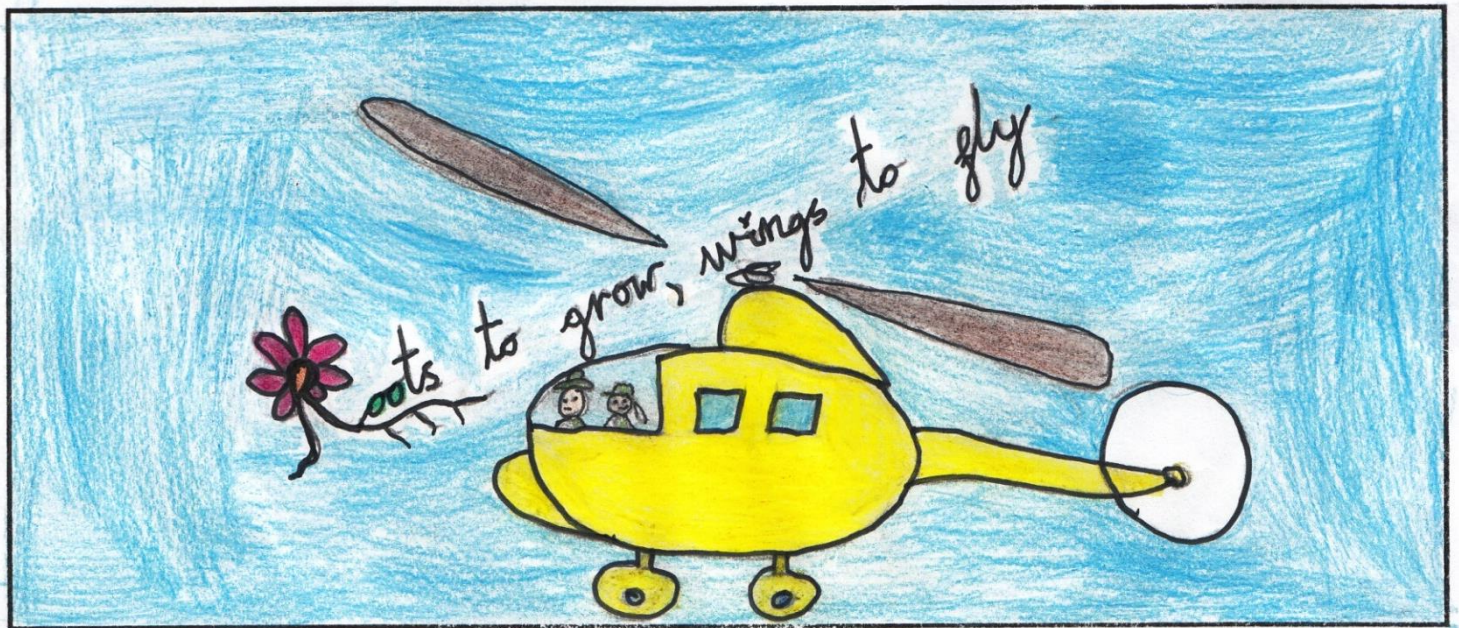


Akrotiri School Newsletter

13th January 2017



Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week

**Evie Wilton
Jaxon Archer
Lily Rose Parker
Freddy Lugg
Ellie Williams
Izabell Whiteford
Sophie Carr
Chiara Wain
Noah Jarvis
Aidan Young**

**Joshua Martin
Thea Herbert
Lilly Woollett
Alfie Wilson
Guy Storey
Tia-Leoni Goodwin
Ben Carr
Kerr Petrie
Tyler Wickham**



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers, New School Year

What a great start we have all made to 2017. It has been lovely to see all of our children back in school and to welcome some new faces. I have enjoyed seeing the classes launching their new topics in class. We have a wide range of activities on offer to inspire the children for the work ahead in this half term. Several classes have been on school trips and we even had a tea party in honour of the Queen! I am sure that you will all be hearing about their exciting work in class as the term progresses.

New FS1 Classroom

We are really pleased with our new FS1 classroom which has been converted from the old FS Hall. The space inside is nice and bright and we are now looking forward to finishing the outside space. Our toilet block is due to be built in addition to some new shading.

Our new class is called the Turtle class and we are delighted to welcome two new teachers to run the sessions. Mrs Emily Officer is running the first session and Mrs Vicky Greenwood the second. We have been amazed at how quickly the new children have settled in. We would like to thank all of our new parents with their patience as we have worked hard to get the classroom ready on time.

Furniture SOS

As many FS parents will have noticed, we have had some rather large deliveries of new furniture recently. We now have some fabulous new items for inside the classrooms in addition to new outdoor equipment. Some items are very large and we would really appreciate some help in putting them together. We would be really grateful if FS parents could watch out for any SOS notices in FS during the next few days as we are trying to arrange a date after school to recruit some parent helpers as extra pairs of hands. We would really appreciate your help.

**Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher**

LSA (LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS) VACANCIES

For all new arrivals on the camp: We regularly have LSA vacancies in our school. Please register with the HIVE so you can be updated with all our adverts.

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Espresso

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We use Discovery Education Espresso in school to help motivate, engage and support learning in the classroom. Now your child can continue to enjoy what they have been doing at school, and you can be involved in their learning at home.

About Discovery Education Espresso

Espresso is an online cross-curricular service that provides video-rich resources to schools throughout the UK. It contains thousands of videos and multimedia activities, as well as a weekly news service — all designed by teaching professionals. For more information, please visit: www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/espresso

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Your child should already be familiar with Espresso. They could show you how they have been using it in class and how to find resources. Once you are familiar with the service, you and your child may like to explore Espresso's *Online safety* modules designed to help children develop a better understanding on how to use technology safely and respectfully.

We hope you will find Discovery Education Espresso useful as a resource to extend your child's learning. If you have any further questions about how to use the service, please speak to your child's teacher.

FS2 classes

As part of our Engagement to our new topic, FS2 visited Costcutter to look at the different types of fruit and vegetables we can buy. The children also looked at the different types of food available in the store and we talked about the types of foods that are healthy and unhealthy.



*Year 1 classes kicked off the New Year with a **ROYAL TEA PARTY!** We found out all about the **Queen**, created flags and place mats, practiced the national anthem and learned all about tea party etiquette. Then we went into the hall for our tea party and finally we finished off with tea party games. We had a great day and it was a brilliant way to start our 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic which will help us to learn about London.*



Y2 classes

What a wonderful start to the Spring Term Year 2 have had with our trip to the Buttons Bay and the Environmental Centre. We loved being beachcombers, artists and researchers, and cannot wait to share our learning from this amazing experience!



Year 3 classes are thrilled to be back at school after the Christmas holidays. We are really enjoying the 'Engage' part of our topic, 'Heroes and Villains', and are busy making 101 Dalmatians to link in with the text we are reading in English.



Year 4 classes have settled back to into school really well after the Christmas break. We are all looking forward to our new topic "Road Trip USA". Buckle up, pack your suitcase and let's set off to explore America. So far, we have learned some Native American stories and begun to plan an (imaginary) trip to New York.

Y5 – Escher and Van Gogh classes

The new term has started with a real high intensity, opening with a trip to Pafos Zoo to launch our Beast Creator topic. The ideas we brought back to the classroom are already helping the children to explore this fun and exciting topic across the curriculum from DT to Science. We have also seen successes in music gradings for Year 5 children, as well as sporting achievements from our cross-country runners. This week Y5 were also lucky enough to be chosen to represent the school at a Sports Leaders' festival run by pupils of St. John's School in Episkopi. They made the school proud!



Our Trip to Pafos Zoo

On Thursday 5th of January, Year 5 went on a trip to Pafos Zoo. The weather in Akrotiri was terrible but by the time we got to Pafos the sun finally shone.

It was really fun going to see lots of different animals and we even got to see a parrot and owl show!! We had worksheets to complete that asked us to identify, write about and draw things that are hard, soft, wet, spiky and so on.

I think it has really helped us with our Beast Creator topic and thinking about how animals have adapted in different ways to suit their habitats. I really recommend it to any families that have never visited!

By Sylrene Lovence, Y5R

Year 6 have been very creative this week, writing non-chronological reports about fictional creatures. Inspired by Shaun Tan's book, The Lost Thing, the children have imagined themselves as experts on these creatures and have composed 'field-guide' descriptions of them. This has linked also to our learning in science where we have learned about Antarctica and how creatures such as the Emperor Penguin are adapted to survive in such a hostile climate.

Threadworm in children and school

Threadworms are a common type of worm infection in the UK, particularly in children under the age of 10.

The following information is taken from NHS Choices Website (www.nhs.uk/)

When to see your GP

If you think you or your child may have threadworms, you can usually treat the infection yourself with medication available at pharmacies without a prescription.

You only need to see your GP if you think you have threadworms and you're pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you think your child has threadworms and they're under two years old. In these circumstances, the recommended treatment is usually different.

Treating threadworms

If you or your child has threadworms, everyone in your household will need to be treated as there's a high risk of the infection spreading. This includes those who don't have any symptoms of an infection.

For most people, treatment will involve taking a single dose of a medication called mebendazole to kill the worms. If necessary, another dose can be taken after two weeks.

During treatment and for a few weeks afterwards, it's also important to follow strict hygiene measures to avoid spreading the threadworm eggs. This includes regularly vacuuming your house and thoroughly washing your bathroom and kitchen.

If you're pregnant or breastfeeding, hygiene measures are usually recommended without medication. This is also often the case for young children.

Preventing threadworms

It's not always possible to prevent a threadworm infection, but you can significantly reduce your risk by always maintaining good hygiene and encouraging children to do the same.

Children should wash their hands regularly, particularly after going to the toilet and before mealtimes. Kitchen and bathroom surfaces should be kept clean.

If your child is infected, encouraging them not to scratch the affected area around their anus or vagina, will help prevent reinfection and reduce the risk of the infection spreading to others.

Do children with threadworm need to be kept off school?

It is not necessary to exclude children with threadworm from school.

The recommendation not to exclude children from school is based on advice from the Health Protection Agency [HPA, 2003]. Exclusion is not required because [DynaMed, 2006]: The risk of transmission in schools is relatively low (less than 10%).

Strict personal hygiene is the most effective way to help prevent the spread and re occurrence as there is a 75% risk of the spread of Threadworm within families [NICE – National Institute for Clinical Excellence].

Cross-Country Success

On Tuesday, our cross-country team took part in a competition with the other MoD schools on island. The event was very successful for Akrotiri School, with both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 teams triumphing in their respective events. All of our children ran very well, reflecting the hard-work they had all put in to training for the event.

Individually, Jack Battersby won the Y3/4 competition; Georgie Branton came 2nd and was the first girl to finish; Angus Blackburn came back 3rd; and Kyra Leirer was the 2nd girl to finish.

In the Y5/6 race, Tyler Wickham finished 2nd and Millie Cooper won the medal for the 1st place girl.

A big well done to all our cross-country team:

Year 6: James Battersby, Daisy Bowles, Sienna Derrick, Charlie Thirkell, Tyler Wickham, Cameron Law.

Year 5: Harry Allen, Dylan Parr, Zac Simpson, Baily Mickelburgh-Barrett, Ben Carr, Kady Smith, Katie Sprawson, Connor Edwards, Cameron Quinlan, Millie Cooper.

Year 4: Kyra Leirer, Tyler Bullivant, Jake Yeomans, Lexie Davison, Jackamo Ballard, Angus Blackburn, Josh Tomlin, Papa Opoku-Menkah, Georgie Branton, Jack Battersby, Lily Johnson.

Year 3: Caedan Parr, Henry De-Long, Mia Archer, Millie Bowles, Archie Bennington.

Dates for your calendar

SPRING TERM 2017

Half Term	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 7 th April

SUMMER TERM 2017

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

Joint Concert for KS1 and KS2 Choir with RAF Akrotiri Voluntary Band

Both the KS1 and KS2 Choirs have been invited to join with the RAF Voluntary Band in a short concert. The concert will be on Thursday 9th February at 1700hrs in the Chaplaincy Centre. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to showcase their amazing singing in front of an audience and a live band! More details will come out shortly but make sure you save the date in your diaries!

Number Day



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Friday 3rd February is 'Number Day' at Akrotiri School. This is a special day where we will be celebrating Maths and raising money for the NSPCC at the same time. We would like children to come to school on this day dressed up for digits. This could be as simple as wearing an item of clothing with a number on it, or as adventurous and creative as you want to be! During the day, all children from FSI-Y6 will participate in a range of mathematical activities.

As we are also raising money for the NSPCC, we would like all children to bring any loose change that they are able to donate into school with them on the day. This will then be used in a variety of different maths challenges. Prizes will be awarded for the class in each phase that was able to raise the most money through their loose change challenge. There will be more information coming soon with specific details about the range of events and activities that will be taking place on the day. Number Day is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to make a difference in other children's lives through numeracy.



World Book Day!

On Friday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. The children will be able to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book.

There will be a reading competition and a Readathon, introduced to the children during this week. More information to follow.



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DAY**

“You can find magic
wherever you look.
Sit back and relax.
all you need is
a book.”

- Dr. Seuss