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European Day of Languages

It is estimated that **up to 7,000 different languages** are spoken around the world!

The **European Day of Languages** is celebrated on September 26th. This event was created in 2001, jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the European Union, and it involves millions of people across 45 participating countries every year. Several activities are organized to celebrate linguistic diversity in Europe and promote language learning.

The World Languages Department at ISA organized an event in which interesting facts and information about the linguistic aspects and cultural connotations of the world languages were presented by the students as part of their MYP Language Acquisition courses: French, German, Spanish and Arabic. The event took place during an extended morning assembly and it was accompanied by a slide show illustrating their ideas as a tribute to plurilingualism and intercultural understanding.



TRIP TO OLYMPIA

The International School of Athens in collaboration with the American Community Schools took a trip to Olympia on the 10th of October to the 13th. It was an educational trip, aiming to expand students' horizons and get a real-life experience related to the science experiments, carried out in the Kaifas lake.

CAS ACTIVITIES

The students were separated into two groups and visited the ΚΕΠΕΠ institution and the elderly home, as part of the CAS programme. There, we interacted with the elderly and the patients, an experience which, for some of us, was emotional. The following day, we also visited the botanical garden, where we cleared the weeds, dug up the soil and fixed some paths.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Every afternoon, we attempted workshops related to four different subject areas: CAS, Language A, TOK and Data Analysis. The aim of these workshops was to help us understand in depth what is expected from us in these subjects.

MUSEUMS & SITES

On the third day of our trip we visited the archeological museum of Ancient Olympia and the archeological site, where some of us tried the experience of running in the stadium, while others were resting on the grass under the sun.

All in all, we really enjoyed the trip since not only were we lucky enough to learn so many new things, but we were also given the opportunity to come closer with our classmates and get to know a different side of them.

Vasso Smyrni , Grade 11



HALLOWEEN

Roses are orange violets are black.....Halloween's coming beware of the dark...

On Tuesday, October 31st, Halloween came to Upper School with much merriment and tempered terror. Our scary seniors had organized a whole day full of activities such as sponge throwing, arm-wrestling, musical chairs, Candy Jar guessing, hanging candies, face painting and the haunted house. Moreover, the seniors offered a bake sale with Halloween-themed sweets and many other goodies. Congratulations to our seniors, our teachers and to all who organized & helped for these memorable Halloween festivities!!



VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY

On November 14th, the South African Embassy invited ISA's 9th Graders to participate in the "bring a child to work project" at the premises of the South Africa Embassy in Maroussi.

The "bring a child to work project" has been held in South Africa since 2003. This project is designed to introduce the children to the world of work. A day at work intends to motivate children to pursue their studies further and assist them to discover the link between what they study now in school and what they can become in future.

The first Secretary of the Embassy gave a presentation to our students on South Africa and an outline of the Embassy's work activities as an introduction to the career opportunities in the field of Diplomacy and International Relations by the South African Diplomats based in Greece.

The students also had the opportunity to be given a tour inside the Embassy and meet the Embassy's staff.



WORLD TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

This year, ISA's celebration of World Teacher's Day was a truly special occasion. On Thursday October 5th, teachers and students gathered in the Theatre to present their own "act" in the show. Some students presented a short home-made documentary on the "ideal teacher", others rapped a song that they had written for the day, and a group of seniors read out the completed slips that had been circulating around the school over the past two weeks "Hi teacher, could you please..." with some interesting -to say the least-requests as responses from students! In response, teachers came on stage for a surprise performance of a song written by the librarian, which they rehearsed -discreetly- and which culminated in the chorus of the song "We're only human after all". Everyone sang along to this part!

At the end the students surprised their teachers by offering a pot with a flower labeled "Teacher.Thank you for helping me grow."

According to UNESCO, World Teachers' Day represents a significant token of the awareness, understanding, and appreciation displayed for the vital contributions that teachers make to education and development.

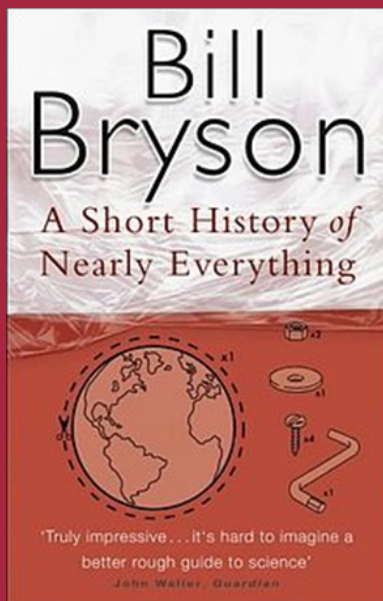


BOOK SUGGESTION

If you would love to know about astronomy, evolution, the Big Bang, chemistry and the natural world around you but don't want to read something as dry or demanding as a "science textbook", this is the book for you!

Funny, easy to follow and very well researched. What a combination! A great gift idea for your parents too. I personally loved reading every page!

Gina Grammatikou
ISA Librarian



SCIENCE DAY PRESENTATION



Emilios Rombotis: The guitar as a model: how strings make sound?

Layla Shehadeh:
Home-made projector



In line with the IBO mission statement, the ISA Science Department aims that the Science students are aware of the **moral responsibility of scientists to ensure that scientific knowledge and data are available** to all countries on an equitable basis and that they have the scientific capacity to use this for developing sustainable societies. In addition to our efforts to prepare the ISA students with experimental and investigative scientific skills we also try to help them develop lifetime survival attitudes and skills. The ability to analyze, evaluate and synthesize scientific information and the use of IT skills, and their introduction to data logging equipment help all students to familiarize themselves to the technologically advanced environment of the 21st century but also puts them in a position to have an opinion regarding the wider public debates on emerging moral scientific issues.

A presentation was organized on Friday, the 10 th of November, about the **"World Science Day for Peace and Development"**

in order to highlight the importance of Science in society.

The science teachers presented some **examples from curricular and extracurricular science activities from our school**, as well as some of the work completed in the Science and Design classes last year.

ISA STUDENTS AT THE ATHENS AUTHENTIC CLASSIC MARATHON

On Sunday November 12th, twenty five CAS students served as volunteers at the 5km race and at the children's' race. Our students showed great enthusiasm and took their volunteer role very seriously. Well done to all!

Furthermore, eleven students from the MYP and DP programme participated at the 5km race and raised money for DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS.

IT'S NOT HOW YOU RUN BUT WHY YOU RUN!!!

Congratulations to all the students for completing the race!



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2017

On Sunday December 17th, PGA is organizing the **Christmas Bazaar** at the ISA premises from 11:00am until 17:00pm.

Many workshops for kids, music, food, drinks, vendors and many activities are waiting for you!!

Do not forget to support our Bazaar by offering gifts for the lottery and of course bringing items for the Christmas Baskets!!

The themes for each grade level are:

Grade	Basket Themes
Melina's 3	Coffee & Tea
Melina's 4	Christmas
Grade 1	Chocolates & Sweets
Grade 2	Delicatessen Food
Grade 3	Beauty
Grade 4	Kids Games
Grade 5	Eco-land and Gardening
Grade 6	BBQ
Grade 7 to 12	Stationery

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