

9th Primary School of Limassol (K.A')

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)

3 December 2017



The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of on the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

Across the globe, many people with disabilities enjoy freedom, dignity and equal rights. They are free to choose their work, receive wages, learn skills and be part of the general workforce. As active participants in society, they can improve their standard of living and contribute to the communities where they live. Their acceptance as productive and equal members of the community illustrates how their "differences" represent human diversity.

To mark the Day, on the 4th of December 2017, we have hosted in our school an event with the participation of athletes with disabilities from the athletic group "Hephestus". During the event, the students of our school familiarized themselves with the work of the athletes in basketball, using the wheelchairs of the athletes during a match. The students and their teachers had also the opportunity to practice with hand bikes.

Through this action we had an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of persons with disabilities. It is also a day to reaffirm our commitment toward embracing diversity in our lives, and to celebrate and welcome disability as part of human diversity.







Following the event (that took place on the 4th of December), in the coming few days the students were taught issues related to diversity and had produced different kinds of creative assignments and activities. The students of **Year 2** created posters which depict the needs and the capabilities of people with disabilities and to advance the message "all people are different, but equal when it comes to their aspirations and the personal fulfillment".





The students of **Year 3** had the chance to get know the life of pupils with disabilities. In this context, the students got involved and analyzed the poem "Susan laughs" by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross. The poem gives the message to children that Susan is a girl with kinetically disabilities, but that is not a factor or a reason that prevents her from behaving and acting in a similar way to her peers. Finally, students did a variety of exercises related to the storybook.

