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CHRISTMAS CARDS EXCHANGE, LETTER WRITING

-Writing Christmas cards is one of my favourite activity. Knowing that my card will 'travel' abroad makes it more pleasant. I put a lot of imagination, love , glitter and ...there was my card! I was very proud and joyful!
(Sotiriou Danae)

-I felt very happy and excited for writing a Christmas card to a student in another country. It was wonderful!
(Moriki Krystallia)

-Our communication with children from foreign countries was extremely good. We talked about the Christmas holidays and shared ideas for Christmas crafts and gifts. I felt very nice that I met new friends!
(Rizouli Vasiliki)

-I am happy and excited because I wrote cards to students who live abroad!! I have the desire to continue the communication with the students and practise my English!
(Rousou Anastasia)



-The Christmas cards I exchanged with other students was an unforgettable experience. I am very grateful that we even got the chance to 'communicate' with other pupils, because not everyone does this.
(Tsonis Stathis)

-I felt very happy when I wrote the Christmas cards, because I communicated with kids from other countries!
(Nikas Nikiforos)



-I was very happy when I wrote and decorated the Christmas cards for the students of other countries. I am also curious to meet them.
(Papageorgiou Christina)

- I was glad to write and receive those beautiful Christmas cards. I loved decorated them with colourful materials.
(Boura Fay)

- I felt nice and happy when I wrote the Christmas cards!
(Siatiras Zisis)

-I felt happy that I could communicate with children from other schools.
(Felesaki Nefeli)

-I was very excited when I wrote my Christmas card, because the kids who were going to receive it would be very happy, too.
(Skoufas Panagiotis)

-I felt happy, excited and proud of myself because I wrote , decorated and sent those beautiful cards to Poland and Italy!
(Stilianesi Maria)



-Exchanging cards was fun and exciting! I made new friends! I hope we will do that again soon.
(Pappa Stavroula)

CARNIVAL TRADITIONS IN GREECE

Imagine one of the biggest street parties you've ever seen. It's a time when people of all ages can take a break from their everyday, dress up in full costume and dance in the street!
This is carnival in Greece!

The word *apokries* literally means ‘no more meat’ (αποχή από κρέας – apo-kreas) and is the term that is used to describe carnival in Greece. Although today the period of *apokries* is associated with the Orthodox traditions of a three week preparation period before the 40 day *lenten* fast which precedes Easter, many traditions around Greece have their roots in ancient times.



In Ancient Greece there were celebrations at this time of year to commemorate the end of winter and the coming of spring which were associated with the worship of Dionysos, the God of Wine and Feast.

Carnivals Around Greece

The **Patras Carnival** is the largest event of its kind in Greece and one of the biggest in Europe. Giant decorated cars, carts and coaches, and colourful papier-mâché figures fill the city streets for a full weekend of street



parades and parties. A key character is the Carnival King, presented in all his splendour.

The carnival also has its Queen, who is actually a beautiful young lady on a floral or an artistic float. There is also a night parade, called “*nyhteriní podaráti*” (which means night walk), which takes place on Saturday night, before Sunday’s extravagant parade. Thousands of carnival participants are organized into groups and dance holding torches in the dimly lit streets of the city. The only float allowed to participate in this parade is the King’s.

If you find yourself in central Greece during carnival season, you should definitely experience the **Tyrnavos Carnival**; Tyrnavos is known as a “rebellious” little town in region of Thessaly just outside the city of Larissa. Put on your costume and pick a team that you’d like to be part of (the “Next Top Model”, “Surgeons and Sexy Nurses”, or “Tri-Colour Macaroni, etc.) and get ready to party until your heart’s content!



Head to Northeastern Greece, to the **Xanthi Carnival** to experience a spectacular carnival that

is organized in association with over 40 cultural groups of the region. Each association sets up their stalls in the streets of the city to wine and dine the guests with plenty of local wine and delicacies.

Be sure to look out for the custom of “*To kápsimo tou Tzárou*” (the burning



of Tzaros) as well as for the highlight of carnival celebrations, the Great Carnival Parade on the evening of the final day of carnival. Floats with thousands of masked revellers fill the streets with music and colours to accompany the Carnival King.



If you enjoy carnival with a Venetian masquerade twist, then head to Crete for the **Rethymno Carnival**. For almost a whole month, the city is host to a series of fun-filled celebrations, bringing together locals and visitors alike who want to participate in carnival just simply because they love to live the moment!



The Rethymno carnival parade is a spectacular production of pictures and sounds with a strong Venetian influence evident in the costumes, the carnival floats and the overall spirit of the carnival celebration.

FAY BOURA (A2)

*CHRISTINA
PAPAGEORGIU (A2)*

CARNIVAL IN BRAZIL

Every year for a week in February, **Brazil** is taken over by the wild, exuberant and pulsing display that is **Carnival**. Meant to celebrate the beginning of Catholic Lent, it's perhaps most well-known for being an incredible spectacle of samba dancing, live music in the streets, world-class parades, colorful costumes, and vibrant revelry. Carnival in Brazil is the most popular time to visit the country, and is an experience that captures the essence of the lively Brazilian culture unlike any other. Think Mardi Gras turned all the way up... with a ton of Latin flair!



Celebrated between the Friday before Ash Wednesday and Ash Wednesday itself (51 days and 45 days before Easter respectively), you'll find Carnival happening all over Brazil, yet the festivities in **Rio de Janeiro** and **Salvador de Bahia** are by far the largest celebrations.

In the city of Rio de Janeiro, there are essentially two Carnivals taking place at once.



The most famous version of Carnival is the world-class parade that takes place in the Sambodrome in Rio de Janeiro. The 13-block long outdoor amphitheater is one of the city's proudest sites, and visitors can book seats or boxes to watch the over-the-top 'trios elétricos' (floats with high-powered sound systems) parade through the middle, covered in hundreds of dancers and musicians. The costumes are remarkably elaborated, and every

group competes to win title for best dance, music and design. This event lasts well into the night, and continues for three nights until all of the groups have performed and a winner is crowned.



This performance is unlike any other show in the world and it is one you certainly won't want to miss. If you're up for the ultimate experience, you can even pay to join in the parade one night! The other version of Carnival in **Rio de Janeiro** is the people's party which is a series of street parades and concerts in various neighborhoods throughout the city all day, every day. These events are called blocos (street parties), and range drastically in size, style, and crowds. Each bloco is arranged by a different samba group that has the same theme, time and location each year. Some are on small neighborhood streets with maybe 75 people. Some take place in the city center and draw crowds of up to 1 million. You'll find something for everyone on the streets during Carnival, and

while it can be a bit hectic, is always fun to experience at least once to get an idea of how the locals are celebrating.

SOTIRIOU DANAE (A2)
RIZOULI VASILIKI (A2)
ROUSOU ANASTASIA (A2)
STILIANESI MARIA (A2)

WHO'S THE MYSTERY PERSON?

A.

Clue 1: she was born on June 1, 1926 – August 4, 1962.

Clue 2: she was an American actress, model, and singer.

Clue 3: On August 4, 1962, she died at age 36 from an overdose of barbiturates at her Los Angeles home. Her death was ruled a probable suicide.

B.

Clue 1: He is a British racing driver.

Clue 2: He has won a joint-record seven World Drivers' Championship titles, and holds the records for the most wins (103).

Clue 3: Car number 44

SOTIRIOU DANAE (A2)

C.

Clue 1: He was born in Germany on 14 March 1879. He became a great physicist.

Clue 2: He developed the theory of relativity but he also made important contributions to the development of the theory of quantum mechanics, and more.

Clue 3: He died in 18 April 1955 (76 years old) in the USA.

FAY BOURA (A2)

D.

Clue 1: He was born on 22 March 1999 in Germany.

Clue 2: He was a racing driver of the Mercedes Formula One Team.

Clue 3: He got into a really terrible accident and he has been into a coma for over 10 years.

PAPPA STAVROULA (A2)

E.

Clue 1: He is a Brazilian footballer. He was born in Brazil in 1992.

Clue 2: He plays for Paris Saint German and he is number 10.

Clue 3: He has one kid (David Mandes) and one sister (Rafaela).

RIZOULI VASILIKI(A2)

F.

CLUE 1: He was born in Serbia in 22 May 1987. He is 35 years old.

CLUE 2: He is a successful tennis player.

CLUE 3: In 2020 he won the Grand Slam and until now he had won it for the third time.

TSILIKA GEORGIA (A2)

(ANSWERS= *Marline Monroe, Lewis Hamilton, Albert Einstein, Sumacher, Neymar, Novak Djokovik*)

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EASTER CUSTOMS

1: Baking Tsoureki & Dying Red Eggs



On Thursday evening, all of the Greeks prepare for the Holy Weekend. Everybody makes the delicious sweet Easter bread, called Tsoureki. This is eaten on Easter as the three braid of the bread represent the Holy Trinity. Many people even cut into the shape of a cross. Additionally, eggs are being boiled and dyed red.



2: Midnight Church Service & Candles
 Late on Saturday night, before midnight all the people go to all the churches, which all seem full to bursting. Then follows a festival of light that is a true delight - at midnight the church goes dark and the bells ring out to proclaim the resurrection, and people start cheering and letting off fireworks and crackers! The Greeks young and old buy or make their own Easter candles which they take to the church on this night. The priest lights a candle representing of Jesus' eternal flame and everyone lights their candle from this one. People carefully carry their candle home and make a black cross on their house with the flame to bless themselves



3: Red Egg Cracking
 Afterwards, they return to their homes and the families sit together at the table to have the festive dinner! They

always start with cracking the red eggs with each other, which symbolizes the risen Christ's blood. Everyone selects one egg, carefully choosing the one that seems the strongest. Then the egg cracking begins! One cracks their chosen egg on top of another's chosen eggs, saying "Christos Anesti" (meaning "Christ has risen"). The other one responds, "Alithos Anesti" (meaning "Indeed, he did!"). Each time there is a winner and loser. Loser is obviously the one with the cracked egg. The egg cracking keeps on going, until there is only one winner- the chosen one with the un-cracked egg! The one with the strongest egg is said the have good luck for the whole year.



4: Eating Magiritsa
 After the egg cracking, they start eating the traditional magiritsa! This dish contains the offal of the lamb just before it is



roasted, along with some green vegetables (lettuce, dill and onion) boiled together. It is traditional to eat magiritsa because it symbolizes the end of the 40-day fast Greek Orthodox people have right before this day in order to mourn the death of Jesus. This feast of drinking and eating lasts till the early hours, sleeping only to get up and make the Easter Sunday lunch.



5: Roasting the Lamb
 The Easter Sunday is another day to celebrate. Families gather again before noon to roast the lamb on a spit and then enjoy a long lunch with lots of meat, potatoes, salads and drinks.

PAPPA STAVROULA,
 TSILIKA GEORGIA (A2)

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SHORT STORIES

The sharpest teeth

It was about 10 o'clock, on a warm spring morning and a big group of friends was getting ready for their first swim in the hot sea. When they

arrived at the beach the weather was fantastic, and they took a swim. But suddenly a big shark with sharp teeth arrived at the beach. The friend's group did not see the shark and they were continuing their fun. Everyone ran very fast out of the sea and then the kids saw the biggest shark which had ever seen.

They started screaming and swam quickly towards the coast, but the shark was very fast, and he ate a friend named Alice! Then he ate one more friend Nikolas, who went near the shark to save Alice. All the friends were shocked with their unfortunate luck of their friends...

One week later Alice and Nikolas knocked the door of their friend's apartment. The whole group was very sad. When they opened the door, they saw the two friends they started screaming!!!! Alice and Nikolas explained that the shark was an incredible prank! It was from metal, and it was a fake shark who seemed real. They had entered a competition and of course they won!

SOTIRIOU DANAE (A2)

-The accident

It was about 10 o'clock on a warm spring morning. At that time I was sleeping, and my friends were constantly calling and sending me messages. But since I was a very big lazy dog, I did not answer, and that is how my day started. In the afternoon, I got ready to go out with my friends. We had a really good time, but that did not last long because when we went to cross the road, a friend of mine did not look at the road and saw a car that hit him. Then, we ran as fast as we could to get some help. When we were in the hospital, some doctors called and told us that he was going to be OK. We were happy that our friend was fine. Months have passed, and our friend is now healthy.

FELESAKI NEFELI (A2)

-The kidnap

It was 10 o'clock on a warm spring morning, and Mr. Lamar went to the supermarket to get some groceries for lunch.

While she was walking, she heard some police sirens and gunshots. Suddenly someone blindfolded her and put her inside a car with some very heavy bags full of

money. When she opened her eyes, she saw a police officer with a flash light on her face asking her if she was OK. There was nobody inside the car except her, the policeman, and the bags full of money. After a while, the police officer left because another burglary happened on the other side of the city. But she quickly realized that she was still in the car with the bags full of money. She took them home, and from now on she will never have to go to the grocery store again.

PAPPA STAVROULA (A2)

-The sisters and the earthquake

It was about 10 o'clock on a warm spring morning when the twins Sara and Stella woke up. They both took a shower, they got dressed in their favourite clothes, and they prepared breakfast. By the time they were eating, they felt something strange happening. Outside, the birds were flying very fast all together. The dogs were barking loudly. Suddenly, a very strong earthquake happened. The two sisters got under the table to protect themselves. Everything around me was shaking.

Several vases were broken. A heavy object fell on the table and broke it. Fortunately, the sisters were not harmed. When the earthquake calmed down, the girls got out of their house safe and sound. However, from then on, they were very afraid of earthquakes.

TSILIKA GEORGIA (A2)

-The haunted church

It was about 10 o'clock a warm spring morning in Venice. My friend and I visited a famous church called San Giorgio Maggiore. It is a 16th century Benedictine church on the island of the same name in Venice. We visited the church and we admired the frescoes on its walls. We took some photos and then left. Then we went to an alley and saw a lady shouting "Be careful!! The church is haunted!!". We did not pay much attention and continued the walk. However, one of my friends remembered that he had left her jacket in the church. We returned to get it and then something unexpected happened. We saw the shadow of a man's figure. We were frightened and started shouting!. But a brave boy looked carefully and

realized that it was the shadow of a man who was painting images on the ceiling of the church. We all laughed!. We went out of the church, reached narrow street and asked the lady why she said that the church was haunted. She told us that she had seen shadows inside the church. We explained that it was the painter of the church. We solved the mystery and we were very happy!

STYLIANESI MARIA (A2)

-A walk at the beach

It was about 9 o'clock on a warm spring morning, and my friend Dimitris and I decided to go for our first swim. We did not go to our school. We wore our swimsuits and glasses, and we went to the beach. The sea was calm, and the water was clear blue and freezing. We were alone at the beach, so we had a lot of places to visit.

First, we played volleyball in the water; afterwards, we decided to go for a walk at the beach, because the water was cold. After an hour, we were hungry and wanted to eat something, so we got a really tasty and cold chocolate ice cream. At 12 o'clock, we started to

go to our houses because of the way we were talking about our experiences. We really enjoyed our first swim in the sea. I love going to the sea, and I do not care if it is cold or hot.

KAROUZOS DIMITRIS (A1)

A spring day

I still remember a special day from a few years ago. It was a beautiful spring day and my friends and I decided to spend the day riding our dirty bikes on the mountains.

Riding through the forest trail under the trees was wonderful. The smell of the flowers and the trees was amazing. We were having lots of fun but got tired and decided to take a break.

In a clearing, we sat down to eat our sandwiches and enjoy the sound of the birds around us. We even saw squirrels going from one tree to another. Everything was so peaceful.

As we were ready to go, I heard something behind me. I told my friend to stay quiet. Suddenly, we saw some wild hogs running towards us. We panicked and we got on our bikes and drove as fast as we could. We were very scared as we looked

behind us and saw the hogs still running.

We thought we would not survive this. We tried to go faster, but the road was not easy, full of rocks and turns.

Eventually they lost us, but we were so scared that we did not stop until we got home. It was a thrill.

We still laugh when we describe to each other how frightened we were! I still love going to the mountain, but now I am more careful. And surely I will never forget this spring day's adventure.

MAGIROS AGGELOS
(A1)

-Boating story

It was about 9 o'clock on a warm spring morning, when Jackson and his twin sister Sesa were going for a lovely boat ride on the river. All seemed perfect until Jackson fell into the boat to catch his sister's hat and the insulated water of the river took him away. His sisters screamed and called her brother's name in vain until the boat capsized and he fell into the freezing water, just like Jackson.

Fortunately, she managed to search the land, opposite her brother. She was crying and screaming very loudly when a boy named John, who was in the forest nearby, heard her and went to see what was going on. He saw Sesa crying and called his name persistently. He asked her why she was so upset. While Sesa was telling her story to John, she felt horrible, started to faint, and fell, hurting her head.

John called the police while he was trying to wake her up. After a while, the policemen arrived and saw John talking to Sesa. The police called her parents, took her to the hospital, and started an investigation to find Jackson. Later that day, they discovered someone attempting to call for help at the river's southernmost point. Very quickly, they understood that he was Jackson, and they managed to catch him.

As soon as possible, they took him to the hospital and informed his parents, who took Sesa and went to see him. Fortunately, their son made a full recovery in less than one week and is now back to normal. Sesa was overjoyed for her brother, and she promised us that she would never let

something like that happen to Jackson again. And she is keeping her promise!

ZONA IOANNA (A1)

-My everyday routine

It is about 9 o'clock on a warm spring morning when I wake up and get dressed to go to school. The school is tiring, and I usually return home exhausted. I eat and go to bed to sleep. When I wake up, I study my lessons. When my mother comes, she sometimes has a surprise for me. She buys me a present from the bookshop. I am happy.

My dad is often late because he works. Before he leaves, my sisters and I plan a prank for him. In the afternoon, I go to the traditional dances. My dance teacher is preparing us for the festival that will take place in Livadia. I start with the "Kageli." When I return home, I go to sleep. I have a strange skincare routine. I always have a bath before going to sleep. Before I fall asleep, I will either watch movies on Netflix or eat some treats that we have in the fridge.

The next day, I have a lot of energy from sleep and vitamins, and I am ready

to learn and do new things.

KARALI KONSTANTINA
(A1)

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POEMS

Healthy diet

If you eat vegetables and
fruits
and avoid fast food,
you will keep your health
so good!

If you eat sugar, sweets,
and fried food
you will have a fatty liver
and diabetes too!

Drink water every day
and have your kidneys
working great!

Do gymnastics, take fresh
air, go walking every day
and you will keep doctors
away!

Joy and laughter in your
life
and your heart will beat
fine!



SOTIRIOU DANAE (A2)

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Vegetables are good
And fruit are healthy

We have to eat them
every day

Cause they're very tasty

Eat them for dinner

Eat them for lunch

They are always yummy

And not enough!!

TSILIKA GEORGIA (A2)

FRUIT

Roses are red

Violets are blue

Eat some fruit

To be healthy, too

TSONIS STATHIS (A2)

FRUIT

Get a fruit every day

To keep the doctor away

And one tropical juice

To keep the sugary away!

MOURATIS MICHAEL (A2)



VEGETABLES

I like vegetables

Vegetables are green

I really like them

What do you think?

I like vegetables

Vegetables are blue

I really like them

As you do, too.

NIKAS NIKIFOROS (A2)

A POEM ABOUT HEALTHY FOOD

Healthy food is a treat

That keeps you fit

Veg and fruit are good
for you

So eat everyday one or
two

Vitamins give you

Health , too

So you can eat

one apple or two.

ZONA IOANNA (A1)



HEALTHY DIET

Five a day, five a day

Keep you fit in every way

Fruit and veg are good to
eat

Healthy food can be a
treat!

Cooked or raw bananas
and sweet

carrot can be really neat

Packed with goodness

Vitamin A helps your eyesight as they say!

RIZOULI VASILIKI (A2)

FRUIT

I like apples,

I want to eat them

every day to be fit

I love bananas

I eat them every week

To climb like monkeys on the trees.

KAROZOS DIMITRIS (A2)

HEALTHY DIET

Let's make a glass of juice

And put in some fruit

Like an apple and a pine apple, mix mix mix...mmm what taste is this!

I'm going to make it everyday!

And with that I can lose some weight

and then I am going to feel ok!

BOURA FAY (A2)

HEALTHY DIET

I love healthy food

Because it is good

My mum tells me well done

When I go to the farm

To keep vegetables or fruit

Because it is the healthiest food

And with that my health is good!

PAPAGEORGIUO CHRISTINA (A2)

HEALTHY FOOD

If you eat healthy

You will be very strong

An apple, a strawberry, a pine apple will help you

Will be strong and smart!

FELESAKI NEFELI (A2)

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International News

The massive earthquake

by Sotiriou Danae(A2)



On 6 February 2023 a massive earthquake, 7.8 magnitude, struck Turkey and Syria near the town of Gazianted. Local time

was 04:17 and its depth was estimated about 17,9 km. It was followed by numerous aftershocks.

Unfortunately, the whole world watched the total disaster, which caused more than 41.000 confirmed deaths, 35.400 in Turkey and 5.700 in Syria. All countries, sent rescuers to help those countries. After days and days of hard effort they managed to save some people by digging in the ruins.

People from all the world contributed by gathering food and clothes, and sending them to Turkey and Syria. We are all devastated and very depressed. Our thoughts and prayers are with people in Turkey and Syria.



The devastation in Turkey by Tsilika Georgia (A2)

The devastation in Turkey is overwhelming: At least 84,000 buildings that housed 332,000 families were either levelled by the February 6 earthquake or are uninhabited.

Some people survived the earthquake, but are afraid of the cold. They

cram their basic needs into tents, train cars, greenhouses and factories.



Nearly two weeks after Turkey's devastating earthquake left at least 40,000 dead people and leveled tens of thousands of homes, earthquake victims are struggling to cope with life going on.

Apart from this, the shortcomings are countless, despite the enormous humanitarian effort of the Turkish government and dozens of organizations. More than 5,400 containers were given as shelters to earthquake victims, and another 200,000 counter-tents, according to the Turkish government.



Volunteers from all over Europe also played an important role in this miserable situation, trying to give the earthquake victims clothes, food, medicine and first aid.



Finally I hope I never find myself in their position. May there be no more deaths and may all these people return to their daily lives as before.



Strong earthquake in Turkey and Syria

by Stilianesi Maria and Rousou Anastasia (A2)

Ten days after the deadly earthquake in Turkey and Syria, rescue teams continued to dig under the rubble in search of survivors.

More than 40,000 people died from the deadly earthquakes that "hit" Turkey and Syria, according to the official figures that are now being released. More than 105,000 people were injured by the earthquake, of which more than 13,000 are still hospitalized.

Turkey is facing one of the world's worst homelessness crises after deadly earthquakes devastated entire regions and killed tens of thousands of people. "We will continue our work

until we have pulled out the last citizen left under the damaged buildings," Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday after a cabinet meeting held at the headquarters of the Disaster Management Agency and Emergency Situations (AFAD).



I would like to thank the students of the 1st grade of junior high school for trying really hard and creating this amazing magazine! They became story writers, poets, reporters! Well done to everyone for their creativity!

Koutsiafti Konstantina,
the English teacher