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Project for kids 5-9 years old in Greece

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Teaching Kids History

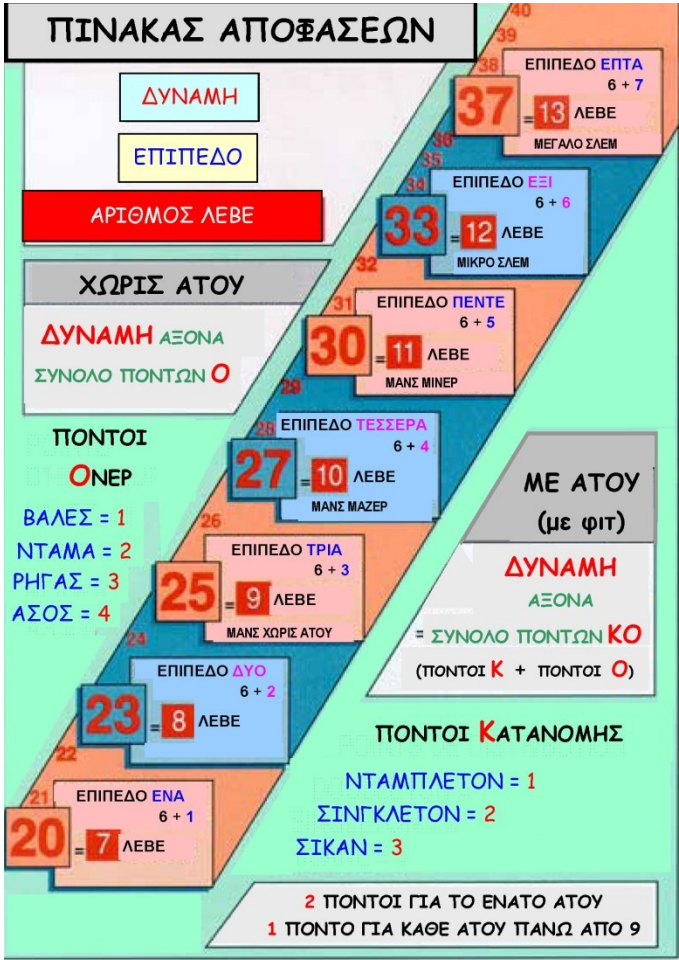
- Individual efforts at **Varvakios School** and some **provincial schools as well as at NTUA (twice)**
- HBF assigned (**5/2008**) the **adaptation - translation of the French version** (Source WBF) of the mini bridge method in Greek. The complete method was delivered to HBF (25 lessons, containing 3 text files per teacher and 3 per student, in 12/2008)
- **Spring of 2009**: four boys and two girls were the first kids who followed mini bridge courses.
- **September 2015**. Group of 8 kids started learning mini bridge on Saturday lessons in a club (their parents are bridge players).
- **September 2016**. The kids pass from mini bridge to Audrey Grant (official method of HBF for adults).



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Kids Program 2015-2025

- **September 2016.** Permission given by the ministry of Education to introduce bridge in elementary schools.
- **2016-2019.** Several groups in schools in Kalamata, Larisa, Serres.
- **January 2017.** The Municipality of Athens, within Open Schools Activities, invited HBF to teach mini bridge to about 50-60 kids (10-11 years old) in ten elementary schools (***multicultural composition***). Permission renewed and expanded to high schools.
- **2017.** First Appearance of Greek Kids Team (U16) 9/16 (2nd European Kids Championship, Samorin).
- **2023-2025.** After covid, 15 schools all over Greece formatting clubs in gymnasiums and high schools.



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The Game of Bridge (*under approval*): From East to West and from North to South

The
four
winged
friends



- **Σ**πουργίτι (sparrow) = **Σ**παθί (club).
- **Κ**αναρίνι (canary) = **Κ**αρό (diamond).
- **Κ**ουκουβάγια (owl) = **Κ**ούπα (heart).
- **Π**ιγκουίνος (penguin) = **Π**ίκα (spade).



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwnVDfJJ2tw>

"The Game of Bridge". From East to West and from North to South.

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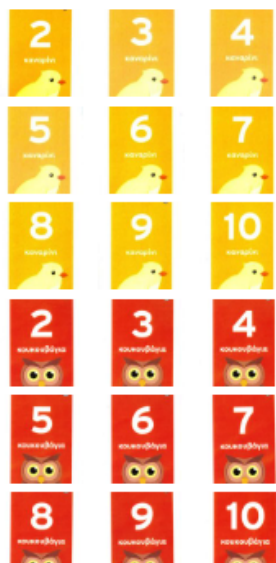
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THE BRIDGE GAME cards



ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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The educational program *"The Bridge Game: From East to West and from North to South"* was designed for Kindergarten children. Through fairy tales, bird cards, cooperative games and creative activities, children discover the joy of cooperation, strategic thinking and imagination, building small and large "bridges" of learning and friendship.

The purpose of the program is to cultivate soft skills in students, life skills, mediation and responsibility, as well as digital learning, technology and science skills. At the same time, it aspires to introduce Kindergarten children to the magical world of bridge in a creative and playful way, through the game of Bridge, a game of strategy, cooperation and communication with profound pedagogical value.

It is organically linked to the Kindergarten Curriculum, as it reinforces key learning objectives:

- oral and written expression,

The four winged friends and the game of Bridge



Digital book



Pictures



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Rules of the Game

1. The game is played in **pairs: East with West, and North with South.**
2. Everyone plays in turn, moving from **left to right.**
3. You don't always need to speak to **cooperate** — sometimes **one card is enough!**
4. **Respect your partner** — whether you win or lose, the most important thing is the **joy of the game!**



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Expansion capabilities

- Possibility of **continuation and expansion** to the **first grades of primary school**, as the age groups are developmentally very close.
- Invitations from **students with distinctions** in competitive bridge to **share experiences**.
- **Participation of accredited HBF trainers** to inform children and parents.
- Organization of **inter-school "Bridge" competitions** between school units.
- Creative activities at school, such as **exhibitions, tournaments or educational groups**.



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Duration – Structure

Total: **21 teaching hours**, in 7 thematic workshops with activities that combine:

- **storytelling and dramatization,**
- **strategy and memory games,,**
- **use of digital tools,**
- **visual and creative expression,**
- **experiential cooperative games.**



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Profile of a kids Instructor

- i. Pleasant - funny**
- ii. Young (U35) – preferably female**
- iii. School teacher or professor (*if possible*)**
- iv. Bridge Instructor**



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Thank you for your attention