



May 2013

OCS Aftercare MONTHLY

Dear Parents,

The students of the Aftercare in collaboration with the ancient-Greek muses (Euterpe -muse of lyric song, Thalia -muse of comedy and Terpsichore -muse of dance) will perform the play "Denekedoupoli (Tin-City)."

Denekedoupoli (Tin-City) is a small town established by a group of used empty cans that live happily and in harmony until one day...

If you would like to find out what happens next ... you are welcome to come on Thursday, May 30th to the Odyssey Upper School Gym at 5.00 pm.

The representation of Tin City, based on the book by a Greek children's author, Mrs. Fakinou, is an adaptation of the Greek teaching methods applicable to Odyssey Charter School. The music, sounds, and words of the Greek language experienced on stage, completely involve the students' senses, in a very fun and creative manner.

Through dialogue, singing, puppetry and constructions, the young students can comprehend Greek literature and experience behaviors to protect Democracy, while understanding the ecological aspects of recycling.

Empty ntenekedakia, or tin cans, find a positive way to interact together, instead of feeling neglected in the wasteland, singing along and uniting when danger appears to remove any threat to their livellhood.

The experimental application and implementation of the performance began under the vision and love for the Arts of George Righos and the best efforts of students and teachers. A special thanks goes to Mr. Petro Contompasis for the construction of the puppet stage.

Finally, we thank the parents of our students for their confidence in the school and their generous cooperation in the making of this show.

We hope to see
you all there!



Aesop's Fables

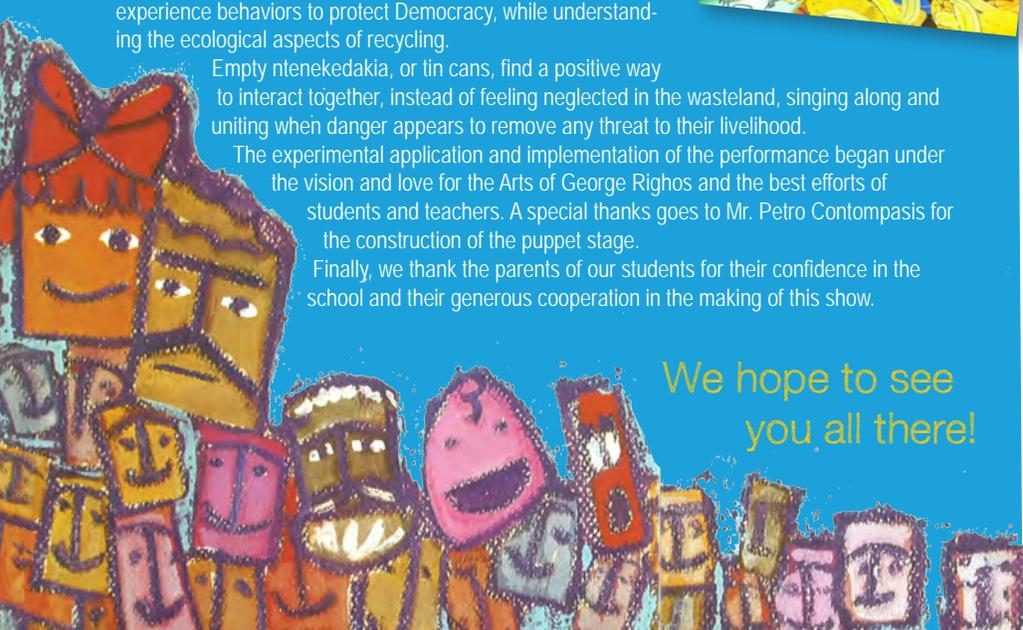
This month we have been doing three Aesop's fables. The first one was the *Ox and the Frog* with the Moral: **Impossible things we cannot hope to attain, and it is of no use to try.** The second one was *The Lion and the Boar* with the Moral: **Those who strive are often watched by others who will take advantage of their defeat to benefit themselves.** And the third one was *The Monkey and the Dolphin* with the Moral: **He who once begins to tell falsehoods is obliged to tell others to make them appear true, and, sooner or later, they will get him into trouble.**

Maria Galantomou
Anna Stoupaki

Educational Games

Games make it easy for kids to improve their logic skills and analytical reasoning. In the month of May, we were busy playing Memory, two-players', hand-eye, logic, vocabulary and word games.

Ourania Lalioti
Katina Parascharaki



Greek Mythology

This month we have been doing the Odysseus' adventures and the Trojan war and we watched videos and powerpoints presentations. **Trojan War**, in Greek mythology, war between the Greeks and the people of Troy. The strife began after the Trojan prince Paris abducted Helen, wife of Menelaus of Sparta. When Menelaus demanded her return, the Trojans refused. Menelaus then persuaded his brother Agamemnon to lead an army against Troy. At Aulis, troopships gathered, led by the greatest Greek heroes—Achilles, Patroclus, Diomedes, Odysseus, Nestor, and the two warriors named Ajax. In order to win favorable winds for the journey, Agamemnon sacrificed his daughter Iphigenia to Artemis. The winds came and the fleet set sail for Troy. For nine years the Greeks ravaged Troy's surrounding cities and countryside, but the city itself, well fortified and commanded by Hector and other sons of the royal household, held out. Finally the Greeks built a large hollow wooden horse in which a small group of warriors were concealed. The other Greeks appeared to sail for home, leaving behind only the horse and Sinon, who deceitfully persuaded the Trojans, despite the warnings of Cassandra and Laocoön, to take the horse within the city walls. At night the Greeks returned; their companions crept out of the horse and opened the city gates, and Troy was destroyed. The gods took great interest in the war. Poseidon, Hera, and Athena aided the Greeks, while Aphrodite and Ares favored the Trojans. Zeus and Apollo, although frequently involved in the action of the war, remained impartial. The events of the final year of the war constitute the main part of the *Iliad* of Homer.

Babis Anastasiadis
Maria Galantomou
Giannis Kokkinomalis

Art

During this spring our after care Art Class blossomed! In March, we continued with the Mardi Gras theme... The students created animal masks and fun jester hats. They loved both!

In April, we worked on all kinds of little creatures that come out this time of the year... For example, we made cute and friendly garden snake finger puppets and colorful butterfly and dragonfly magnets. We also worked on a group mural/maze that you can see posted outside of the teachers' lounge. We are now preparing a little surprise for Mother's Day.

In addition, we are helping with the artistic (visual) part of our upcoming can puppet show "Ntenekedoupoli".

It has been a fun and creative year and we have loved getting to know and work with all of your children.

Goulielmos Dounavis
Eva Jannelli



Computers

We have spent such a fun-filled year in the computer lab! We played lots of fun games and learned some basic typing skills. We would like to wish you all a wonderful summer and we will see you again in August!

Sani Chalima
Yiannis Kokkinomalis

Homework

In the homework group, the students are encouraged to complete their homework during this designated time. Our major effort is to help students by explaining the homework in a way that helps them come to the right conclusions by themselves. We also appreciate all the extra assistance that the teachers give for special assignments. We often observe students discuss their projects or homework and exchange ideas. For the Greek homework there's a Greek teacher available.

Every Friday, since there is no homework, we watch a movie. After students view the movie, we spend some time discussing the positive messages or behaviors we observed and we try to promote ideas about cooperation, responsibility, respect and kindness.

Jo-el Fetizanan
Bernadette Hardy
Eleni Katapodi



Have A
Wonderful
Summer!



To All 5th Grade Parents...

"Moving Up" Assembly 2013
June 6, 2013

Please join us as we salute the 5th graders
of Odyssey Charter School.

We'll wish them the best of luck
as they move on to middle school.

Reception to follow.

Please park in our parking lot at the back of the school.

Please enter through the gymnasium doors.

Doors open at 12:45 pm!