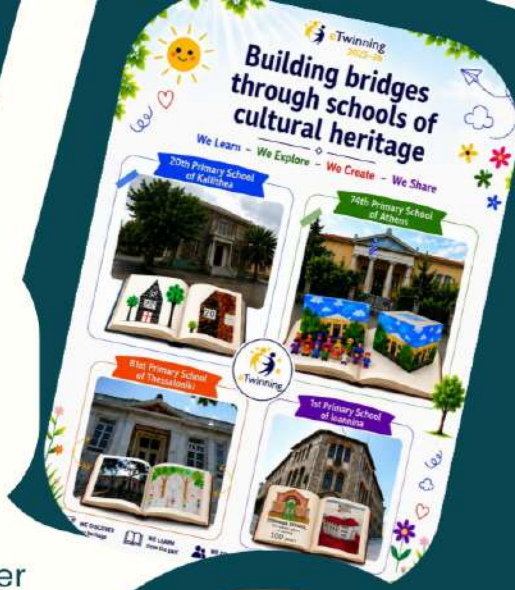
Teacher Academy Project

DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION



81st Primary School of Thessaloniki
Our School: A Monument of Local and Global Heritage

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NEEDS

The need for the wider school community to work together towards a common goal beyond the school's academic role. Our school has also served society during both World Wars, accommodated refugees after the Asia Minor Catastrophe, and sheltered Resistance members during World War II.



AIMS

- Collaboration across the school community.
- Highlighting the school as a site of historical memory.
- Raising students' awareness of its local and global heritage.
- Sharing historical evidence with the wider community.

IMPLEMENTATION STAGES

- Renovating the space with teachers, students, parents, and experts.
- Researching historical evidence through interviews, testimonies, and bibliography.
- Collaborating with the Municipality to promote the site's history.
- Training students as guides of the school building.
- Disseminating historical evidence through eTwinning, conferences, and the press.

OUTCOMES

We learned that wars, totalitarian regimes, and human rights violations are evidence of restrictions on freedom and democraticn participation.
Studying them highlights the importance of democratic institutions, how they have been threatened, and why active citizenship is essential to protecting them.
We also learned that democracy cannot be taken for granted; it requires continuous defence, participation, and responsibility, which can become part of everyday school culture.

DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP DIMENSION

Full participation of all students in developing a collaborative and participatory school culture through co-designing activities, shaping the space, and preparing to guide visitors around our school, including in English for non-native speakers.



KEY MESSAGE FOR OTHER SCHOOLS

The effort to create a democratic space where students, teachers, parents, and the wider community work together towards a common goal: providing the best possible learning environment for nurturing democratic values and citizenship from an early age.