

The English Learning centre

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Trip to Agros



WEEKEND OF FUN

As is the tradition here at the ELC students have a weekend in the mountains which enables them to let their hair down and have a bundle of fun. Team spirit and cooperation are the buzz words during the 2 days. Staff and students share their ideas and create inspiring moments never to be forgotten.

Yiota Kontoloucas



The bus stopped. We took our luggage and walked to the entrance of the "hotel". "What is this?" "It's

9th Xmas Show

Xmas 2003 took place at Ayios Athanasios and was the best one yet!!!! Between 1995 and 2003 the Xmas Shows produced by the students at the ELC have gone from strength to strength. The students' enthusiasm is obvious to all. This is a unique show that reveals the hard work that goes into the performance

from teachers as well as students.



haunted!". We were all proved wrong because the atmosphere was very friendly and the lady who owned the hotel welcomed us warmly. Mrs Yiota put us into a circle and introduced us to each other. The preparation for the show began. Unfortunately Stella was missing so it was hard to find a huge bra.

Each girl had to take responsibility of a guy and make him look like a contestant of a country. The "models" were ready and the show began.

Anthia and Irene presented the show. The boys appearance and their answers to the questions they ere asked, made everyone laugh! They were all great chicks! Sexy and sensual and veery feminine! After the show, even though the weather was cold we went out, to a club called "Ano Kato". We had a great time, there, we all danced, Maria danced. Christalla did some really fast moves with her feet and Annita showed us her talent too!

The next day we played BINGO and

Mrs Yiota won all our money and Christalla taught us how to play poker and with Maria they took all our money.

Do we have to say anything else? The weekend was fantastic! We think that says a lot!

For more information don't hesitate to ask and please buy our DVD special price for you, only 50 pounds!!!

Andreas Adrahtas, Anthi Maratheftou, Victoria Sykopedi

GCE1

"GIRLS" JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN



CARNIVAL



On the 16th February 2004 our annual carnival party was at "Εδώ Λεμεσός», a venue that was appropriately decorated for such an event. Mrs. Yiota came dressed in her red baby clothes outfit...what a beautiful baby she was!!! The staff and children all dressed up in fancy dress. We had Zorro, cowboys, princesses, batmen, pirates and many more characters.

They all came to life at our carnival party.

Professional clowns were also invited to entertain the students. They had such fun with the party games, magic tricks, and the wonderful face painting that the children went home with. We danced and sang and had lots of fun. It was a day not to forget.

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Letter from the Editor**Dear Readers**

Welcome to our first issue of the **ELC** newsletter. The purpose behind the newsletter is to keep you up to date with what is happening at the **ELC**. So much goes on academically and non academically that it is a shame for you to miss out. In this issue of **ELC** we have all the events that have taken place so far this year, from a competition on children's writing by the **GCE** groups to the Xmas Show 2003 from weekends away in snowy Troodos and Agros, to Carnival parties for our juniors as well as carnival fun for our teachers. The Valentine board was ever successful indicating that in 2004 'Love

is All Around' and so the story goes.

As the school year moves into its 3rd term all groups have experienced a variety of projects and writing competitions. **Gce** pre groups went on a journey of discovery with the Help our World project, more inside the newsletter.

Now many of the younger groups are busy preparing for their performance at the annual May Fete (our **Mayiatiko Panayiri**) to be held on **15th May**. A date **NOT TO BE MISSED**.

We said goodbye to our librarian **Maryam** in February as she is pregnant and had to return to her native home in Iran. Her

job has been taken over by **Magda** who will now be our school Librarian. School Secretary is **Andrea** who has gone from part-time to full -time. Join me in wishing them luck in their new posts.

Now sit back relax and enjoy the news, gossip and interesting details of the hot stuff that takes place here at the **ELC**. Any comments about this issue please put into the suggestions box by the reception.

Yiota Kontoloucas
Director of Studies

Creative Language Hour

'Students need to be motivated and we as teachers need to be the ones to help do this'. (**Y. Kontoloucas**).

Motivation is the largest force behind the learning of English, so here at the **ELC** we innovated the third hour following trends in the UK and the direction of education today.

This hour was created in 2000 and has been a success from the moment of its inception. The theory behind it all was to enable our students to start using the language they are learning in natural conditions. If students are not given the time and opportunity to use what they are learning then they are only responding mechanically and unrealistically. We, here, at the **ELC** provide our students with every opportunity to **LIVE** English in fun contexts that are both meaningful

and beneficial.

Take a look at some of the things the students have done at the

**Coming Events**

1. **Weekend trip to Platres** 24.4.04
2. **ELC May Fete (Mayiatiko Panayiri)** 22.5.04
3. **Cambridge Pet and Ket exams** 12.6.04
4. **Cambridge Movers and Flyers exams** 28.6.04 & 29.6.04
5. **AQA JET & SET exams** 26.6.04
6. **Summer School** from 1.7.2004—30.7.2004

Exam News and Views

From year 3 onwards all classes will be taking the Cambridge exams

Parents' Comments

"I'm really pleased that my children will be taking these exams."

"It's really important for us to know that our children go to an institute that cares about choosing the right kinds of exams."

"We trust the decision that the **ELC** makes."

"I don't mind what I pay as long as my child passes the best exams"

"We believe that as Cambridge are the best they are the right ones for our children."

University Requirements

With our entry into the European Union we all know that entry into UK universities will be more difficult so what is the solution? IELTS.

These are post 17 exams they are similar to TOEFL but are more geared to British universities. Students who complete the full programme at the **ELC** will be able to take their IELTS exams within 3 months. Specially trained teachers will be on hand to assist where necessary.



This term our pre-juniors have been actively involved in learning colours and fruit and have produced a beautiful display. They have had lots of fun learning action songs and rhymes. You can also join in with

If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it
And you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands.

JC class

Our JCs (third year) had a fascinating time with their "Mythology" project. They also went back in time and learnt about Pegasus, Medusa and Hercules.



Young Writer's competition

What a success ! The GCE pre - groups enjoyed showing us their talent. It certainly is something to be proud of !

The entries for this were so many that it took ages to make the final decision. The ELC has so many quality writers that trying to find a winner was hard work. Congratulations to all !

READ THE WINNING STORY

The Dare

Poor George. I would never think of George as a murderer, but then you can never really trust anybody in today's life. And just when I was getting settled in my bed after a long night of partying the police raided the next room and arrested George. I asked around to find out what happened and many people told me different parts of the story and this is how I think it happened.

It was the 13th of June 1666 and we all went up to Platres for the weekend, and when I say we I mean us at the Kontolouca Institute for gifted children but we're not really gifted just a bit smarter than everybody in the local school. So we went up to an old little shads because our parents refused to pay the fee. We settled in comfortably if you take away the rain and the cold.

Up to now everything was great but this is when the trouble began. Miss M. Kontolouca, daughter of the founder of the KIGC and teacher of art and design had fallen out with her mother Yiota for sometime now and she wanted her out of the picture. Everybody knew Mrs Yiota had an exceeding amount of money and he sooner she died the sooner Miss Maria would inherit the money and the institute. So she called two of her students Haurence and Peridis over to give them a mission but as a dare. She dare them to put poison in Yiota's drink and they would get in return all the chocolate they could eat. And they fell for it.

So they made their way over to Mrs Yiota's table as she was eating.

And so Perides started talking to her to take her mind away from her food. As they were talking haurence put the poison in her glass, and who should see him but none other than Christalla Karaiskaki the caretaker of KIGC. And she and Mrs Yiota were very close they shared the same thoughts about everything except for fashion.

Mrs Yiota would dress only in her finest and she always smelt of moth bolls. On the other hand Miss Christalla would always be seen in her overalls and her hair in a burn. We children think she never washes because there's always an odour of old clothes following her around in school.

She watched them finish their task and waited until they left to go and tell Mrs Yiota what they were plotting to

do to her. And she saw red. You know it's a funny thing when people get mad, their eyes pop out and they go all red. Well, when Mrs Yiota is mad she's mad for good and she won't rest until the plotters have vanished off the face of the earth. So with the help of Miss Christalla she got rid of them both. But now she had two dead bodies on her hands, what was she going to do? Aa but don't worry myreaders for Mrs Yiota has the winning mind of a wolf. What better thing to do than to dump the blame on somebody else.

And it didn't take her long to come up with a plan. She called all the students to the lobby and set them out into woods to find any kind of wildlife they could find and bring it back to the hotel. When she saw that everybody had left she and Miss Christalla picked the bodies they had killed in their room and took them to the room of the two most unlikely people to frame George Tavas and Kosmas Kolomrou. So they put the bodies under a bed without knowing who's bed it was and they left the room.

We were all having such a good time that we decided to have a party till dawn. And at the party we danced and sang and drank but we drank only beer for that was all they served. And as it got darker we were starting to feel tired so we hopped up to our rooms and went to bed. The only person who wasn't sleeping soundlessly was George. He was having the worst nightmare of his life. He said he saw two strangers putting two dead bodies under his bed and then running away.

So he woke up in the still of the night to check if he really did have two bodies under his bed. He waited until Kosma got up to go to the toilet so he wouldn't seem strange and weird. Eventually Kosma got up and it was safe for George to look under his bed. Kosma was just coming out of the toilet when he saw George take out a body out from under his bed. Quickly Kosma jumped to the phone and he phoned the nearest police.

The police got here in no time and soon after they arrested George. The detective who inspected the scene of the crime said that George must have killed the two unfortunate boys while he was sleeping and that was what caused his nightmare.

Everything else about the poisoning and the real murderers stayed a secret for ever nobody will know that I saw it all from a far and wrote it down for you all to read.

P.S. By the time you find this everybody in it will be dead.

Reflections of our time here at the ELC

Take time out and read the comments by some of our leavers who have been with us since pre juniors.

For me, Yiota Kontoloucas ,I look back and remember them as being my babies yet in such a short space of time they have grown and become young adults. I am honoured to have taught them English and to have been instrumental in their education, however, I had great raw material to start with. I wish them all the greatest of luck

in their educational and employment careers. Goodbye and thank you all for believing in me and the ELC.

ELC CODE OF PRACTICE

1. We promise to help our students by ensuring they enter an English environment.
2. We promise to make sure our students practice English at every opportunity .
3. Everyone who works at the institute will help students with their studies.
4. Everyone who works at the Institute will try and solve any problems immediately.
5. Our students come first and our priority is to provide them with all their English needs.

We are here to help make English learning as smooth and as authentic as possible .

Talented Story Tellers

THE WINNER

The Valley of Peace

A story written by:Stella, Victoria, Alexandros

Once upon a time there where elves, fairies, wizards and dwarfs lived happily and peacefully together. One day an evil witch from the underworld came to this land and got jealous of their happiness and peace and cursed them to live apart and only her death would remove the curse.

Each race moved to a different place to stay. The fairies moved near the water, the elves moved to the forests, the wizards moved to the desert and the dwarfs moved in the caves. The world was separated and the happiness was gone. Each race tried to kill the witch but their attempts had no effect.

After many years the elves thought that they found a way to kill the witch but the witch was still too strong to be defeated and poisoned their king. He could only be healed by a magic herb that grew only in the fairies village. His son Levendo had to go to the fairies and get it to save his father.

On his way to the village Levendo was very worried about his father's health. Even though he hated the fairies he felt that it was his duty to save the king. The journey was long and tiring and he had no food and no water! He wasn't sure whether the fairies would help him. But he had to go!

When prince Levendo reached the fairies village the fairies took him to their queen Fiora to talk to her.

F: "What are you seeking in our land" asked Queen Fiora.

L: "Your majesty I mean no harm. My father has been poisoned by the evil witch and needs your magic herbs to be cured" replied Prince Levendo.

F: "We shall help you this time because we fairies can understand your pain" said Queen Fiora and gave the magic herbs to Levendo.

Levendo took the magic herbs and on his way out of the fairy village he saw the fairy princess and fell in love with her. He wanted to go to her and express his feelings but he wasn't courageous enough. Time was running out and his father's life depended on him. He left the village and returned to the forest. He ran to his father who was dying.

D: "What took you so long? He needs the herb and he's been asking to see you!" the king's doctor asked.

L: "The journey was long and I want him alive as nobody else! Where is he?"

D: "Go! He is in his bedroom."

He went to his father's bedroom and gave him the herb. After a while his father opened his eyes and said:

K: "Oh my beloved son, what would I have done without you, you saved my life."

L: "Father I know this is not the appropriate time but I need to ask your advice."

K: "You know you can share anything with me. Tell me my son."

L: "Hmm... Well on my visit to the fairies village something happened to me that I'm not sure I can explain. I

think I'm in love with the fairy princess."

K: "Son this is a serious matter but nothing can be an obstacle to true love. The only advice I can give to you is follow your hear."

Without hesitating he ran to his horse and left for the fairy village.

She was picking up flowers when he found her and he ran near her. At the beginning she got scared and tried to hide but he said:

L: "Don't be afraid. I won't harm you."

E: "You shouldn't be here." Elizabella replied.

L: "I know. But your beauty enchanted me. I fell in love with you from the very first moment that I saw you."

She smiled. She wouldn't say it but she was had fallen in love with him as well.

L: "Come with me." Said Levento.

E: "I would love to but our families will not allow it."

L: "Then I'll make it possible. I will talk to the elves and shall talk to the fairies and together we shall persuade the wizards and the dwarfs and together we may defeat the witch and live united once again," he said and left.

After arguing for two days both races agreed to cooperate to fight the witch. The elf king, King Marathon, visited Queen Fiora and planned their revolution. Afterwards, King Marathon and Queen Fiora visited the wizards and the dwarfs and both races agreed after a long conversation to unite and fight the evil witch.

They all met at the valley of peace that used to be the centre of their united kingdom.

K: "Thank you for responding and showing up to this re-union. We can win her if we stick together and fight for our freedom. Fight with all your passion. This land is ours and we will get it back!" The witch saw the confusion and rushed towards them to interrupt their reunion because she was scared that they were planning something against her.

W: "What? They think they can defeat me? No! No one can defeat me." But her fears came true and the fight began. The elves attacked their bows and arrows. The wizards tried to attack her with their magic powers. The dwarfs fought bravely with their axes and the fairies healed the wounded with their magic herbs. The witch tried to fight back with her powerful spells but their strength was upon her powers and soon she was defeated and killed.

Immediately the curse broke. They all loved each other again and they lived together peacefully and united like before.

Levendo and the princess Elizabella got married and everyone lived happily ever after!

Troodos



"Snow! Everybody look around you!" Shouted Mrs Yiota. As soon as we got off the bus, immediately we started throwing snowballs at each other and especially at Mrs Yiota and the other teachers Lydia and Maria.

Lydia was trying to take some pictures but it was impossible because we kept throwing snow at her and she kept falling down.

We had a fantastic idea! We rented sledges and went on a small hill and sledged down. Many of us landed on the trunks of trees but we had no accidents!

When we got tired most of us bought souvlakia. It was delicious and exactly what we needed at that time. Afterwards we get to the bus and drove to Agros for the perfect weekend!

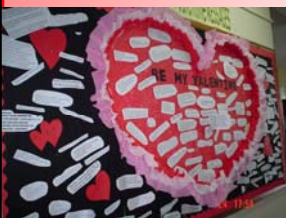
Anthia Christodoulou, Alexandros Adrahtas.



Valentine's Day

'Love makes the world go round' This what the students revealed in their messages they sent their loved (and not so loved) ones. Whether in jest or for real it worked. Girls craved and boys

begged for them. The story of : LOVE



JB Class—Dinosaurs

Its name is Pickcock. It is one million years old. It lived before 150 million years. It eats grass leaves, meat, people, fish and snakes. It is very tall and thin. It is blue, green and black. It is a very big dinosaurs. It has got four feet and two million teeth. It has got ten spikes and one very long tail. It likes to eat trees. It is a very nice dinosaurs, I like it. It has got one long neck. By Maria Yiannakou JB1



JA My Body

This term our Jas (first year) have been doing the project "All About Me". They have learnt parts of the body and their family. What fun they had when they drew around their classmate and labelling the body!



MAY FETE

Join the fun, share the experience and participate in the activities. Make a date with us.

See you on **22/5/04**



Pre—Junior Class



This term our pre-juniors have been actively involved in learning colours and fruit and have produced a beautiful display. They have had lots of fun learning action songs and rhymes.

HA Solar System



It was an interesting experience. We didn't know what the planets were. We didn't know what is Solar System. We didn't know how many stars are in the Solar System. Now we know all these questions. We loved it. We are making a board game about the Solar System. There are many questions about the Solar System. If you learn these questions you will be a clever Solar System child. Nicos Pavlou HA2

Talented Story Tellers

GCE1 and GCE2 showed what they are really made of when they took part in **The Children's Story Writing Competition**. The stories they wrote were made into books that were accompanied by audio cassettes and CDs. The work the groups produced was absolutely amazing. **Congratulations to every single participant**. The competition was judged in the UK by **Mary Glasgow Publishers**.

Read the winning Story in page 6

