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'Around the World in 80 Days'

All over Turkey and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Children's Day is celebrated along with vast ceremonies and performance. April 23 is, in accordance with Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey, dedicated to the children of the country to emphasize that

they represent the future of the new nation. This year the British Academy celebrated Children's Day on Thursday 21st April and what a celebration it was. The theme this year was 'Around the World in 80 Days'. Each class chose a country that they could represent, along with traditional dress and a dance representative of that country. Staff and children had practiced long and hard for this very important day in the Turkish Calendar and special colourful costumes were made.

Sn. Yücel Atakara, Alsancak Belediye Baskani attended the event along with over guests and over 100 parents and friends to watch dance performances from countries including Turkey, Cyprus, France, India, Brazil, Russia, Scotland and Spain. Head, Erbil Aydinova started the ceremony with a minutes silence followed by the National Anthem. The Oath of the Turkish Children was read by Shyaan Salih. Poems were also read throughout the programme in Turkish and English.

The finale was spectacular with all the children joining together to sing the Turkish song 'Hayat Bayram Olsa' and then the English song 'We are the World' which received a standing ovation and a call of 'encore' 'encore'. What a celebration this had been. The audience was then invited to enjoy refreshments provided by the PTA. Mouth watering hot dogs, beef-burgers, tea, coffee, juice and a sumptuous array of cakes had all been prepared by parents along with some other stalls and games for the children to take part in.

Our thanks go to all the children, teachers, PTA members and other staff who all worked as a team to make this a memorable occasion.



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19
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June
24
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18-22
25-29
World Cup
Soccer Camp

August
22-26
World Cup
Soccer Camp



Photo: Primary and Secondary Athletics Teams with Hayran Unwin, Richard & Amy (Cyprus Active), Rob Shields and Erbil Aydinova

Athletics Teams Triumph at Ataturk Stadium

The Annual Athletics Championships in Ataturk Stadium, Lefkosia, brought together the finest athletes in the TRNC in March this year. Amongst them was the British Academy of Northern Cyprus (B.A.) B.A. only had seven members in its Secondary team, but what a team! They competed with 60 or so other schools and were a force to be reckoned with. P.E. Teacher Rob Shields has coached them constantly for over the past six months and was rewarded handsomely for his efforts. Kate Mortimer won a Gold medal in the 100 metres and came 2nd in the 200 metres whilst Oliver Dolling won a Silver medal in the 800 metres

Primary Schools in the TRNC also competed against one another following the Secondary events. The B.A. took a team of just 9 competitors to compete in the Primary Athletics competition. The team performed exceptionally well and won two races - the Boys and Girls 4 x 75 metres Relay Races. The Boys team consisted of Aidan Chippindale, Enis Sogular, Çem Yeşilyurt and Saffet Ozenik. The team members for the Girls 4 x 75 metres relay were Daria Babkina, Hülya Pehlivan, Taylor Strong and pint sized Hayriye Çoksu

After the competition closed Rob Shields said "Words cannot express the emotions going on inside me and the feelings about how the students from this fantastic school have performed. The families and friends and the TRNC are proud of this brilliant display of courage and determination in what was a fantastic competition for all involved. (Full reports of these events (and photos) can be found on the BA website).

We would like to thank Cyprus Active for sponsoring our Athletics Kit this year and for their full support during the competitions. Thanks also go to Karina Pipe, one of our Secondary Students, who did a super job as our in- house photographer.



Photo: Karina Pipe

Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 - New Leaflet Now Available

Soon it will be time for children from Year 6 to move on to their Secondary education. This can be worrying for both children and parents as they move from being a big fish in a little pond to a little fish in a big pond. Here at British Academy there is no need to worry as we care and prepare for this transition.

Recently Parents in Year 5 and 6 were invited to a talk about this crucial time in the life of their child and will have received a new leaflet, designed by Secondary School students and called 'Secondary School Induction'. It is hoped that it will be helpful to both parents and children.

The Secondary School is a part of the British Academy and for most students transferring from Year 6 to Year 7 is relatively easy. They will have been to the Secondary School for lessons in Art and Food and Nutrition as well as other subjects. Students may also have brothers and sisters in the Secondary School. In addition there are teachers who teach in Primary and Secondary in subjects such as Music, Turkish and PE.

This brochure is designed to give more detail about the day structure, programme and the examinations that the school offers. The British Academy follows the British National Curriculum which is an extension of the Primary curriculum so that students who join us from Primary are well prepared for the subjects they will be taking and the level of the work. The big difference for students is that they do not stay with one teacher for most of the day but change teacher when they change subjects. This means that they need to be much more organised to ensure that they have everything they need for lessons!



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