



PALOURIOTISSAS GYMNASIUM

NICOSIA, CYPRUS



NICOSIA



- CYPRUS IS AN ISLAND IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. IT IS LOCATED SOUTH OF [TURKEY](#), WEST OF [SYRIA](#) AND [LEBANON](#), NORTHWEST OF [ISRAEL](#), NORTH OF [EGYPT](#), AND SOUTHEAST OF [GREECE](#).
- NICOSIA OR ELSE LEFKOSIA IS THE CAPITAL OF CYPRUS.
- IT IS THE LAST DIVIDED EUROPEAN CAPITAL FOR 43 YEARS AFTER THE INVASION OF TURKEY IN 1974 CAPTURING 33% OF THE ISLAND.
- SINCE THEN, THE UNITED NATIONS MAINTAIN A BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN THE TWO AREAS.

PALOURIOTISSA GYMNASIUM

- PALOURIOTISSA GYMNASIUM IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE.
- LESSONS ARE TAUGHT IN GREEK LANGUAGE.
- IT IS ONE OF THE OLDEST SCHOOLS, BUILT IN 1959 IN THE CENTER OF THE CAPITAL CITY NICOSIA. SINCE 1974, IT IS LOCATED NEAR THE UN BUFFER ZONE.
- TODAY THE BUILDING IS SHARED BETWEEN THE UPPER SECONDARY (PALOURIOTISSA LYCEUM) AND THE LOWER SECONDARY (PALOURIOTISSA GYMNASIUM).THE SCHOOL IS SITUATED IN A LOW INCOME AREA, AND HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS.
- AT PRESENT THERE ARE STUDENTS FROM 28 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. (SYRIA, LIBANON, GREECE, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, CONGO, PALAISTINE, ARMENIA, GEORGIA, IRAQ, UKRAINE, RUSSIA, PHILIPPINES, JORDAN ETC.)
- OUR STUDENT'S AGES ARE BETWEEN 12 AND 15.





SCHOOL PRIORITIES



- OUR PRIORITIES ARE TO MINIMIZE SOCIAL EXCLUSION, RACISM AND AVOID EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING. WE HAVE SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE NEWCOMER'S STUDENTS FOR LEARNING THE GREEK LANGUAGE AND WE OFFER SUPPORT IN LESSONS SUCH AS LANGUAGE , MATH'S AND SCIENCES.
- WE ALSO WORK ON DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE EUROPEAN DIMENSION (E-TWINNING AND EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS), SPORTS, VOLUNTARISM, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, CULTURE AND WE ARE OPEN TO ANY ACTIVITY THAT ADDS TO THE FORMATION OF PROPER EUROPEAN CITIZENS.

SPORTS



TRADITIONAL DANCES



VOLUNTARISM



ERASMUS (1) 2015 - 2017



ERASMUS(2) 2015 - 2017



ERASMUS MESAS 2017 - 2019





MIGRANTS CLASSES – LEVEL 1

MIGRANTS CLASSES – LEVEL 2

SCHOOL STRUCTURE

- 7 A' CLASSES – AGE OF STUDENTS 12-13 YEARS OLD
 - 6 B' CLASSES – AGE OF STUDENTS 13-14 YEARS OLD
 - 7 C' CLASSES – AGE OF STUDENTS 14-15 YEARS OLD
 - 2 MIGRANTS CLASSES (LEVEL 1 & LEVEL 2)
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- TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS 450
 - TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS 70
 - TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASS IS MAXIMUM 25

OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION



SCHOOL IN GENERAL

- SCHOOL HOURS IS BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 13.35 PM
- EACH LESSON PERIOD IS ABOUT 40 TO 45 MINUTES
- TOTAL PERIODS PER WEEK ARE 38
- SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE 15 DAYS ON CHRISTMAS , 15 DAYS ON EASTER, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, BANK HOLIDAYS, JULY AND AUGUST.
- SCHOOL STARTS FOR TEACHERS 1ST OF SEPTEMBER UNTIL 30TH OF JUNE
- SCHOOL STARTS FOR STUDENTS 7TH OF SEPTEMBER UNTIL MID JUNE.
- SCHOOL UNIFORM IS COMPULSORY

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER



TEACHERS

- HAVE A LIFETIME CONTRACT IN THE GOVERNMENT.
- CHANGE SCHOOL ACCORDING TO THEIR UNITS (WORKING YEARS, STUDIES, FAMILY STATUS).
- 24 TEACHING PERIODS PER WEEK.
- REDUCTION OF TEACHING PERIODS EVERY 8 YEARS OR AFTER PROMOTION.
- VARIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES IN SCHOOL.



● INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS

- PROGRAMME OF INTENSIVE TEACHING OF THE GREEK LANGUAGE.
- 15 OUT OF 127 SCHOOLS, WITH ABOUT 400 MIGRANT CHILDREN, ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAMME.
- AT PRESENT ABOUT 30 STUDENTS ARE FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM BUT THE NUMBER IS INCREASING EVERY MONTH.
- STUDENTS ARE CHOSEN AFTER READING, WRITING AND SPEAKING COMPETENCE OF THE GREEK LANGUAGE. ALSO IF BOTH PARENTS ARE IMMIGRANTS AND YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN CYPRUS.

MIGRANT LESSON STRUCTURE

- MIGRANTS CLASSES ARE A TOTAL 19 PERIODS PER WEEK
- 14 PERIODS OF INTENSIVE LESSONS FOR GREEK LANGUAGE
- 2 PERIODS FOR MATHS
- 3 PERIODS FOR SCIENCE (BIOLOGY, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY)
- OTHER 19 PERIODS THEY ATTEND THE CLASS WITH LOCAL STUDENTS FOR LESSONS SUCH AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE , ART, COMPUTERS, SPORTS, MUSIC, COOKING, TECHNOLOGY, FRENCH LANGUAGE, GEOGRAPHY, MATH'S AND SCIENCE.



DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES

- VOTING ELECTIONS FOR STUDENT COUNCIL
- VOTING ELECTIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE STUDENT BOARD
- VOTING ELECTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BOARD
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STUDENT BOARD TAKE PART ONCE A MONTH IN THE DIRECTORS BOARD
- STUDENTS OF DIFFERENT RELIGION CAN ASK FOR EXEMPTION IN THE RELIGION LESSON
- MUSLIM GIRLS ARE ALLOWED TO WEAR PURQA AND DRESS ACCORDINGLY TO THEIR RELIGION IN SPORT CLASS.

MOTIVATION FOR TAKING PART IN “DECIDE”

- THE COORDINATORS

PROFFESIONALS IN WHAT THEY DO, HARD WORKING TEAM, VERY WELL ORGANISED, FUN TO BE AROUND AND SUPPORTIVE PEOPLE. MET THEM LAST YEAR IN ANOTHER ERASMUS PROJECT AND WE ARE VERY HONOURED FOR ASKING US AGAIN TO BE PART OF THEIR NEW PROJECT.

- TITLE WITH A MEANING FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

THINGS THAT YOU CAN WORK WITH AND FEEL THAT YOU CAN CHANGE THE WAY STUDENTS AND SOCIETY ACCEPT AND FIGHT FOR DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

CYPRUS AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED IT'S THE ONLY EU COUNTRY THAT ITS STILL OCCUPIED BY THE TURKS FOR THE LAST 43 YEARS. A LOT OF PEOPLE LOST THEIR HOUSES AND RELATIVES. NOTHING HAS CHANGED FOR SO MANY YEARS. IS THAT DEMOCRACY? IS THAT WHAT WE WANT FOR EUROPE?

