

**European Day of Languages
School Year 2025 - 2026
Kykkos A' Lyceum
European Languages Through Posters, Quiz and Food**

The organisation of the European Day of Languages at our school was a particularly creative and meaningful experience for all those involved. The event, which took place on Friday, 26 September 2025 during an extended break period, went far beyond a typical school celebration and evolved into a vibrant meeting point of languages, cultures, and shared experiences.

The active participation of our students was instrumental to the success of the initiative. Through the preparation of posters, students had the opportunity to explore linguistic and cultural aspects of different countries, while simultaneously developing their creativity and collaborative skills. Furthermore, the initiative shown by many students in preparing traditional dishes added an experiential dimension to the event, bringing learning closer to everyday life and personal experience.

The interactive quiz, which required participants to answer questions based on information displayed on the posters, served as a strong incentive for active engagement. Students were encouraged to observe, read, discuss, and learn from one another, transforming the learning process into an enjoyable and participatory experience.

Equally significant was the multicultural dimension of the event. Although the European Day of Languages traditionally focuses on European languages and cultures, our school embraced its diverse student population by providing opportunities for students from non-European countries to present their own languages, traditions, and cultural heritage. This inclusive approach strengthened the values of acceptance, respect, and appreciation of diversity, while offering all participants the chance to broaden their cultural horizons and gain a deeper understanding of different communities.

The contribution of teachers, who also participated by sharing traditional dishes from their own cultural backgrounds, further highlighted the strong sense of collaboration and community that characterises our school. The joint efforts of students and staff created a welcoming and positive atmosphere, reinforcing the importance of cooperation and mutual respect within the school environment.

Participation in the event also provided valuable learning opportunities for our students. Through researching different countries and cultures, creating informative materials, interacting with visitors, and presenting information to their peers, students enhanced their communication and language skills, intercultural awareness, and confidence. They also developed important transferable skills, including teamwork, organisation, creativity, problem-solving, and public speaking. Most importantly, the activity encouraged them to become more open-minded and globally aware citizens, capable of appreciating linguistic and cultural diversity in an increasingly interconnected world. Overall, the activity highlighted the value of experiential and collaborative learning, demonstrating that education can be enjoyable, creative, and meaningful at the same time. It is an initiative that deserves to be continued and further enriched in the future, contributing even more to intercultural understanding and the educational development of our students.

