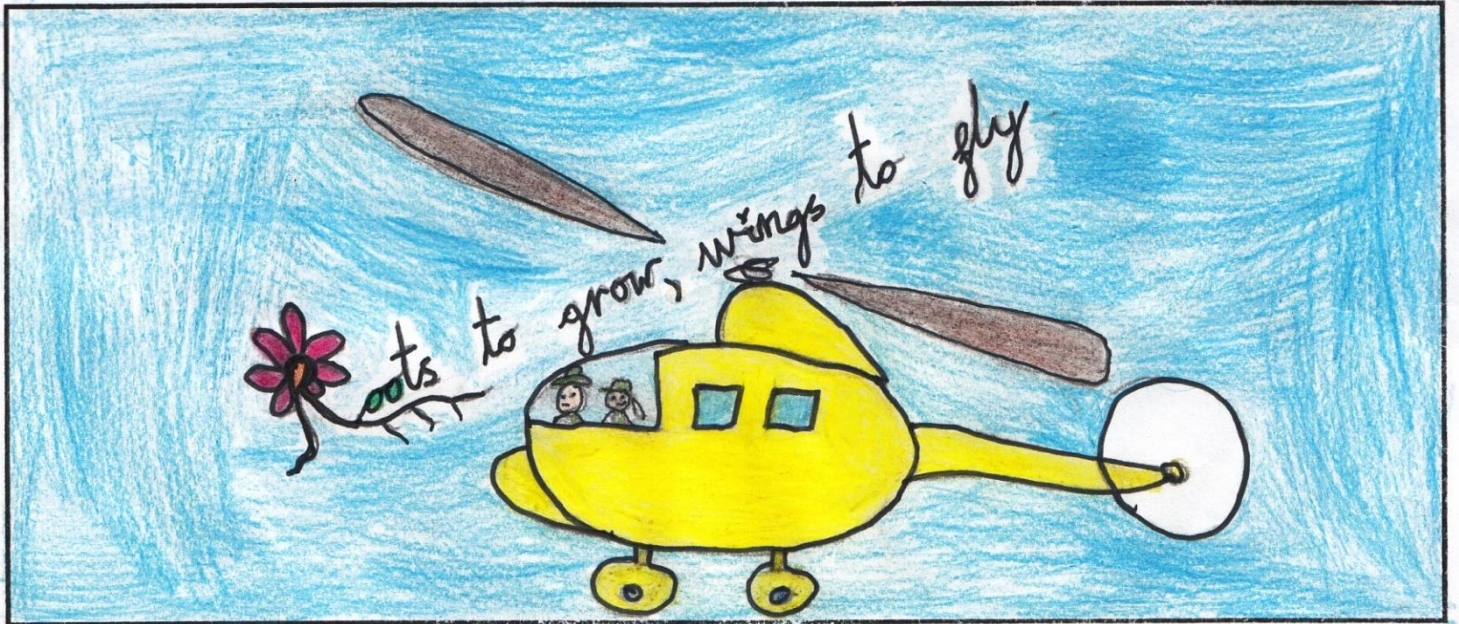


Akrotiri School Newsletter

10th March 2017



Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week

**Tristan Parr
Logan Green
Lara McKeran
Morgan Sansom
Casey-James Phillips
Eliza Ware
Mollie Leighton
Ruby Austin
James Sprawson
Amelia Sharp**

**Maddie Firth
Paige Evans
Lili Morgan
Lilly Buchan
Mitchell Kehoe
Layla McLean
Syrleene Lovence
Jack Charnock
James Battersby**



Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week ending 3rd March.



**Austin Watkins
Saisha Limbu
Ethan Buckley
Emily Carter
Rhys Warlow
Kayden Royle
Archie Hurley
Ava-Rose Taylor
Evie Smith
Emily Dickinson**

**Oliver Wilson
Daniel Green
Noah Trigg
Jessica Marsh
Chloe Anders
Owen Watson
Ellie Cain
Aaron Barrie
Lizzie Fell**

Half Term Heroes of the Week ending 17th February.



**Ayden Butler
Ashton Keightley
Omar Jasseh
Peyton Bedford
Chloe Priestley
Kai Kehoe
Kiera Ralph
William Honhold
Jack Cooper
Faelan Kemble**

**Daniel Cain
Cameron Brett
Grace Dickinson
Rosa Baker
Eleanor Edwards
Abbie Morgan
Zac Simpson
Harry Allen
Leah Ward**



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, I can't believe that we are now two weeks into our new half term. I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break. We enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and hearing of their tales and adventures. We have had a very busy start to our new half term – I hope you enjoy hearing all about our news.

Reading Week and World Book Day

We had a super week last week for our Reading Week which ended in real style with our celebrations for World Book Day. Many thanks go to Mrs Winslade and the Reading Curriculum Team for organising and running the week so successfully. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying reading all week and for the importance of reading to be highlighted and raised all week by staff and visitors. We were delighted to welcome many parents and members of the SGC into classes to read to the children in addition to sharing their own reading experiences. A highlight for Year 6 was definitely when the Station Commander shared his passion for a diverse choice of books ranging from Charles Dickens to non-fiction books about dry stone walling and rearing pigs! Huge thanks to all our visiting readers. If you missed coming in during Reading Week please contact our teachers as you are welcome any time to help us to continually promote reading.

Celebrating International Women's Day

We were very excited to welcome Wing Commander Thomas into school on Wednesday this week to celebrate International Women's Day. Wing Commander Thomas was the first female to be in charge of a fast jet squadron. She inspired both our children and staff as she told us all about her job as a navigator on a Tornado. She answered questions from the children and Mr Bennington put on her flight equipment as she explained what it was all for. Huge thanks go to Wing Commander Thomas for inspiring both young and old.

84 Squadron Mosaic

Special thanks go to local artist Anne Clayton, who is turning the 84 Squadron Centenary competition winning design by Daisy Bowles, into a reality. Every child in school is having the opportunity to glue on a tile to create a real piece of teamwork. This is our value this half term and it couldn't represent it better. We are looking forward to it being completed.

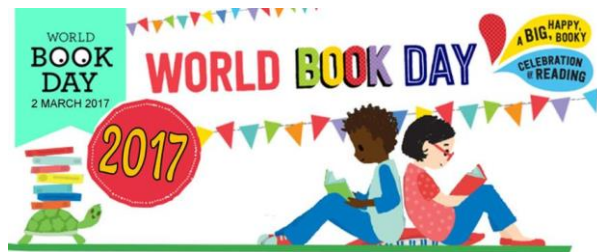
New Perimeter Fence

As you will all notice, our new perimeter fence is nearly completed. When it is finished and officially signed over to us we will inform you. We will give you clear information on how this will affect you as you visit the school to drop off and collect your children. We are delighted that it is now almost finished. It will unlock lots of outdoor space that we plan to develop over the next few years as the children will be safe using space which is beside the road.

Parent's Evening

Many thanks to all parents who attended Parent's Evening this week. It was lovely to see so many parents in school to hear of the progress being made by our pupils.

Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher



The children and staff enjoyed celebrating world book day last Friday, by dressing up as their favourite character from a story. We had some amazing costumes, so thank you to our parents for all your help and enthusiasm.



To help celebrate our love of reading, we held an 'Extreme Reading' competition and so many children entered from FS1 to Year 6. The staff helped me choose a winner from Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

The winners were: Ava Winslade (FS), Lola Ballard (KS1) & Jackamo Ballard (KS2). The children received a £5 Amazon book voucher. The winners' photographs are displayed outside our School Library with all the entrants' photographs on display inside the Library and Group Room.

Thank you to all our parents and governors who volunteered to come into school and read to a class. The children loved listening to the stories and we would like this to continue weekly in Foundation Stage.

There were lots of reading activities going on in school: Year 1 came to help the FS2 children to read a story, Year 6 wrote book reviews, FS decorated book marks and Year 3 performed their own poems. The children had also been given the opportunity to ask questions to Helen Skelton, who is the author of Amy Wild (Amazon Summer) & a BBC presenter. Helen videoed her responses and emailed them to school, for the children to watch in Friday's assembly.



It was a wonderful day!
Thank you again for all your support,
Lindsay Winslade (Reading Leader)





Y1 classes

On Monday we held a Brazil Day! We danced and did some Samba, looked at Brazilian food and made some delicious brigadeiro. We learnt some Portuguese, which is Brazil's language. We found out that football is popular in Brazil and practiced our skills.



Y2 classes

Year 2 have launched their new topic – 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' – with a tower-building challenge! Could they work in teams to build a tall, strong, freestanding tower with nothing more than paper, tape and determination? They had fun finding out! Children have also been naming and locating castles around the world, understanding the different parts of castles, building our own towers, learning about destruction and have built a fulcrum to destroy castle defences, started exploring the idea of Jack growing a beanstalk to a castle in the sky and planted beans, and learnt how to trap both dragons and ogres.

Year 3 classes have been having great fun blowing things up and causing volcanoes to erupt as part of the engage part of their topic 'Tremors'!

Miss Flynn and Mrs Kemble added Mentos to a bottle of coke and all of the children watched as the coke erupted out of the bottle! The children have also made their own volcanoes out of salt dough and will be setting off eruptions



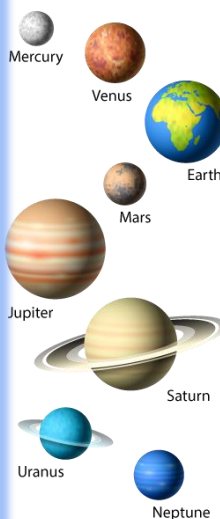
Year 4 classes have started their new topic “Burps, Bottoms and Bile”. We have begun to look at what happens to food as it moves through our bodies and how it is digested. The children have investigated different types of teeth and their functions. We have also explored how we can identify the food an animal eats just by looking at its teeth! We are all learning how important teeth are and the reasons we need to look after them.



Y5 classes

As part of our new Topic (Stargazers), Year 5 has been examining the order of the planets in our solar system in terms of their distance from the sun. To help us, we have also created our own fun mnemonics so we can remember the order correctly. We have already learnt some fascinating facts such as Neptune takes 165 years to orbit the Sun as opposed to Earth's 365.25 days.

Here is a picture of us exploring the movement of the planets on the playground to help explain why planets take different times to orbit the Sun.



Y6 class

As well as preparing for the forthcoming SATs tests in May, Year 6 children have been continuing with their WW2 topic, 'A Child's War.' They have read a story about a girl called Rose Blanche, who lives in Germany during the War. The children have used scenes from the story to inspire some excellent written work.

Here are a couple of 'tasters' from their work:

(A scene in which Rose Blanche is with the town-folk, saying farewell to the Soldiers going off to war.)

A man stands in a window, draped in black robes. He looks at the memorial of the Great War, then to the excited infantry. He feels remorse for the young men, adorned pride and honour. Bad news was coming. War had begun. (Charlie)

The Mayor began: "Our Fuhrer would be proud of us today as we hold the flag with pride and power. By the end of this year, we will have our glorious land back." Then the mayor had a poignant moment: "Today's the day we make our mark on the Fatherland and make Germany, our fathers' Germany again." (Millie A)

The topic is now moving onto the experiences of Wartime Evacuees. Next week, the children will pretend to be evacuees for one evening and come back to school, to the 'Village Hall', where they will enjoy an evening spring time reception hosted by the local villagers.



Mosaic to Commemorate 84 Squadrons' Centenary

This week work started on the winning design of the mosaic competition to commemorate 84 Squadron's Centenary. The winning design was by Daisy Bowles in Y6. A local artist, Anne Clayton, is working with all children across the school to recreate Daisy's design. The mosaic should be completed by the end of next week and will be officially unveiled by the Station Commander when it is completed.

Mother's Day Gift Sale

As in previous years FAS, Friends of Akrotiri School, are holding a Mother's Day Sale.

Each child is able to bring €2.50 (please send your money in on the day, your child will visit the stall with their class), to buy a present for mum. The children will choose a present from a selection of gifts and write the label. Then mums, you will have a nice surprise on Mothering Sunday!



Thursday, 23rd March

FS1 & FS2 in the Art Room

from 0820 to 1230 hrs

Friday, 24th March

Y1-Y6 in the Art Room

from 0820 to 1300 hrs



Health & Safety Issues Nuts and Nut Products in School

Over the last few years, we have had pupils in school, with life threatening allergies to nuts and nut products.

We currently have a child in school, whose condition is so severe that even being touched by someone who has handled foods containing nuts could bring on anaphylaxis.

Based on advice from our School Nurse and in line with a large number of UK schools, we will be developing a Nut-Free Policy, which we will share as soon as possible.

In the interim period we would ask for your co-operation and vigilance in ensuring that **no nuts, or products containing nuts**

(e.g. peanut butter, raw nuts or cereal bars containing nuts, Nutella or other hazelnut and chocolate products) are brought into school.

Thank you.

A Message from a Member of Girl Guides – Aimee Woollett in Y5Reader Class

As a member of Girl Guides I have been tasked to publicise this in the Newsletter this week.

‘On Saturday 25th March Astra Cinema is showing the film ‘Beauty and the Beast’, from 1430-1630 hrs. Emma Watson and Dan Stevens star in this Disney film remake.

It’s a fairy tale about a monstrous-looking Prince and a young woman who fall in love.’

Prices: Adults €6.00

Children: €4.00



New Staff e-mail addresses

(All school's emails have changed from SCE to MOD. Below are all the new emails:)

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Assistant Head – Miss Janet Coates	Janet.Coates@modschoools.org

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Mrs Gill Eardley (Budget & Mobility)	Gill.Eardley@modschoools.org
Mrs Clare Quinlan (Foundation Secretary)	Clare.Quinlan@modschoools.org

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SPRING TERM 2017

Last Day of Term	Friday 7 th April
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SUMMER TERM 2017


First Day of Term	Monday 24 th April
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May Day Holiday	Monday 1 st May
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Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
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Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July
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SCHOOL TRIPS / EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

YEAR GROUPS	WHAT AND WHEN	TIME	WHERE	COMMENTS
Y5	'Stargazers' Evening Monday 13th March	1800-1900 hrs	School playground	Children are going to study the stars in the sky.
Y6	'Evacuation Evening' event Wednesday 15th March	1730-2030 hrs	School Hall	Wartime Evacuees event with games and activities.
FS1 & FS2	Mother's Day Gift Stall Thursday 23rd March	0820-1230 hrs	Art Room	Children to bring in €2.50 to buy a gift for their mums.
Y1-Y6	Mother's Day Gift Stall Friday 24th March	0820-1300 hrs	Art Room	Children to bring in €2.50 to buy a gift for their mums.
FS1-Y6	Big Arts Week Week beginning Monday 22nd May			All week

School Academic Calendar for 2017/2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Staff Training Days	Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th September
First day for children	Wednesday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 20 th December

SPRING TERM 2018

First Day for children	Monday 8 th January
Half Term	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 29 th March

SUMMER TERM 2018

Staff Training Day	Monday 16 th April
First Day for Children	Tuesday 17 th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 7 th May
Half Term	Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 24 th July