

Gymnasio Mygdonias

Local Roots, European Wings



Erasmus+



Welcome to a school in motion ('En taxei kai en kinisei'). Located in the historic heart of Macedonia, Greece, we are a Junior High School that combines deep cultural heritage with a decade of international experience. We don't just teach history; we live it. We don't just visit Europe; we are active citizens of it.



Where History Meets Modern Life.

Our Base: We are located in Drymos, a community rich in ancient history, just a short distance from Thessaloniki, a vibrant metropolis and cultural crossroads.

The Context: Our students grow up surrounded by the legacy of the Macedonian Struggle and Byzantine civilization, with easy access to landmarks like the White Tower and the Museum of Byzantine Culture.

The Vibe: The safety of a close-knit town with the pulse of a major European city.



A Decade of Traveling & Connecting

10 Years of Erasmus

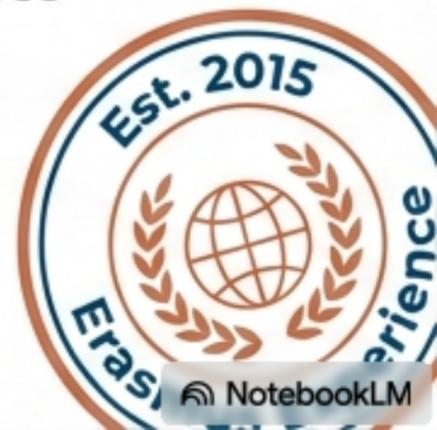
We are celebrating a full decade of implementing European projects. From KA1 beginnings in 2016-17 to our current strategic partnerships, we have built a “school open to the world.”

Our Philosophy

We believe in the power of people to change education. As our motto suggests: “People have the power.”

The Network

Our students and teachers have exchanged knowledge and culture with partners across Europe, proving we are a reliable and experienced international partner.





Our Current Mission: EU citiZEN

- ✓ • **The Project:** The school leads the way: Well-being as EU citiZEN! (KA122, 2025-2027)
- ✓ • **The Goal:** Creating a school culture focused on democracy, inclusion, and environmental sensitivity.
- ✓ • **The Scope:** An 18-month journey involving student mobilities, job shadowing for teachers, and a focus on what it means to belong to the EU.
- ✓ • **Hashtags:** #SynexizoumeErasmus
#EuZinEUcitiZEN

Our European Neighborhood



Active Partnerships: We actively collaborate with schools across the continent.

Recent Connections:

- **Belgium (Liège):** Preparatory visits and student exchanges with Collège Saint-Louis (2025-2026).
- **Portugal (Maia):** Hosting job shadowing experts from Colégio Novo da Maia to study our science teaching and school organization.
- **A.Li.E.N. Partners:** Long-standing cooperation with schools in Turkey, Lithuania, Croatia, and Italy focusing on Art and Literature.

Agents of Change: The 'ErasmusQuake'



Climate Education

Interactive workshops like 'Climate Crisis – The Truth Face to Face' at the Goulandris Natural History Museum.



Hands-On

The 'School Garden' project teaches sustainability and environmental responsibility through direct contact with nature.



Ecomobility

Promoting sustainable transport and greener cities.

Our 'ErasmusQuake' initiative brings the motion of change to daily school life.



Digital Creativity & Innovation



Digital Archaeology: In our 'Lesson Differently' program, students combine history with tech. They visit local excavation sites in Drymos and return to the IT lab to create modern infographics summarizing their findings.

AI & Safety: We actively participate in Safer Internet Day (SID2026) and run workshops on the 'Correct Use of Artificial Intelligence' for both parents and students.

Result: Turning ancient data into digital knowledge.



Is it an A.Li.E.N.?

Art & Literature in Education's Nature!

A.Li.E.N.

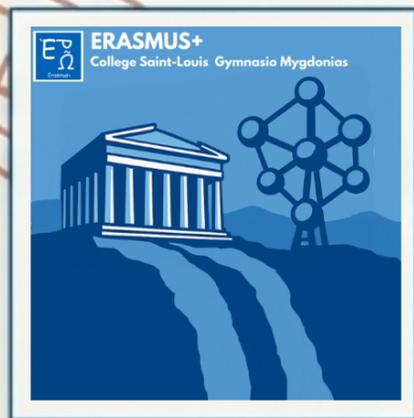
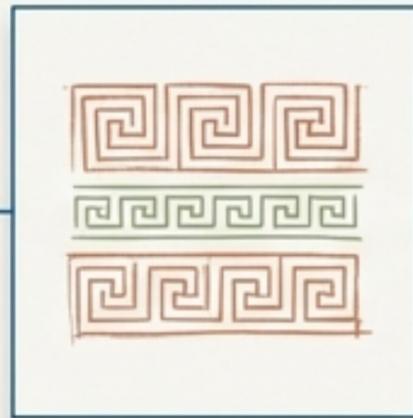
- **The Mission:** Using literature and art to develop emotional intelligence and social skills.

Cultural Exchange: Students learn to appreciate their own cultural heritage while discovering the artistic traditions of our partners in Italy, Croatia, Turkey, and Lithuania.

Outcome: Developing positive attitudes toward culture as a tool for personal growth.



Democracy in Action



Student Agency: We don't just assign projects; students build them.

The Process: For our new Erasmus+ KA122 identity, students designed **12 unique logos**. The entire school community (students and teachers) participated participated in a democratic vote to select the winner.

The Result: The chosen logos now represent our collaboration with Belgium and our 'EU citiZEN' identity. **This is democratic participation in practice.**



A School with Empathy

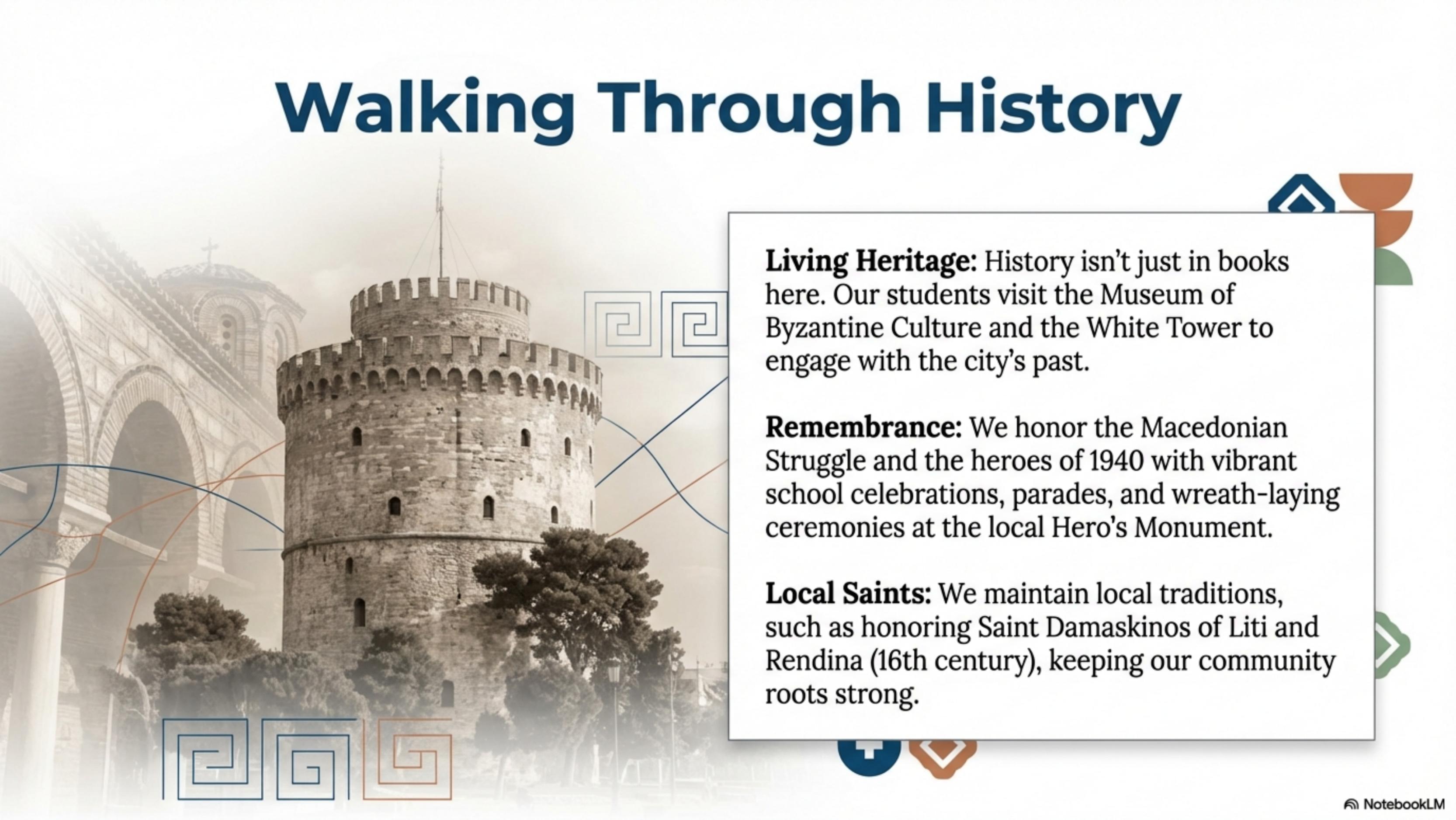


Inclusion: We host empathy seminars and anti-bullying workshops in collaboration with “The Smile of the Child.”

Awareness: Celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with visits from Paralympic athletes like Nikos Tsodras, who demonstrated Paralympic sports to our students.

Goal: To foster a school environment defined by kindness, understanding, and safety.

Walking Through History



Living Heritage: History isn't just in books here. Our students visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture and the White Tower to engage with the city's past.

Remembrance: We honor the Macedonian Struggle and the heroes of 1940 with vibrant school celebrations, parades, and wreath-laying ceremonies at the local Hero's Monument.

Local Saints: We maintain local traditions, such as honoring Saint Damaskinos of Liti and Rendina (16th century), keeping our community roots strong.

Spirit & Celebration



Sports Day

A massive event featuring football, basketball, volleyball, and ping-pong tournaments involving the whole student body.



Excellence

We celebrate academic effort with formal Awards Ceremonies, recognizing the hard work and progress of our students.



Parades

Our students proudly represent the school in local parades, receiving applause from the entire Drymos community.

The Lesson Differently



Innovative Teaching

Our philosophy is to take learning out of the classroom.

The Method

Whether it is job shadowing with Portuguese experts to improve our science teaching, or digging into local history with the Ephorate of Antiquities, we constantly evolve.

The Result

A dynamic learning environment where ancient excavations meet digital infographics and modern pedagogy.

Ready for the Next Adventure?



Join Us:

Gymnasio Mygdonias is more than a school; it is a community of active citizens, digital creators, and history keepers.

The Future:

As we enter our second decade of Erasmus projects, we are eager to forge new paths, meet new partners, and continue “showing the way” toward a democratic and sustainable Europe.

Call to Action:

Call to Action: Let's connect and create something amazing together.

Connect With Us



Website: [Link to Gymnasio Mygdonias Website]

Follow Our Journey: #SynexizoumeErasmus #ErasmusDays2025 #EuZinEUcitiZEN

Location: Drymos, Thessaloniki, Greece.

