

# Akrotiri School Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> February 2017



## Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week

**Oliver Dodwell  
Finn McCready  
Alex Smith  
Brezlyn Hathaway  
Jessica Payne  
Joshua Davin  
Erika Christiansen  
Archie Allan  
Tyrese Odamtten  
Lucy Donaldson**

**Zack Brown  
Caedan Parr  
Lewys Gregson  
Riley Pickersgill  
Charlie Smyth  
Gabriano Shelton  
Daisy Davies  
Jacob Lloyd  
Charlie Thirkell**



# Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week ending 3rd February.

**Ollie Tait  
Ella-Mai Kenwright  
Brooke McDonald  
Merrilees Belcher  
Lucy Anders  
Max Andrews  
James Critchley  
Lauren Muir  
Darshan Shreesh  
Lawrence Watkins**

**Oliver Maughan  
Harry Canham  
George Parker  
Kyra Leirer  
Jake Yeomans  
Ernie Boyd  
Cameron Quinlan  
Melissa Mason  
Callum Ashley**



**Picture of the committee in full swing – lead by our Chairman, Leah Ward (Y6)**

Our recent Eco Warrior Committee meeting was a very active one indeed. As a group we did a survey of the school grounds to check for tidiness and to see where things need to be improved. We agreed that littering was not a big problem but that some simple ideas like weighting bins to prevent them blowing over could help improve things further. In all, we are now ready to take lots of ideas forward from introducing bird feeders to making improvements to our Easter garden. We have also publicised an Eco Warrior badge design and slogan competition and hope to introduce an Eco Warrior after-school club to get more of our classmates involved.

We'll keep you updated!

**Abbie Heaton  
Y5 Reader**



# Head Teacher Update

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

## **New Perimeter Fence**

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that the new perimeter fence will begin construction on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> February. It is anticipated that it will take 4 weeks to be completed. This is something that we are really delighted about as it will mean that we will have a single point of entry to the main school which will enable us to monitor exactly who is in school during the day. The main point of entry will be at the front of the school and we will have access gates at each side of the school which will be opened briefly at the start and end of each day to allow parents to drop off and collect their children. The perimeter fence will bring us in line with safeguarding and health and safety regulations within the UK. Additional benefits will also mean that over the next few years we can develop many of the outdoor spaces that are currently inaccessible due to their close proximity to the road.

## **Maths Day**

Last Friday we had a whole school Maths Day in order to raise money for the NSPCC and to have fun across the school with maths. We succeeded on both fronts! All classes were engaged in exciting activities and many pupils and staff came dressed for the day! I am delighted to report that we raised over €900. See our next newsletter for more details of the day.

## **New School Website**

We have had some great feedback about our new website. I hope that by now you have all managed to have a look and that you've found it interesting and useful. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any suggestions or comments.

## **Parent Support**

I would like to say another huge thank you to the parents who have been coming into school to continue to help George with furniture construction and providing him with an extra pair of hands. We are currently in the process of recruiting another part time caretaker and I will look forward to hopefully informing you of a successful new appointment very soon.

## **Parent Drop Off and Collection**

In our last newsletter I asked for parents to support the children by dropping off and collecting the children from the playground in order to develop their independence. Many thanks to those parents who have done this – we have seen a big difference with some pupils. Please keep up your good work.

## **British Values**

Many thanks and well done to all our pupils who embraced our British Values challenge. We have had a big focus in school on the British Values and we wanted to demonstrate how we show the British Values both in and out of school. The wide range of work that has come into school is fantastic. We have had writing, poems, collages, home-made weighing scales to demonstrate justice and many more illustrations on how we interpret and demonstrate the British Values. Thank you to all pupils who brought work in. We plan to put the work on display at different places around the school. We hope you enjoy sharing it with us.

**Rebecca Robinson**  
**Headteacher**

# WORLD BOOK DAY

School are celebrating world book day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We would like to remind you that children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books, they can bring the book to share too.

To get us in the mood for celebrating reading, every day from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, from 1310 hrs, we are inviting our parents and Governors to come and share a book with their child's class, it may be to a small group or the whole class. It can be a suitable book from home that you enjoy or one of our books at school. Please can you let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible, if you are able to come and read.

We are running an 'Extreme Reading' competition over the half term holiday. We would like a photo of your child reading in a safe, fun and interesting place. Please can you give the photograph to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, so we can judge a winner which will be announced in our Friday assembly. If you need us to print out the photograph please can you email it to your child's class teacher. E-mail addresses are on the back of the School Newsletter.

Finally we would like to challenge the children to read a wide variety of genre, during the first week back after half term. e.g poems, fiction, non-fiction, comics etc. We would like the titles recorded in their home school reading record, signed by parents. Please take this opportunity to comment in your child's reading record, to provide feedback of your child's progress.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Lindsay Winslade (Reading Curriculum Leader)

### **FS2 VISIT TO ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

As part of our RE topic on 'Special Places' FS2 visited Padre Matt at St. Paul's church. The children enjoyed looking around and seeing all the different objects relating to the church, especially the 'secret box' and looking for all the different types of crosses. Thank you Padre for letting us come to visit.



Year 6 spent time on Friday morning in FS1 helping the younger children with their learning activities. They demonstrated maturity as well as our school values of teamwork and responsibility. They also had fun, too! Year 6 are hoping to do this again in the coming months.



Year 4 enjoyed a PE Development morning on Thursday with Mr Collins. They worked on throwing and catching skills, agility and coordination. These skills then helped them when playing a game called Hoopball, a game based on Netball. The children were fantastic, listening well and working well in teams. They had fun learning a new game and are looking forward to playing it more in future PE lessons.

### **Girls' Football Tournament**

The first MoD Schools (Cyprus) all-girls football tournament was held on Thursday 9th Feb 2017 at Happy Valley. Akrotiri School entered 4 teams in total – 2 teams representing Yr3/4 and 2 representing Yr5/6. The girls really did our school proud, narrowly missing out on the three trophies on offer (in the case of Yr3/4 we finished on equal points and lost out by a single goal when it came to goal difference.) It was a great festival of football, which will now become embedded in the annual sporting calendar. Thanks to the parents who came and cheered us along. Well done girls!







### **84 Squadron Art Competition Winner**

Many congratulations to Daisy Bowles in Year 6 who is the winner of our 84 Squadron art competition to design a picture to be created on an external wall in school to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 84 Squadron. We are grateful to members of 84 Squadron who came into school to help us to launch the competition and then judge the entries to find a winner. It was a very difficult job to choose a winner from such fantastic entries. We have put all of the entries on display in the main school entrance as they all deserve some publicity. I hope that you enjoy seeing them all and another well done to Daisy. Watch the space outside Mr Bowles' classroom!

### **Akrotiri School Governors**

Since joining us towards the end of 2016, our new governors are now fully up and running. All of the governors continue to be busy with their curriculum teams engaging in a wide range of activities, from auditing policies/procedures to helping to put up displays. Personally, I have been working with a team looking at how we improve communication with all sections of our community. We have generated lots of ideas, and will be looking at how to implement them alongside a new Communication Strategy at our next meeting. More on this in my next update.

As some of you will be aware, the school is anticipating an Ofsted inspection soon. All of the staff at Akrotiri School – and I do mean all, not just the SLT and teaching staff – have been working exceptionally hard to get the school to where it needs to be. On behalf of the SGC, I would like to reassure you that the school is in a far superior position to where it was 12 months ago, with huge improvements having been made across the board. Encouragingly, this was acknowledged at the most recent Ofsted monitoring visit.

Hopefully you will have all had chance to have a look at the new school website. It contains a wealth of information about the school and some fabulous photos of the children. It also has a section on the SGC with a note from the Chairperson, Group Captain Mike Blackburn, and a list of the governors and which areas of the school we are supporting.

Rachel Williams

SGC Member (Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs and Communication)



### **Musical Magic**

Last night at the Chaplaincy Centre, we were treated to a wonderful joint concert between the RAF Voluntary Band and the Akrotiri School Choir. The concert consisted of a wide range of fantastic tunes from the band in addition to some songs by our KS2 choir. It was an absolute pleasure to have such a collaboration to celebrate music together. The aim of the evening was to enable people to come along and enjoy some music to get their feet tapping and their hands clapping. They achieved this, in addition to filling some hearts with joy for an all too short an hour. We definitely want to build upon the success of this and do it again. Next time we will hope to include our newly formed school band too. Many thanks to everyone who made this evening happen.



### **Congratulations to Miss Flynn**

I would also like to say many congratulations to Miss Flynn. During the evening she was awarded the annual Band Member of the Year award. She plays clarinet in the Voluntary Band and we are very proud that she won this year. Well done Miss Flynn!

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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### SPRING TERM 2017

Half Term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day of Term	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April

### SUMMER TERM 2017

First Day of Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

### SCHOOL TRIPS / EVENTS /ACTIVITIES

YEAR GROUPS	WHAT AND WHEN	TIME	WHERE	COMMENTS
<b>Y5</b>	Y5 DARE Graduation <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>		School Hall	Y5 Parents to attend. More details to follow
<b>FS1-Y6</b>	Green Monday Celebration <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	All day	School	Celebrating a variety of Greek traditions
	SGC Meeting <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>		Officers' Mess	School Governors
<b>FS1-Y6</b>	'World Book Day' Competition and Readathon <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	All day	School	Children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.
<b>Y1-Y6</b>	Parent/Child/Teacher Consultation Meetings <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	1350-1630 hrs	Classrooms	More details to follow.
<b>FS1-Y6</b>	Big Arts Week <b>Week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>			All week

