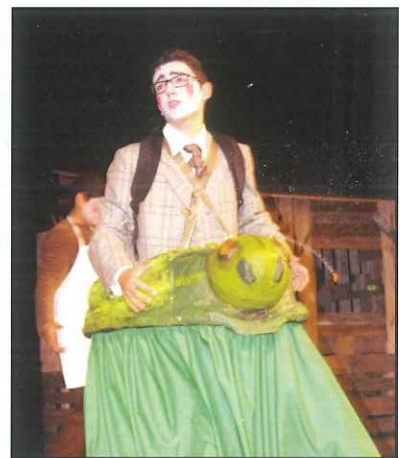


War arrives, carrying a gigantic mortar in which he intends to continue grinding the Greeks to paste, but he complains that he no longer has a pestle to use with his mortar, as his old pestles, Cleon and Brasidas (the leaders of the pro-war factions in Athens and Sparta respectively) are both dead, recently perished in battle.



While War goes to find a new pestle, Trygaeus calls on Greeks everywhere to come and help him set Peace free while there is still time. They get to work pulling boulders from the cave's mouth and eventually the beautiful Peace and her comely companions, Festival and Harvest, emerge. Hermes explains that she would have been freed much earlier, except the Athenian assembly kept voting against it.

Trygaeus apologizes to Peace on behalf of his countrymen - and leaves her to enjoy her freedom while he sets off again for Athens, taking Harvest and Festival back with him (Harvest to be his wife). Back in Athens, not everyone is happy with the new peace; after all, war is good for business! The makers of helmet crests and shields are angry until Trygaeus offers them suggestions as to how they can adapt their products to times of peace. In the end, all is well and the bad old days of war are looked back on with horror.



Staff who contributed to the production

Adaptation: Christina Kourouma, Yiota Pitta, Florentia Stavrou - Greek teachers

Music: Pantelina Paschali - Music Teacher

Choreography: Eleni Koutsiou - Class teacher, Junior School

Producer and Director: Sophia Tsantilla-Phylactou - Greek teacher

International Participation

Xenion High School has always encouraged students to be active on the international stage, as befits young people who wish to take their place in the wider world. As a result, our school, our town and our country are well represented in many international settings by Xenion students – both in teams of delegates and as individuals.

The value of the life-skills; such as problem-solving, negotiating and planning; that are learned from such experiences cannot be overestimated and the understanding, tolerance and insight that students gain from international experiences are vital qualities in those who will lead our country in the future.

Political bodies such as the **European Youth Parliament** foster an understanding of the relationship between state and citizenry and an appreciation of the complexities of government. Through numerous initiatives, students work with their overseas peers in the building and promotion of friendship and co-operation and the mitigation of prejudice and insularity.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

A number of students took part in the EYP Pre-selection which was held at TEPAK in Limassol on March 19th 2017. The following year 4 students were chosen to participate in the 11th National Session of EYP Cyprus, which be held at the University of Cyprus in Nicosia between 23rd and 26th August 2017: Andria Chrysostomou, Alexandra Kefala, Sofia Killi, Petros Kitazos, Marios Loizides and Penelope Koutsou. We wish them and their mentor, Ms Pambou, every success.



As well as our students being selected for the National EYP Session, Antonis Charalambous, a year 6 student, was elected in November to represent Cyprus at the 5th International Forum of the European Youth Parliament in Albania



MEDITERRANEAN MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Medi.M.U.N. offers a unique experience to young people as they meet and debate issues of real importance in today's world. They are asked to represent the interests of countries and communities other than their own. The insights they gain into how the wider world has different needs and priorities than their own, together with the confidence in their ability to put forward a point of view in a cogent and articulate manner that they develop as a result of their participation, are assets that will serve them well in their future studies and careers.

GREEK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Andreas Kakkou of year 5 has been invited to participate in the Greek Youth Parliament. He is the only person from our District to be chosen.



EUROSCOLA CONFERENCE – STRASBOURG

Andreas was also among the highest scoring students in the Euroquiz Competition organized by the European Parliament. He will represent Cyprus at the Euroscola conference to be held in Strasbourg later in 2017. Our delegate in October 2016 was Sara Kalli, year 6.



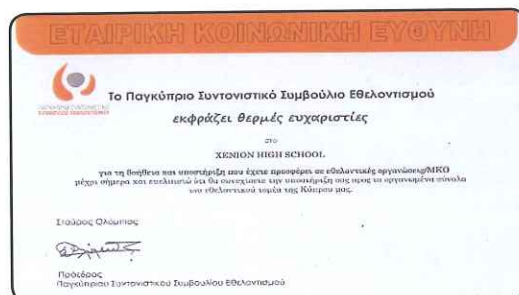
COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN CYPRUS ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Two students; Louiza Hadjipanayi in year 4 and Spartiatis Nikolettos of year 3 have been chosen to serve as members of the Adolescent Counselling Group of the Children's Rights Commission



Good Causes & Charitable Giving

Xenion High School is more than just a school. It is a part of our local community, our town, our country and our world. Our students realise that they are, in many ways, lucky to have all the advantages that they do and that not everyone is so lucky. This understanding underlies the school's long-standing and enthusiastic commitment to raising both funds and awareness for a wide range of good causes. Our school has, indeed, been so successful in charitable fundraising that we have been presented with **a certificate by the Pancyprrian Volunteerism Coordinative Council** in recognition of our outstanding charity work throughout the year.



PASYKAF PANCYPRIAN TRAFFIC FUNDRAISER

The Raising and Giving Club managed to collect a total of **1240 euros**. This was handed over to a representative of PASYKAF at an Assembly in October.



ANASTASIA STATHIS

Money was raised in early October to help a local 11 year-old girl, Anastasia Stathis, who was battling against cancer. A cheque for **1000 euros** was presented to her mother by the President of the Students' Council.



UNICEF

From 26th September to 4th October, **184 euros** was raised by selling 'Apples That Help Children'.



BAKE DAY

Delicious home-baked goods were sold at break-times to raise funds to boost the school's Charity Fund. A total of **422 euros** was made.

CHARITY FASHION SHOW

Four of our students took part in this fundraising event for the Anti-Cancer Association of Famagusta and our own Ms Sophia Tsantilla – Phylactou was the presenter.



REMEMBRANCE WEEK AND ARMISTICE DAY

Throughout the week leading up to the 11th of November, a range of red poppy items were on sale. The poppy has become the symbol of remembrance of those who lost their life in war, especially the two World Wars, and **all money collected went to organisations which support ex-service personnel.** On the 11th a two-minute silence was observed to mark the anniversary of the war which was meant to "...end all wars."

ONE DREAM ONE WISH – THE CYPRUS ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER AND RELATED DISEASES.

Each year we are delighted to be able to support the 'One Dream One Wish' foundation. This year, a total of **300 euros** was raised by the Junior School and the High School together. A cheque was presented to the riders when they visited the school in March.



BLOOD DONATION

The gift of life cannot be over-valued. This was the gift our Upper School students and teachers were happy to give when the Blood Transfusion Service visited us on the 23rd of March.

RED CROSS

The Cyprus Red Cross Society is dedicated to alleviating human suffering, in times of both peace and war. In April, Xenion High School students raised **120 euros** by selling raffle tickets for this outstanding organisation's funds.



In March, Eleni Nikolaou, year 6, was a delegate at the Cyprus Red Cross Youth Congress.

THE CHRISTODOULA MARCH

This event is held each year in memory of a remarkable woman from Famagusta. Becoming homeless after the invasion, Christodoula walked the road as a refugee despite suffering from terminal cancer. She reached Sotira, in much physical and mental pain, where she eventually died alone without any medical assistance or nursing care.

The aim of the Christodoula March is to **raise public awareness of issues surrounding cancer** and to raise the funds needed to continue financing the various services offered to cancer patients by the Cyprus Anticancer Society. This year, our Raising and Giving Club raised **688 euros** for the cause.



RAISING AND GIVING CLUB

Club members on a visit to Liopetri and '**Apostolos Pavlos**' School for Adults with Special Needs.

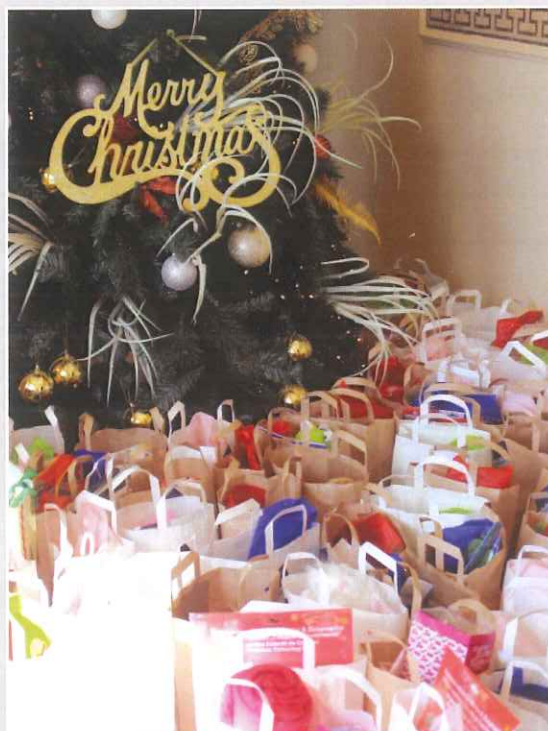
RAISING AND GIVING CLUB AND ART CLUB

The Raising and Giving Club is actively involved in a wide variety of charitable activities throughout the year. As well as the money they raised for the Christodoula March, the Club made another **100 euros** by selling hand-made jewellery. Meanwhile the Art Club held successful bazaars at Christmas and at Easter, selling hand-made gifts and treats, raising **326 euros**.





The Art Club also put together Christmas Gift Bags for children who might otherwise not have had presents to look forward to. These were given to the Diocese for distribution to families in need.

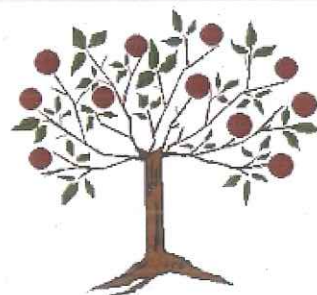


DONATIONS TO FAMILIES

1000 euros was raised and divided equally among five families in need.

A total of **600 euros** was donated to a mother whose son lost his eye. The Student Council gifted 510 euros and the remaining 90 euros was donated by 1A from their class funds.

Well done 1A and their Form Teacher Mrs Maria Phanou.



Kind hearts are the garden,
kind thoughts are the root,
kind words are the blossoms,
kind deeds are the fruit.

FUNDRAISING BY INDIVIDUAL YEARGROUPS

Year 3 held a very popular 'Milkshake Day' in May. This was followed by year 1's 'Margarita Day' (strictly non-alcoholic!). Between them they raised a total of **312 euros**. The money was donated to a family whose mother had passed away, leaving behind five children.

milkShake FUNDRAISER

Friday and Thursday 2nd and 3rd break
 Flavours: vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and banana
 Toppings: chocolate, strawberry and caramel syrup
 Prices:
 * milkshakes €2.50
 * toppings €0.50
 * Pancakes & chocolate €2.50

*all profits go to charity



YEAR 1 CAROL SINGERS

Just before Christmas, our Year 1 choir went carol singing with Ms Angelica Kyriacou, Ms Pantelina Paschali and Ms Xenia Zouvani. As well as cheering the hearts of a great many people they also raised **405 euros** for good causes. Well done!

LARNACA 5K RUN

Four of our teachers ran in the 2017 event and raised **511 euros** in sponsorship. They were Mr Theo Vrionides, Ms Georgina Spanachi, Mr George Charalambous and Ms Anna Michael.



CHARITY PERFORMANCES OF 'PEACE' BY ARISTOPHANES

The biggest fundraising event of the year was the special performances of this year's Theatre Club production, Peace. Entry donations to evening performances raised **1960 euros**, which was presented to a representative of Light of Life (ΦΑΡΟΣ ΖΩΗΣ), the organization which supports children with special needs and their families.



In addition to the money collected at evening performances, donations of food to help poor families were collected at matinees for local schools. **3000 students** saw the production and the food was passed on to KEPA and our Diocese.



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Academic Awards

Our students are encouraged to strive for excellence in all aspects of their education. One area in which Xenion High School is pre-eminent is in academic achievement. Each year our students win numerous academic awards and accolades.

OUTSTANDING CAMBRIDGE LEARNER AWARDS

These are given each year to students who have distinguished themselves by a very high level of performance in the Cambridge International Exams.



This year our Cambridge winners were, from left to right:

Maria Phylactou

High Achievement Award for AS Level Physics

Maria Christou

High Achievement Award for AS Level Chemistry

Helena Zembashis

High Achievement for AS Level Law

Sara Kallis

High Achievement in IGCSE German

Mary Nehmeh

who graduated in 2016 won the High Achievement Award for A Level Physics

In addition, **Sara Kallis** was Top in Cyprus in the IGCSE English as a Second Language examination.

Mathematics Competitions

DISTRICT MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



*This year a number of our students did well in this event.
The winners are:*

YEAR 1:

*Giorgos Kefalas: 2nd Prize
Nayia Dorotheou: 3rd Prize
Constantinos Protopapas,
Nikolas Nzagidis: Commendations*

YEAR 2:

*Loukas Stavrou: 2nd Prize
Elisavet Alkiviadou, Nicolas Siokouros,
John Fitsiou: Commendations*

YEAR 3:

Andreas Siokouros: 1st Prize

YEAR 4:

*Maria Christodoulidou
Zoe Christodoulidou
Giorgos Miltiadous
Christos Theophanous
Andreas Theocharous
Maria Papakleanthous:
Commendations*

PANCYPRIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Nikolas Siokouros of year 2, won a commendation in this year's competition.



MATHEMATICS ESSAY COMPETITION

Andreas Komodromou was placed among the top 10 young Maths writers in Cyprus with his essay, 'The Application of Mathematics in Other Sciences



KANGAROU MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

YEAR 2:

Nicholas Siokouros: Gold medal

Loukas Stavrou: Bronze medal

YEAR 3:

Panagiotis Kourmouzos: Silver medal

Andreas Siokouros: Bronze medal

YEAR 6:

Isaak Pyrillis: Bronze medal



EUROPEAN MATHS COMPETITION FOR YEAR 5

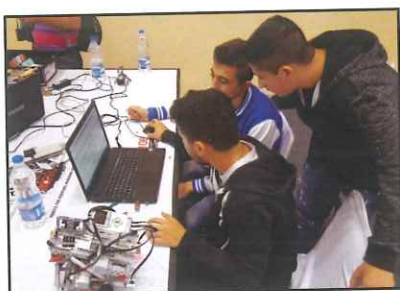
1st Prize was won by our student,
Andreas Laoutaris.

ICT Competitions

WORLD ROBOTICS OLYMPIAD

Xenion fielded a total of four teams in this competition and for one of them it led to the trip of a lifetime. Having won **first place in the Junior High category** at the Cypriot qualifier, our year 4 students:

Petros Kitazos, *Andreas Theocharous* and *Marios Loizides* – otherwise known as 'Team First Order' – went on to represent Cyprus in the finals, which were held in India this year.



7TH NATIONAL ICT COMPETITION FOR LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

This competition is organized by the Cyprus Information Technology Association and by the Association of Cypriot Computer Teachers. Our student, *Nicholas Ntzagides* of Year1, won the second round of the contest and took **1st place** among the students from our District who participated in the competition. He was ranked overall **5th in Cyprus**.

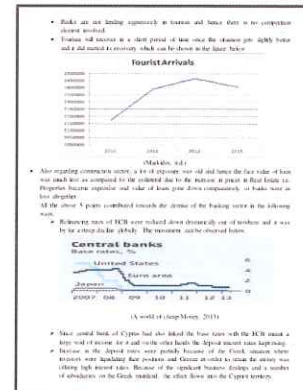


Science & Technology Competitions

NERA - 2016

Our school participated in this year's competition with 8 students from years 5 and 6. Their research was into the socioeconomic consequences of Cyprus' 'Bail-out' in 2013.

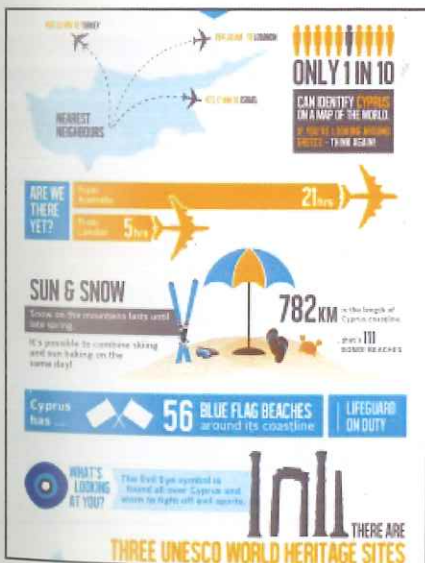
The project focused on whether the bank bail-out scheme had had a significant effect on people living in the Famagusta area, and in particular on factors such as:



1. **Education:** Whether parents are interested in private education.
2. **Tourism:** If the quality and quantity of our tourist product has changed
3. **Society:** If the residents of the Famagusta area have shown any significant changes in their behaviour and social interaction.
4. **Politics:** Trust in politicians and political parties – changes
5. **Economic Indicators:** Any significant changes



With the guidance and supervision of teachers Mrs Pampou and Mr Monoyios the whole team conducted their research in a thorough and professional manner. Research questions and hypothesis were defined and the team constructed a questionnaire that would help them gather the necessary data while they also conducted interviews.



After gathering data from a sample of 156 residents of Famagusta District, the students wrote their report including their findings and conclusions and presented them before a jury in Nicosia. The team was happy with the way the project went, as were their teachers – we are now awaiting the publication of the results.

Our 2016 team members were:

Andreas Kakkou
Louiza Hadjipanayi
Maria Vorka
Andreas Laoutaris

Antonis Charalambous
Georgos Dorotheou
Eleni Pitsillou
Panayiota Tsiola

13TH NATIONAL PHYSICS OLYMPIAD FOR YEAR 1 STUDENTS

Congratulations to our Year 1 students who won a bronze award in this competition.

Giorgos Kefalas, Alexandros Killes,
Constantinos Protopapas, Ioanna Panayiotou



International English Language Competition - 'Best In English'

This was an on-line event which attracted more than 8000 entrants from around the globe. Five of the top ten students in Cyprus were Xenion students and the First Place winner in Cyprus, as well as being 145th in the world – out of a field of so many thousands, was **Andreas Moustakas**, Year 6.



Duke of Edinburgh International Award (DoE)

The Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, which first started in 1956, is active in 114 countries for young people between the ages of 14 and 25. The DoE Award equips the youngsters with life skills to make a difference to themselves, their communities and the world. They experience adventure, acquire new skills and make new friends. The Award programme consists of 3 levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold.



26 Xenion High School DoE participants, working towards both Bronze and Silver awards, had to attend a 2-day training session held in January 2017. All the participants took part in the one-day practice expedition in the Lythrodontas area and look forward to the 2-day expedition in Mathiatis (Bronze) and the 3-day expedition in the Akamas area late in September 2017.



A number of Xenion students received Bronze Awards this year. They were:

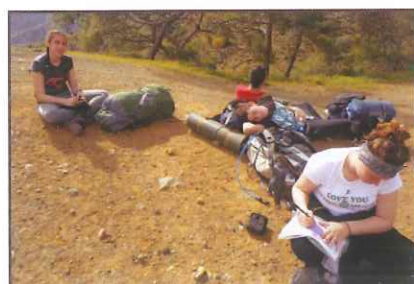
YEAR 4:

Antonis Antoniou
Maria Christodoulidou
Zoe Christodoulidou
Andria Chrysostomou
Alexandra Kefala
Sophia Kili

Petros Kitazos
Andreas Komodromou
Xenia Spanachi
Evangelia Evangelou
Maria Michael
Penelope Koutsou



In addition, **Georgia Charalambous** of year 5 earned her Silver Award.



Junior Achievement Competition

A team of year 6 students participated in the Junior Achievement Cyprus competition. The concept of this competition is that the students develop a product and sell shares in their company. They use the money to buy the materials they need to make their product, which they then sell. Finally, they return the profits to the people who bought shares in the company.

Our student's idea was to develop a cup-holder to make people's lives easier. It was an enjoyable experience and the students gained a lot of business skills.



Consumers in Action Competition

The Competition was organized by the Consumer Protection Agency in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Culture as part of World Consumer Day on 15 March. A team of Year 2 students won Commendations.

They were, from left to right:



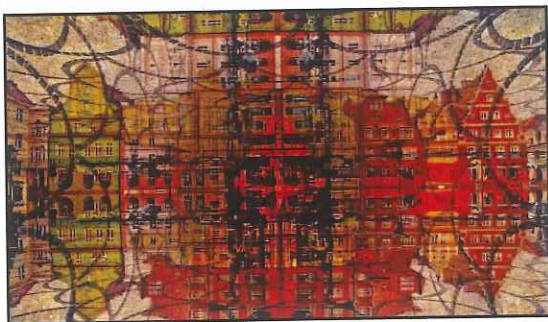
Konstantinos Attounis, Demos Lysis, George Hadjizacharias, Gabriel Protopapas.

Literature & Arts

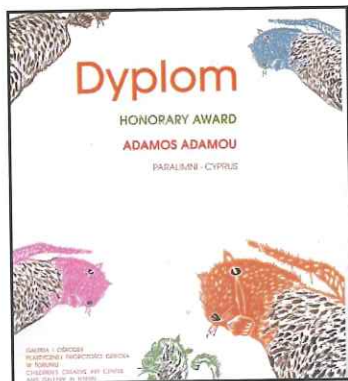
1ST NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION, ORGANIZED BY THE HOLY ARCHBISHOPRIC OF CYPRUS AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Maria Vorka, year 5, won 2nd Prize with her essay entitled, 'The Greek Language as a Vehicle for the Propagation of Christian Teaching and the Risk of Alienation from it Through the Use of Greeklish'





'Untitled'
by Adamos
Adamou



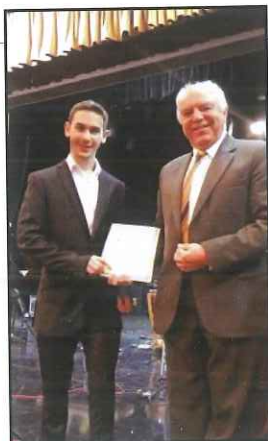
20TH INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GRAPHIC ART- POLAND

This was held in Poland this year. It attracted 9616 entries from 40 different countries. Only 40 individual awards were made and one of them was to **Adamos Adamou** of year 4. His work, 'Untitled', a digitally manipulated Polish landscape, was one of the few chosen from among the thousands of entries to be part of the exhibition and be featured in the catalogue for the show. He was also the only Cypriot entrant to be honoured. Our heartiest congratulations to **Adamos** for this outstanding achievement.

'The Vineyard'
by Ioanna Panayiotou

"CYPRUS, GREECE AND THE DIASPORA: EDUCATIONAL BRIDGES"

Two of our students won prizes in this competition. **Christos Theophanous** of year 4 won First Prize in the 'Fairy Tales' category for his story, 'The Eagle with Wounded Wings', and **Ioanna Panayiotou** took second prize in the Photography section with her entries entitled 'The Cats of Teke' and 'The Vineyard'.



PANHELLENIC & PANCYPRIAN MUSIC COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Michalis Pieri of year 5 won both First Place in the category of 'Orchestration' with his own composition, 'Cryptic Royale' and also took Third Place in 'Film Soundtrack'.

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Ο Λαογραφικός Όμιλος «Κέρα» Πάφου, στα πλαίσια των δραστηριοτήτων του για διατήρηση και διάδοση της πολιτιστικής μας κληρονομιάς, προκηρύσσει διαγωνισμό λαογραφίας σε συνεργασία με το Πανεπιστήμιο Νεάπολις Πάφου με σχετική έγκριση του Υπουργείου Παιδείας και Πολιτισμού, ανάμεσα στους μαθητές και τις μαθήτριες της Δημοτικής, Μέσης, Τεχνικής και Επαγγελματικής Εκπαίδευσης (Ιδιωτικής και Δημόσιας), και των σχολείων της παροικίας στο Λονδίνο.

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β) Παραδοσιακά τραγούδια
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NATIONAL FOLKLORE COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS

The following year 5 students all won Commendations in the event for 'Traditional Folk Songs': **Maria Vardaki, Andreas Laoutaris, Petros Ioannou, Maria Vorka** and **Louza Hadjipanayi**.

In addition, **Florentia Koutsofta** got a Commendation in the 'Poetry Based on Folklore' category.

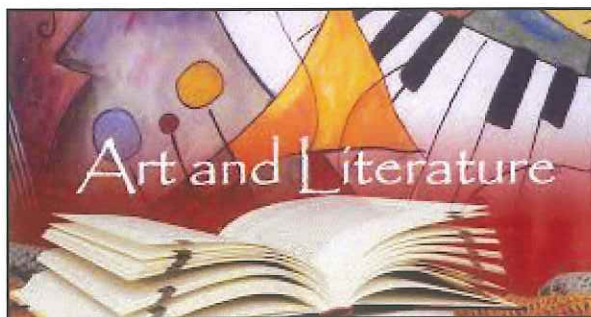


POETRY COMPETITION 'THE FIRST STEP'

The best of the entries to this competition were selected for publication in an anthology. Among the selected works were poems by **Florentia Koutsofta**, year 6 and **Fotiana Zouvani, Maria Vorka** and **Eleni Pitsillou** of year 5.

3RD NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS

Xenion year 7 student, **Kyriacos Attouni**, won First Prize with his entry 'City Veteran'. Our students' photographs were also included in an exhibition held as part of the competition.



1ST LITERATURE AND ART COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS IN GREECE AND CYPRUS

Xenion students won a number of top prizes in a variety of categories in this competition.

Prizewinners were as follows:

POETRY: 1ST PRIZE

Pavlina Andronicou, year 3

Xenios Zouvani, year 3

Florentia Koutsofta, year 6

SHORT STORY: 1ST PRIZE

Penelope Koutsou, year 4

PHOTOGRAPHY:

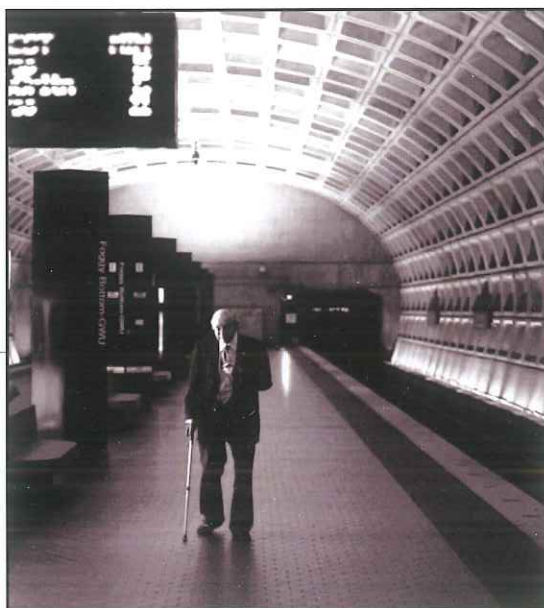
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Andreas Laoutaris, year 5

FAIRY TALE: 1ST PRIZE

WITH HONOURS

Christos Theophanous, year 4



'City Veteran'
by **Kyriacos Attouni**

Sporting Achievements

NATIONAL SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION

Two of our year 3 students were placed among the medals at this event. *Panayiotis Kourmouzos* came 3rd in the 100m Breaststroke while *George Hadjilefteris* also came third, this time in the 50m Freestyle.



DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEETING

We fielded a number of individual winners in the District Competition:

Andreas Theocharous of year 4 took 1st place in the 100m while year 1 student *Daphne Koutsofta* took the Gold in the 1000m. *Kyriacos Demetriou*, year 3, came 3rd in the 1000m and qualified to represent Famagusta District at the Nationals.

LARNACA TRIATHLON

Three of our year 2 students won the top ten overall in this gruelling event, which consists of a 300m swimming race, a one kilometer run and a four kilometer cycling race. Congratulations to *Maximos Leontiou*, *Antonios Arampampaslis* and *Flavios Kyriacou*.



CYCLING

Christos Theofanous of year 4 won 1st Place in the CFA (Cycling For all) under 18s Uphill Time Trial 'Klirou-Fikardou'. He also triumphed in the Pancyprian Cycling Road Race – Potamia, taking First Place in the Under 18s category.



TENNIS

Lefteris Neos, year 6, did well at the Davis Cup Tennis Tournament, winning his doubles match for Cyprus against Turkey on Saturday 4th February.



Lefteris and his fellow Cypriot Davis Cup Team - members



Meanwhile, **Stefanos Savva** of year 4 won First Place in the Cyprus Tennis Masters Cup Under 18s



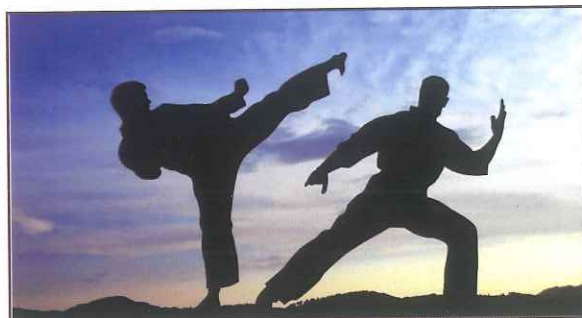
Xenion Hunting & Shooting Club

This is a new club, begun this year, which held its first annual Shooting Competition in October. Congratulations to the winner, **Antonis Yiatrou**.



Martial Arts

A number of our students competed successfully at local, national and even international level in a variety of disciplines.



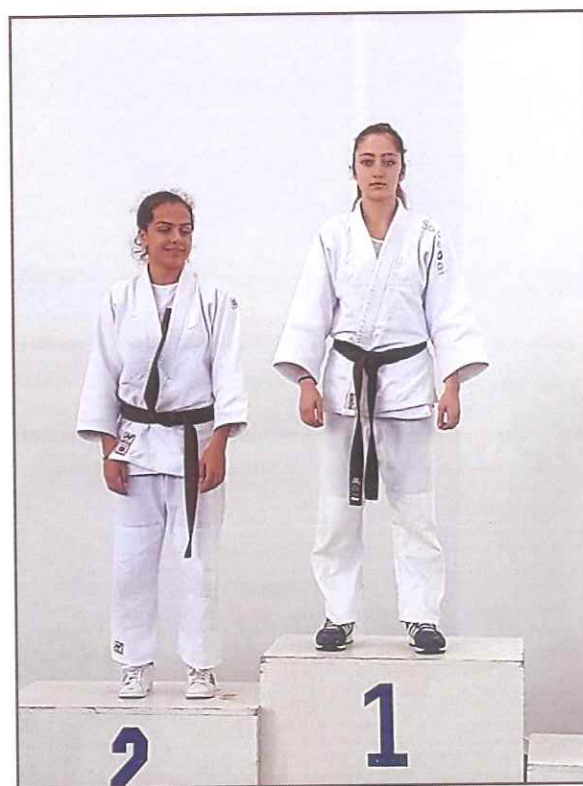
1ST INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Anastasios Dorotheou, year 2, won **1st Place** in the 'Flight Contact' event at the festival.



WORLD CUP UNDER 15s JU JITSU COMPETITION

Christina Katji, year 3, won **2nd Place**.



PANCYPRIAN JU JITSU CHAMPIONSHIPS: FIGHTING WOMEN ASPIRANTS UNDER 18s COMPETITION

First Place was taken by *Eva Epiphaniou*, year 7, and **Second Place** by *Andri Hadjilefteri* of year 6.

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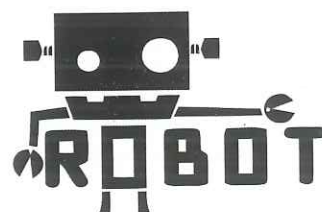
BOOK EXHIBITION

Xenion students at the Book Exhibition organized by Paralimni Diocese. The Theatre Club performed last year's show, 'The Dragons and Us' as part of the event and students from all years attended the exhibition.



ROBOTICS OPEN - DAY

Students from years 1 and 2 enjoying the Robotics Workshop for students aged 10 to 14. This was part of a Robotics Open-day organized at the Microsoft Innovation Centre at the European University.



LECTURE BY PROFESSOR CHRISTOFOROS PISSARIDES

In April, Year 6 students studying Economics attended a lecture on the subject of 'The United Kingdom and the European Union After Brexit' at UCLan Cyprus. This visit was organised by two students from the Economics class with the help of the UCLan School of Law. It was a rare and special opportunity to learn from the world-renowned economist, who is Regius Professor of Economics at the LSE and a Nobel laureate in his field.

SECOND MEDITERRANEAN SCIENCE FESTIVAL, LIMASSOL

A group of around 50 students from years 3 to 6 spent a fascinating and enjoyable day at the festival, which covered a wide variety of scientific disciplines.



VISIT TO THE CYPRUS INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY AND GENETICS

This trip was an opportunity for year 6 and 7 Biology students who may wish to study Genetics in the future to find out more about this most exciting of scientific fields. While they were there, they competed in a 'Genetics Quiz'.



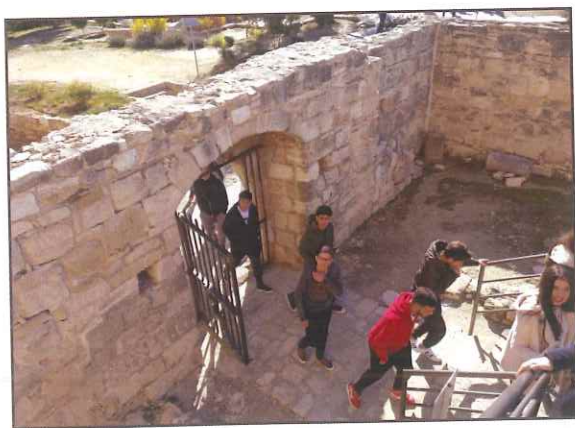
School Trips

Every year, years 1 to 6 go out for the day and year 7 students go on a three-day trip. The trips are designed to be fun but also to contain experiences of cultural, aesthetic and historical interest. This might be a visit to a gallery or museum, a visit to an historic site or an experience of the traditional Cypriot culture and way-of-life.

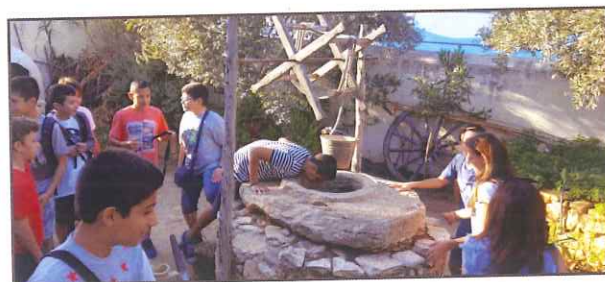
Here are a few highlights from this year's trips:



Year 6 at the country's oldest museum; the **Pierides Museum** in Larnaca.



Year 5 at **Kolossi Castle**, the stronghold built to the west of Limassol by Crusaders in the 13th century.



Year 1 students on their way the stairs up to **Agios Elias** in Protaras and, later, at the traditional **Village House** in Deryneia.



Year 7 visit the wine village of **Omodos** as part of their three-day trip.

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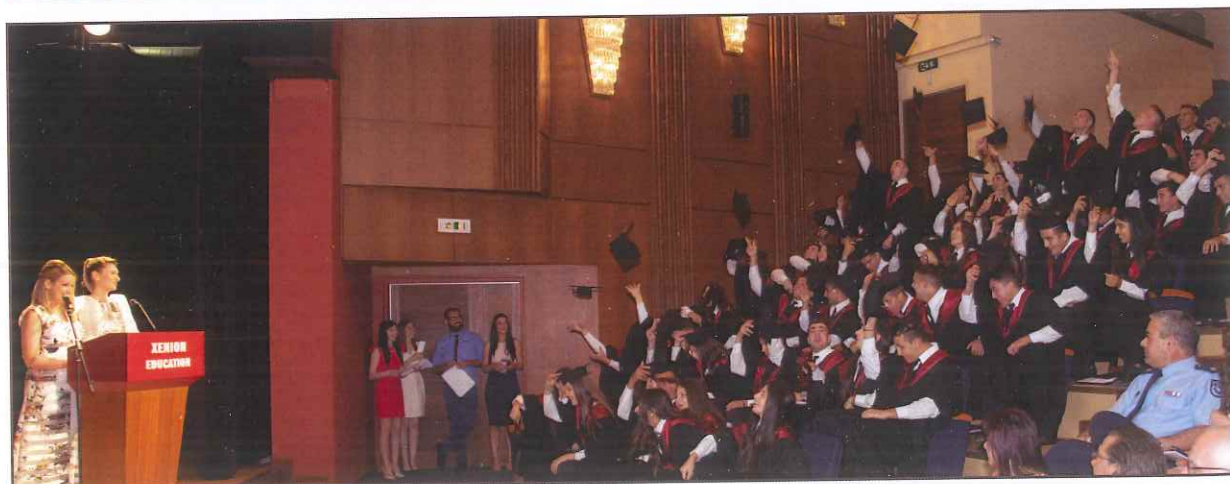
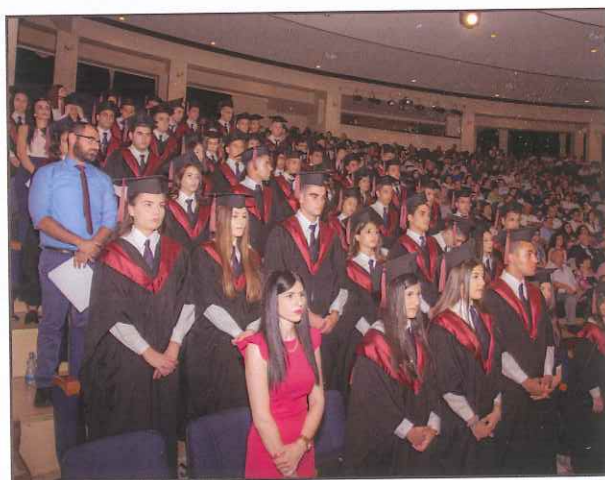
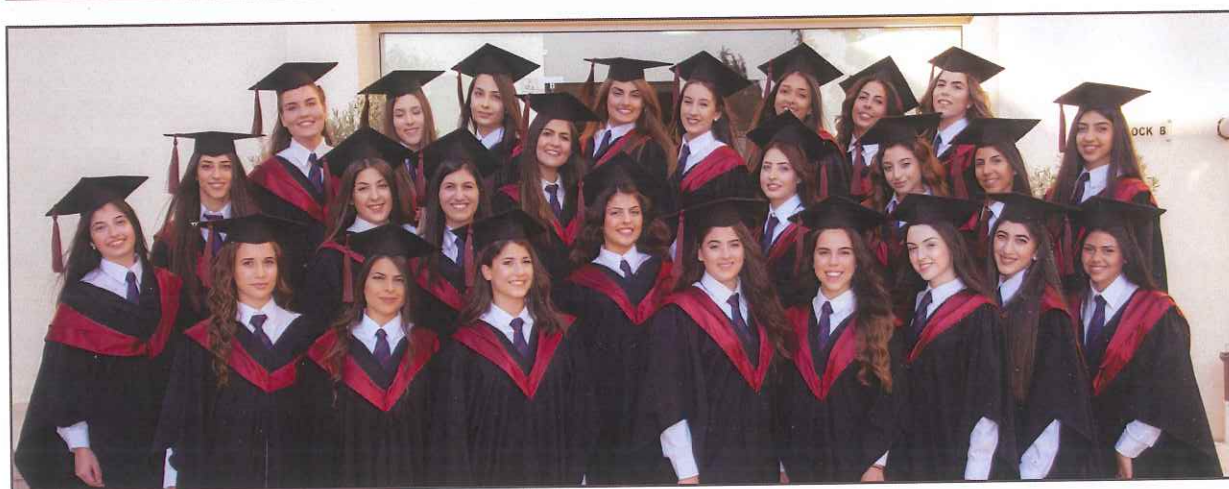
Rafaella Chrysostomou, 2017 winner of the Xenion Trophy, which is presented to the graduate who has maintained the best academic performance throughout their seven years at Xenion High School.



The Valediction was delivered by *Andrea Zouvani* (top) in English and in Greek by *Maria Christou*.



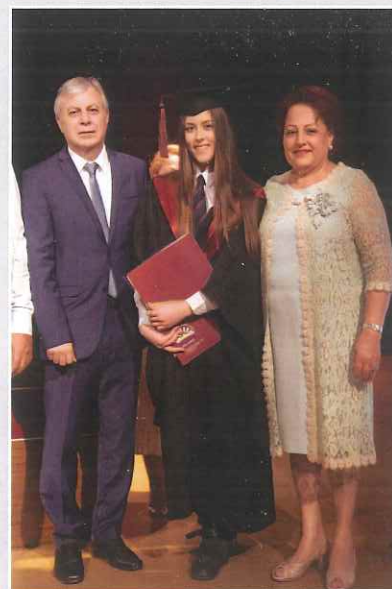
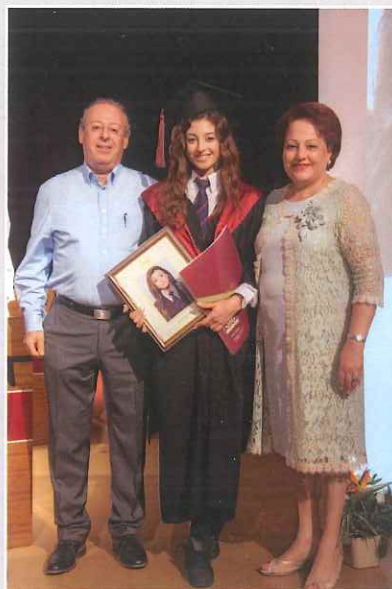
Kyriacos Attouni and Rafaella Chrysostomou, winners of the Xenion Spirit award. This is presented to the student or students who have shown a positive attitude and ethic, participated significantly in the school community and made a meaningful voluntary contribution to the local community during their seven years at Xenion High School.



Graduates



Xenion High School's Graduating Class of 2017, pictured here with the management team and the year seven form teachers.



The graduates who finished highest in their class were:

First: Maria Christou; Second: Andrea Zouvani and Third: Anastasia Constantinou.

form 7A



Eva Christodoulou



Antonia Constanti



Michaela Constantinou



Anastasios Economou



Andria Economou



Antreas Englezou



Eva Epifaniou



Eleftherios Flouri



Charis Hadjiconstantinou



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Demetrios Zambas



Panagiotis Zantis

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Maria Zoe Antoniou



Kyriaki Athanasiou



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Demetris Constantinou



Raphael Georgiou



Eleni Gianni



Demetris Hadjiandreou



Maria Ioannou



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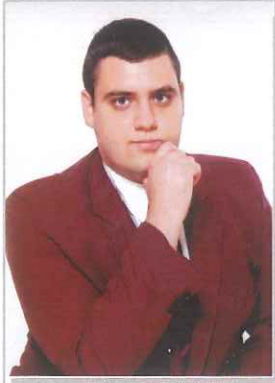
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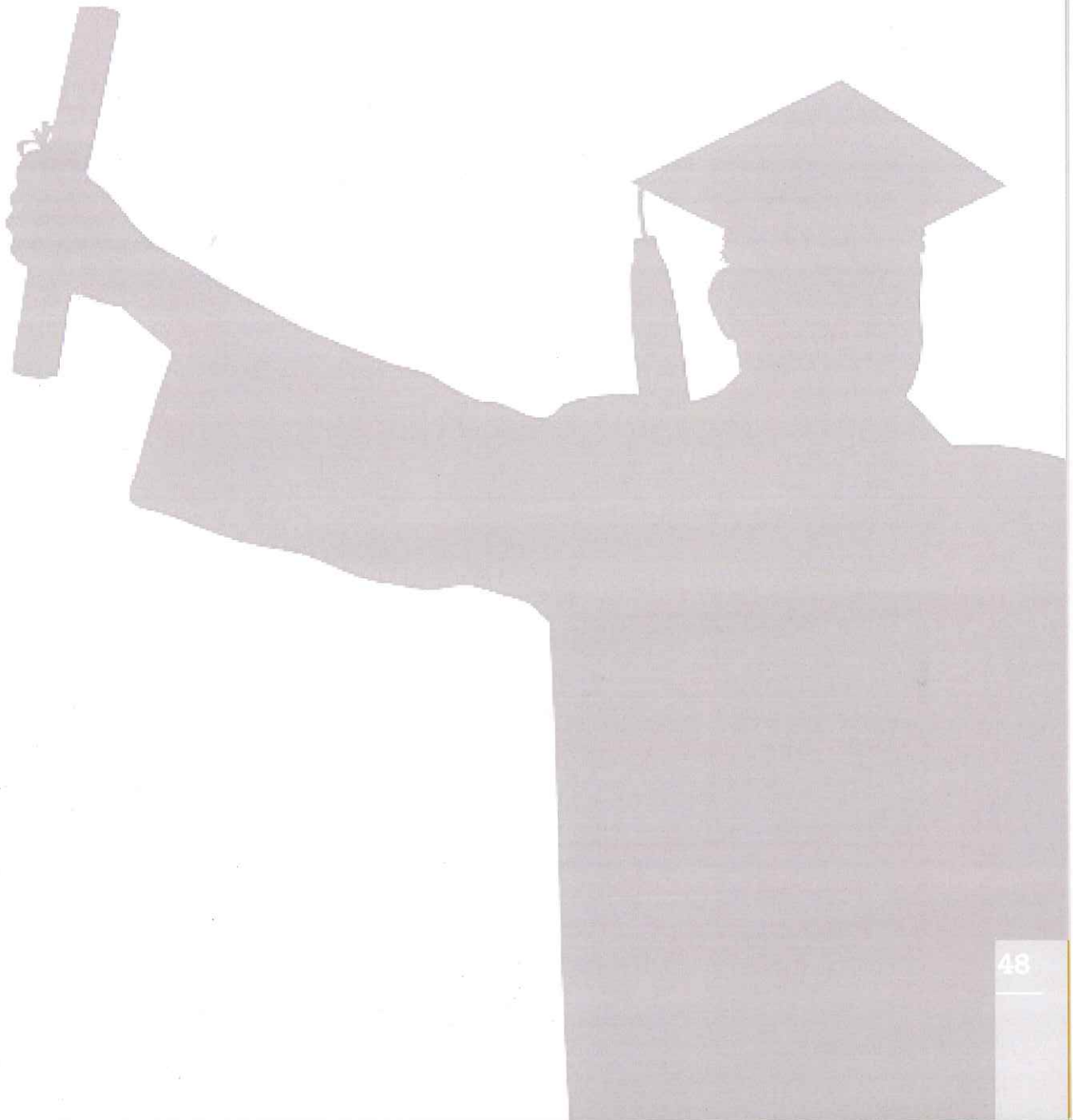
Irene Theocharous



Christos Vrionides



Andrea Zouvani



Awards Ceremony

On Thursday 22nd June the academic year came to its formal close. As usual, this was combined with the giving of Awards to students in years 1 to 6 who had distinguished themselves academically, creatively or athletically.



Several of our year 6 students achieved very impressive IGCSE results when they sat the examinations last Summer. First among them was *Sara Kalli*, who garnered no fewer than *nine A* passes*. This was a truly outstanding achievement.

A number of Sara's classmates achieved six A/A* grades in the same exams. They are (from left to right) Top row: *Eva Spanachi*, *Antonis Theodorou*, *Soterios Ioakim*. Second row: *Maria Keli*, *Dimitris Kourmouzos*. *Chrystalla Chartoupallou* (not pictured) also achieved six As.



Entertainment was provided by the students themselves.



A great many students were given awards for successful endeavours in a great many fields. Unfortunately, we cannot include all of them here but to all of them we offer our heartiest congratulations and we hope that they know how very proud of them all we are. Bravo all of you!

Members of the Robotics team who represented Cyprus in the Finals of the World Robotics Olympiad in India.



Winners of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards.



Musician *Michalis Pieri* is just one among many Xenion students who won acclaim in the world of Literature and the Expressive Arts this year.



Xenion students were also well-represented in the world of Sporting achievements.

*Quality education is our sole purpose and our mission.
We see Xenion High School as the workshop in which
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shaping them into capable, productive, active citizens
of the 21st century.*

KATELITSA ZOUVANI - PHYLACTOU



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