

# Erasmus + project 2018 -2020

Digital competences and soft skills for the better future

## *Using ICT to enhance home-school links*

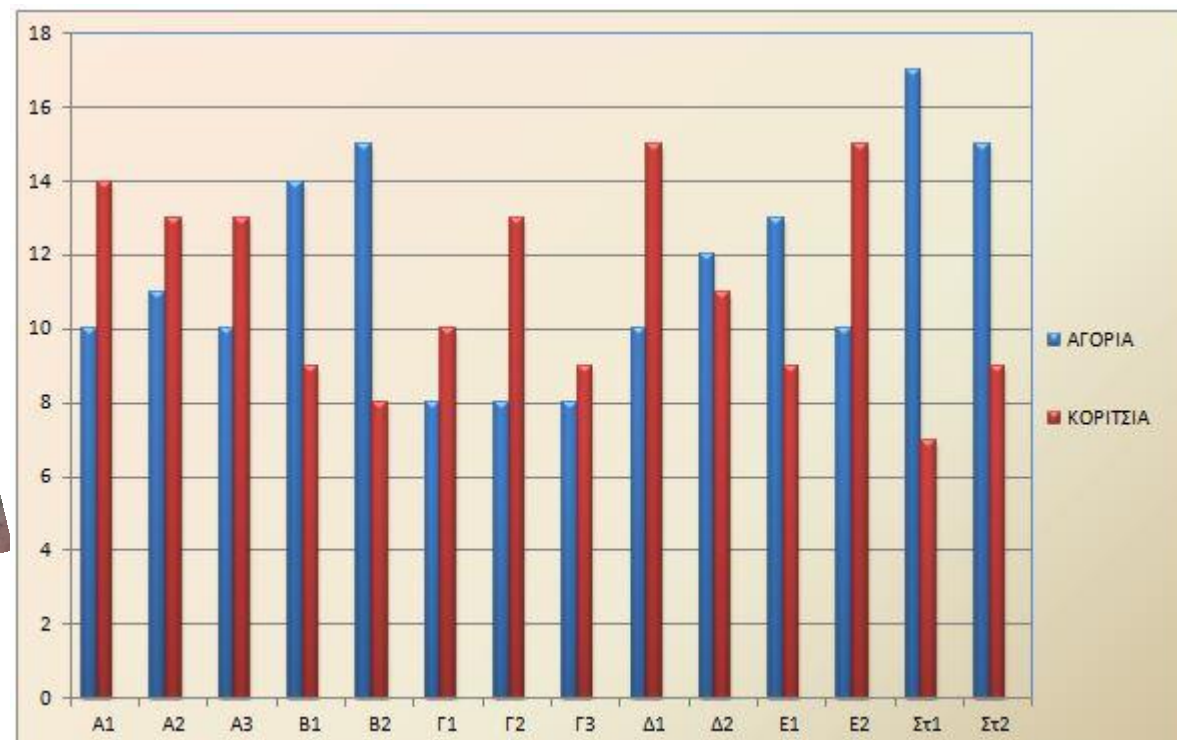


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# *Lets get to know each other!*





Student population: 316

*A' Primary School of Makedonitissa*

# Family Involvement

- *Research demonstrates that parent/ family involvement significantly contributes to improved student outcomes*
- *Everyone -- students, parents, teachers, administrators, and communities -- benefits from family involvement*

# What are the Benefits for parents?

- Greater knowledge of education programs and how schools work;
- Knowledge of how to be more supportive of children;
- Greater confidence about ways to help children learn;
- More positive view of teachers; and,
- Greater empowerment.

# What are the benefits for School Staff?

- Greater teaching effectiveness;
- Higher expectations of students;
- Increased ability to understand family views and cultures;
- Greater appreciation of parent volunteers; and,
- Improved morale.

# What are the Benefits for students?

- More positive attitudes toward school;
- Higher achievement, better attendance, and more homework completed consistently;
- Higher graduation rates and enrollment rates in post-secondary education;

# Two-way communication is therefore imperative!





**HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE?**

1. Once a week meetings with parents

2. Communication folder

3. Telephone communication

4. Viber Broadcast List

5. School website

6. Class dojo

7. Teacher Blog

# 1. Parent-teacher meetings



- Parent-teacher meetings are held once a week for all classes.
- There is a fixed time in all teachers' schedule for meetings with the parents.
- During this specific day and time parents can meet teachers and discuss their child's progress at school.

## Drawbacks

Many parents are working full time and are unable to attend these meetings. We see parents at the classroom door less than we used to, and opportunities for interaction are therefore more limited.

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Χριστιάνα Λιασίδου	Βοηθός Δ/ντρια - Υπεύθυνη ΣΤ'1	Πέμπτη, 8:25 - 9:05
Μάριος Χαραλάμπους	Βοηθός Δ/ντής - Υπεύθυνος Ε'1	Παρασκευή, 11:35 - 12:15
Πραξούλα Κωνσταντίνου	Δασκάλα - Υπεύθυνη Ε'2	Τετάρτη, 12:25 - 1:05
Γεωργία Μουσουλίδου Γεωργίου	Δασκάλα - Υπεύθυνη Δ'1	Παρασκευή, 12:25 - 1:05
Ελένη Μπισίδη	Δασκάλα - Υπεύθυνη Δ'2	Δευτέρα, 9:25 - 10:05
Σταυρούλα Αβρααμίδου	Δασκάλα - Υπεύθυνη Γ'1	Πέμπτη, 10:05 - 10:45
Νόννη Ελευθερίου	Δασκάλα - Υπεύθυνη Γ'2	Τρίτη, 7:45 - 8:25

# First meeting with the parents

- At the beginning of the school year we invite parents in our classroom. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the way we work in different school subjects and to set our goals for this academic year.



## 2. 'Communication folder'



- All school official handouts are placed in a specific folder. Parents are informed to regularly check on their child's communication folder and read the announcements.

### **Drawbacks**

Printing all the announcements costs money and does not coincide with the environmentally friendly policy of the school



### 3. Telephone communication



- Parents can call at school and ask to speak to the teacher.
- Teacher can call parents and inform them about their child's progress at school.

#### **Drawbacks**

- Either the teacher or the parent might not be available to take the call
- Telephone communication is extremely time consuming for the teacher

*A STEP TO THE FUTURE:  
Embracing Information and Communication  
Technology (ICT) for communicating with parents*



### 3. Communication via viber

- Most of the school announcements are now delivered to parents via viber





# 4. Communication through the school website

## Δημοτικό Σχολείο Μακεδονίτισσας Α'

Οικοσελίδα

Το σχολείο μας

Προσωπικό

Δραστηριότητες

Προγράμματα

Σύνδεσμος Γονέων

Ολοήμερο Σχολείο

Επικοινωνία



### Το σχολείο μας



#### Ιστορικό Σχολείου

Το Α' Δημοτικό Σχολείο Μακεδονίτισσας λειτούργησε τον Σεπτέμβριο του 1987. Κτίστηκε και εξοπλήστηκε με δαπάνη του

Αναζήτηση

Φωτογραφικό Υλικό

## 4. School website

### The school website has:

- An about us page with the history of the school
- The names of the school staff along with the parent-teacher meeting schedule
- Videos or pictures highlighting the curricular activities
- A calendar conveying all important updates and information
- Announcements from the parent association
- Announcements concerning the children who attend school in the afternoon
- A website communication window where parents can communicate with the headmistress of the school via text messaging



# Drawbacks

- Anyone has access to our school website. Therefore many parents object to posting names or photos of their children on the school website
- Mainly school announcements can be posted and not personal data concerning students progress at school

# 5. Class Dojo



- ClassDojo is a behaviour management tool for the classroom. Each student has a profile – complete with their own avatar – to which teachers can assign positive and negative points throughout the lesson.
- This information is then recorded on students' profiles so that it can be reviewed throughout the year. Parents can also have logins so that they can view their child's achievements from home.

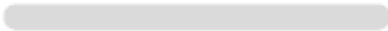
## Reports



### CONNECTIONS



Parent accounts



Student accounts



### STUDENTS

First name ▾



Whole class



Antria Ττάκκα

93%



Έμιλυ Κασάπη

93%



Αλέξης Κοιλανιώτ...

94%



Ανδρέας Αντωνιά...

68%



Ανδριάνα Δημητρί...

74%



Ανπιγόνη Αυξεντί...

100%



Whole class

Donut

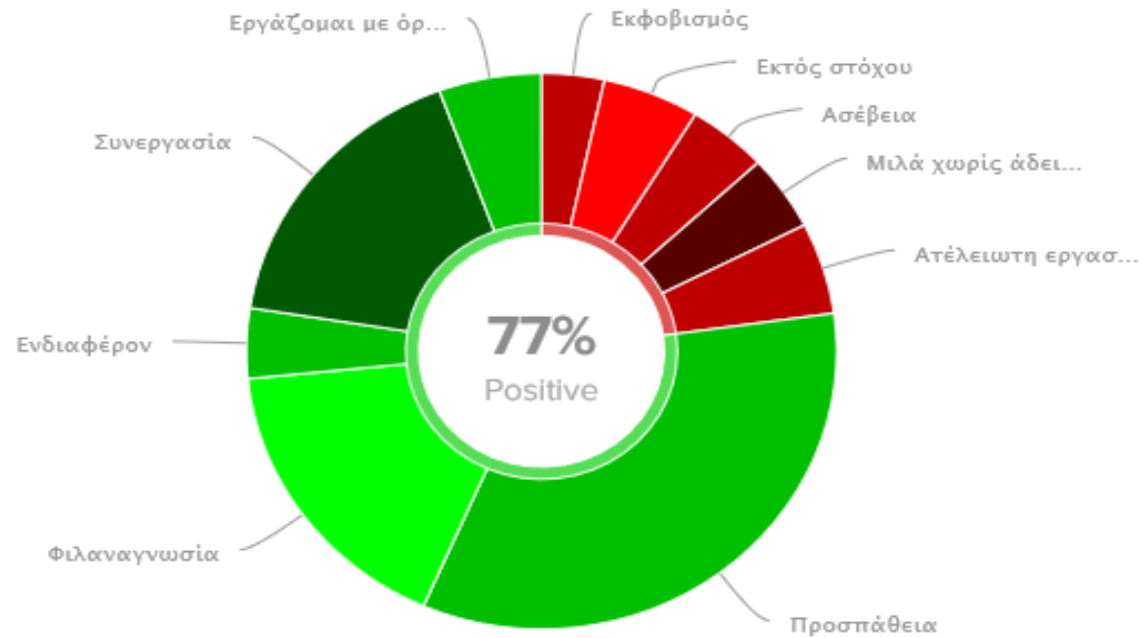
Attendance

All time ▾

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Positive: 247 Needs work: 73





# Legal Limitations

- The Ministry of Education in Cyprus has not officially approved the use of Class Dojo by teachers.
- Even if some teachers use it at school they do not give access to parents to view their child's achievements from home.
- All the information gathered by the teachers is discussed during their private meetings at school.

# 6. Communication with parents via Teacher Blog

tritakiasedrasi2019.blogspot.com

Apps New Tab Google


Περισότερα

Δημιουργία ιστ

## ΤΡΙΤΑΚΙΑ ΣΕ ΔΡΑΣΗ! - 2019

Saturday, 5 October 2019

### Το πρόγραμμα της Γ' 2 για τη φετινή χρονιά



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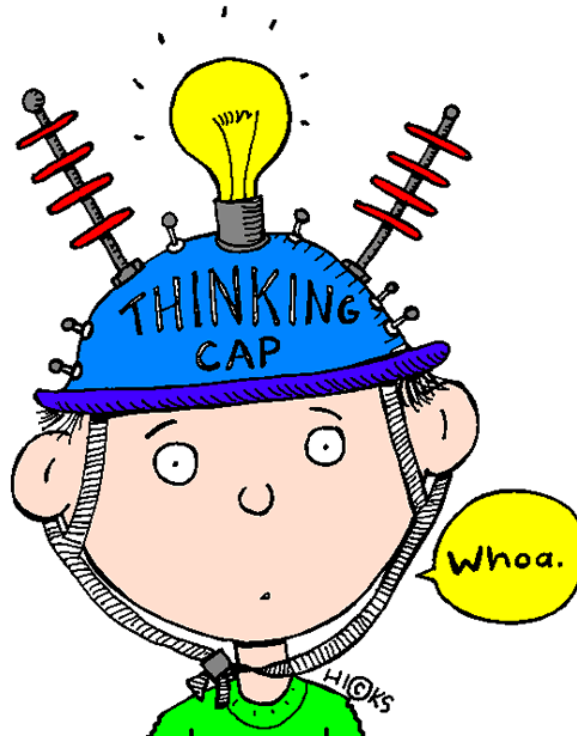
## **Via Teacher Blog parents can be informed:**

- About daily activities that take place in the classroom
- Upcoming events or tests
- Daily homework

They can even have a private conversation with the teacher via text messaging

So far only one teacher in our school uses Teacher Blog

# WHERE DO WE MOVE ON?



- ...unfortunately **NOT TO FAR**, as we need the approval, the funds and the training from the **Ministry of Education** in order to have an **electronic School Management System** based on web services



