

Vari, 17-05-2022

Dear Captain and Crew of *Abyssinian*,

It's been a long time since we last received your email, but it was Easter holiday for us and we didn't have school lessons.

We decided that our present mail would be devoted to our country, its natural beauty and its monuments and museums.

For this reason, we are sending you the following picture of the Parthenon which is the most representative historical monument of our ancient history and the most recognizable Greek sight around the world. Which is the most representative monument of your country?

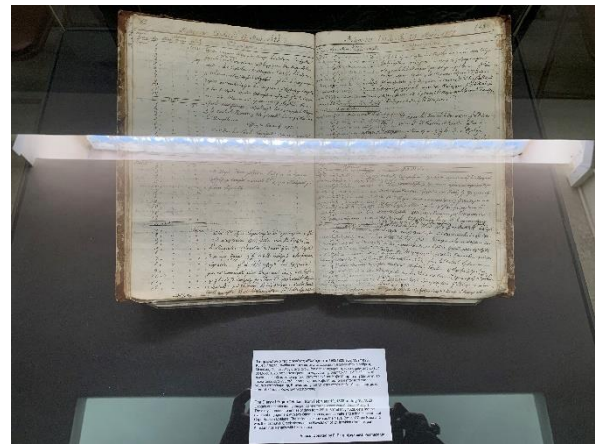


Last week our class visited the Navy Museum which is situated at the Zeas' Marina, next to the harbour of Piraeus.

There we saw the relics of the ancient city walls, since Greek people have always been living close to the sea and travelling the seas. The first boat built by the Greeks dates back in time, around 11,000 years ago.

We also saw the famous Greek submarine "Papanikolis" which belonged to the Hellenic Navy and took part in the World War II. It took its name in honour of Dimitrios Papanikolis who was a fire alighter from Psara island in 1821 Greek Revolution against the Turks.

We were also impressed by the fact that a daily diary is kept by the captain of every ship. So we took a picture of such a diary of a war ship dating back in the sea battles of the 1821 Revolution. We would be very pleased if you could send us a picture of the diary you keep on your ship so that we can see your programme on a typical day.



Since our country has got 6,000 islands scattered in the Aegean and Ionian Seas, we are sending you the link of a well-known Greek song called "The country". Below, you can read the lyrics in Greek whilst listening to the song. In the video, you can see a lot of pictures taken from the Greek islands where the white colour of the houses combines ideally with the blue of the sea. The name of the song in Greek is pronounced "I Chora". For some islands in Greece, the capital is called "I Chora". Your country has also got a lot of islands. Which are the most characteristic geographical elements of your islands?

[Η ΧΩΡΑ ~ Βασίλης Λέκκας, Γιάννης Μαρκόπουλος - YouTube](#)

The country

Lyrics: Giannis Markopoulos

Music: Giannis Markopoulos

Initially performed by: Vassilis Lekkas

Friends, brothers, fellow citizens and relatives from the East,
with the thread and the knowledge Ariadne will unite
this country which signifies the weaving of the galaxy,
a country with castles and beauty where no ghosts can settle.

When art and history solve every query of ours,
they become the life and soul of a sweet light at the Mediterranean seacoast.
As a country you are a freedom fighter, I was attentive when I was born.
I collected images, I collected light and I became a dancing people.

I came to the highest mountains on the angels' wings,
So that you tell me the cause of my love for you till I die.

That's all for now. We are looking forward to receiving your next email.

We wish you safe voyages,

the teachers and students of the 6th grade of primary school of Vari

P.S. Elias is one of our classmates. He told us that his great grandfather was a member of the crew on Papanikolis Submarine! We were all very excited!!!

