

# Akrotiri School Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> October 2016



## Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week

**Sophie White  
Livia Cadice  
Isla Matthews  
Fallon Brett  
Megan Towill  
Hope Davies  
Niamh MacPhee  
Elliot Ashley  
Grace Allen  
Evie-Rae Cunningham**

**Sophie Stenton  
Sophie Cooper  
Calum White  
Finlay Stevens  
Mitchell Kehoe  
Ernie Boyd  
Katie Sprawson  
Naomi Williams  
Millie Atkins**



# Golden Mentions

(week ending 23rd September)

Because we issue our Newsletter now every 2 weeks, some of our Golden Mentions are not mentioned weekly, so here they are, from previous weeks.

Riley Beal  
Max James  
Kian Meade  
Holly Witham  
Keira Beeley  
Jacob Backshall  
Zoe McAllister  
Max Rhead  
Archie Bennington  
Josh Tomlin  
Victoria Sansom  
Angus Blackburn  
Rowan Kemble  
Charlotte Benson  
Genevieve Cotter

# Stars and Golden Mentions

(week ending 7th October)

Laney Curtis  
Miah Raikes  
Ollie Tomlin  
Matilda Baker  
Casey-James Phillips  
James Fell  
Deena Richards  
Dillon Herbert  
Oliver Derrick  
Nana Opoku-Menkah  
Katie Cook

Charlotte Chappell  
Evie Best  
Isaac Gibson  
Millie Bowles  
James Martin  
Amara Richards  
Emily Stewart  
Abbie Heaton  
Joshua Drodrolagi  
Millie Law

## Deputy Head Teacher Update

### Parent Meet and Greet Afternoons

We were delighted to welcome so many parents and friends into school last week for our 'Parent Meet and Greet' afternoons. Pupils in FS2 to Y6 enjoyed working alongside their visitors, sharing their work and showing them around their classrooms. Teachers took the opportunity to share information about their year group with you. We hope that you found the teacher presentations useful and enjoyed taking part in the learning.

### Visiting Author

Many thanks to the author Martyn Ford, for coming into our school assembly on Monday 10th October. We learnt all about being an author and found out more about his books 'The Imagination Box' and 'The Imagination Box Beyond Infinity.' We hope Mr Ford enjoyed his trip to Cyprus.

### Army Medical Service (AMS) Netball Team

Year 5 and Year 6 classes had the opportunity to work with the Army Medical Service (AMS) Netball Team on Monday 10th October. The AMS are on a training tour in advance of an inter-service netball competition in the UK. They took time out from their busy training schedule to visit the school. Year 5 and Year 6 had a very energetic afternoon learning new skills and playing alongside the team.

### Tag Rugby Tournament

Mr Collins has arranged for our school to host a Tag Rugby Tournament this Friday 14th October. A number of pupils from KS2 have been training hard and are looking forward to taking part. We will let you know how they got on in next week's newsletter. Good luck Akrotiri School!

I have had a lovely week looking after the school while Mrs Robinson has been in the UK. I would like to thank the staff for helping me to keep the school running smoothly. As I walk around school I am always very impressed with the learning that is taking place and the wonderful attitude to learning that our children have. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Robinson back on Monday.

**Louise Brown**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## **Message from School Governance Committee (SGC)**

My name is Rachel Williams, the school governor for Communication.

I will be providing a regular updates for the school newsletter to let you know what School Governance Committee has been doing and how we are working with the teachers to drive forward the fantastic vision Mrs Robinson and her team have for Akrotiri School.

Following her appointment as Head in April, Mrs Robinson and the Senior Leadership, in consultation with the teachers, quickly established the priorities for the school and drew up the School Improvement Plan. As governors, we review this plan on a regular basis to provide support wherever possible and ensure that the school is on track to meeting its targets.

Towards the end of the summer term the school invested in a fabulous new curriculum called Cornerstone. This compliments the national curriculum objectives and provides consistency of learning across the school and throughout the phases. The SGC have been spending time this term with their allotted curriculum teams to see how the new curriculum will be implemented across the school.

I am particularly excited about the plans the science team have been working on (lots of hands on learning, just as science should be!) I understand from my colleagues on the SGC, that the plans the other curriculum teams have produced are equally as exciting, I will focus more on those in future updates.

Parents have previously mentioned to me that they would like be more involved at Akrotiri School. Due to postings the SGC are looking to recruit new governors. Previous school governor experience is not essential, but enthusiasm and commitment are!

A meeting is being held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 1100 hrs for anyone interested in becoming a Governor.

Rachel Williams  
SGC member (KS1, Science and Communication)

### School Photographer- Bentleys



The photographer will be in school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to take both individual and class photographs.

They will also be available from 13:45-15:00 hrs to take sibling photographs. You do not need an appointment, just go the School Hall. **Please do not remove your child/ren early from their class.**

Bentleys have an online ordering service and full details of how you make a purchase will be given when the proof photographs arrive. This information will also include the many options available – mugs, mouse mats, key rings etc.

### School Website

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November we will have a media team in school making videos and taking photographs for our website.

The media team need to have assurances that school has permission for photographs and videos to be taken.

Please return the consent form by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### WATER BOTTLES



May we remind all parents and carers that all children should bring a water bottle into school every day. We have chilled water available at various locations and we encourage children to fill bottles and drink from these whilst at play. In addition water bottles are permitted in the classroom in order that children have access during lessons.

## Academic Calendar for 2016-2017

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2016</b>	
Staff Training Days	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
First day for children	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Parents Forum FS1-Y6	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November in Foundation Stage Hall 1230-1330 hrs.
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December

<b>SPRING TERM 2017</b>	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
First day for children	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day of Term	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April

<b>SUMMER TERM 2017</b>	
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



# UNDERGROUND AND HANG 10

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016

Below are details of projects and a residential being organised by BFC Youth and Community Service during the October half term. The Skateboarding and Graffiti Art is a BFC Island Wide Project with limited (40) spaces available. Young People will be allocated a space on a first come first served basis in each station. The project is designed to run over 3 days and the overall cost to young people taking part is 60 euros, which includes all transport, Graffiti Art materials and instruction from Go4IT Skateboarding specialists. Registration onto the programme will take place from Monday 10 October until Tuesday 18 October. The Skateboarding and Graffiti sessions will be held at Akrotiri Skate Park and transport will be provided from Ay Nik, Dhekelia and Episkopi.

This skateboarding/ graffiti program is for children and young people in school years 4 - 8.

The Residential trip is for school year 9+ only.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For details regarding the Ayia Napa residential trip, please contact your local Station Youth & Community Worker. Please note that full details will be sent to those registering for the trip.

BFC Youth Team is fully trained and DBS cleared. The Youth Work Team are responsible for the health, safety and the welfare of all participants and for ensuring that all activities are supervised, safe and meet MOD policy. Remote supervision with designated meeting points and times is in operation on some trips to build independence and promote healthy relationships with peers. If you require information or have concerns please discuss with the Station Youth & Community Worker.

- General Safeguarding:  
Please ensure that your child/children have appropriate clothing to suit the weather conditions and activity; this includes sun cream, hats, snacks and water.
- Code of Conduct: Young people will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, should the team experience difficulty with a young person then parents/carers will be contacted to discuss the matter in full.

**Please Note:**

To secure a place, please fill out the registration form, medical consent form and full payment and hand to Dee the Station Youth and Community worker at the Aki Underground. If you have any queries or require further information, contact Dee on 99235794. Please note once booked you will be charged for the place and no refunds can be given.

**Remember – please book early, limited spaces! Final closing date Tue 18 Oct**



Day	Skateboard & Graffiti Art Project	Times: F=Finish S=Start	Skateboarding/Graffiti 60 euros for duration
Monday 24/10/16	Master Classes with Go4It Skateboarding & Edmond 1419 one of the Best Cypriot Graffiti Artists  School Yrs 4-8	S 09:00 - F 13:00 Meeting at Aki Skate Park  Please note if young people attend without the required safety equipment then they will not be permitted to take part.	Own Lunch/Snack required. Participants MUST bring their own skateboard, wrist guards, knee pads and elbow pads. Anyone without the equipment should discuss requirements with the local youth and community worker. High factor sun cream must be applied before attending – this is an outdoor activity. Please wear a sun hat!
Tuesday 25/10/16	Master Classes with Go4It Skateboarding & Edmond 1419 one of the Best Cypriot Graffiti Artists  School Yrs 4-8	S 09:00 - F 13:00 Meeting at Aki Skate Park	Own Lunch/Snack required. Participants MUST bring their own skateboard, wrist guards, knee pads and elbow pads. Anyone without the equipment should discuss requirements with the local youth and community worker. High factor sun cream must be applied before attending – this is an outdoor activity. Please wear a sun hat!
Wednesday 26/10/16	Master Classes with Go4It Skateboarding & Edmond 1419 one of the Best Cypriot Graffiti Artists  School Yrs 4-8	S 09.00 - F 13:00 Meeting at Aki Skate Park	Own Lunch/Snack required. Participants MUST bring their own skateboard, wrist guards, knee pads and elbow pads. Anyone without the equipment should discuss requirements with the local youth and community worker. High factor sun cream must be applied before attending – this is an outdoor activity. Please wear a sun hat!
Day	AYA NAPA TRIP		
Thursday 27/10/16	SENIORS TRIP TO AYA NAPA Visiting Nissi Beach, Aya Napa Shopping area and Hard Rock Café.	S 9.00 - F 1800	School Yr 9+ FOOD INCLUDED Only 15 spaces available.  20.00 EUROS
Friday 28/10/16	Halloween Craft Attack Yr2 Upwards Halloween Fancy Dress Disco in Hang 10 Yr2 Upwards	S0900- F 1300  S 1800 – F 20:00	Own Lunch/Snack required. €10.00  4.00 EUROS PER PERSON. Sign Up On the Night.

