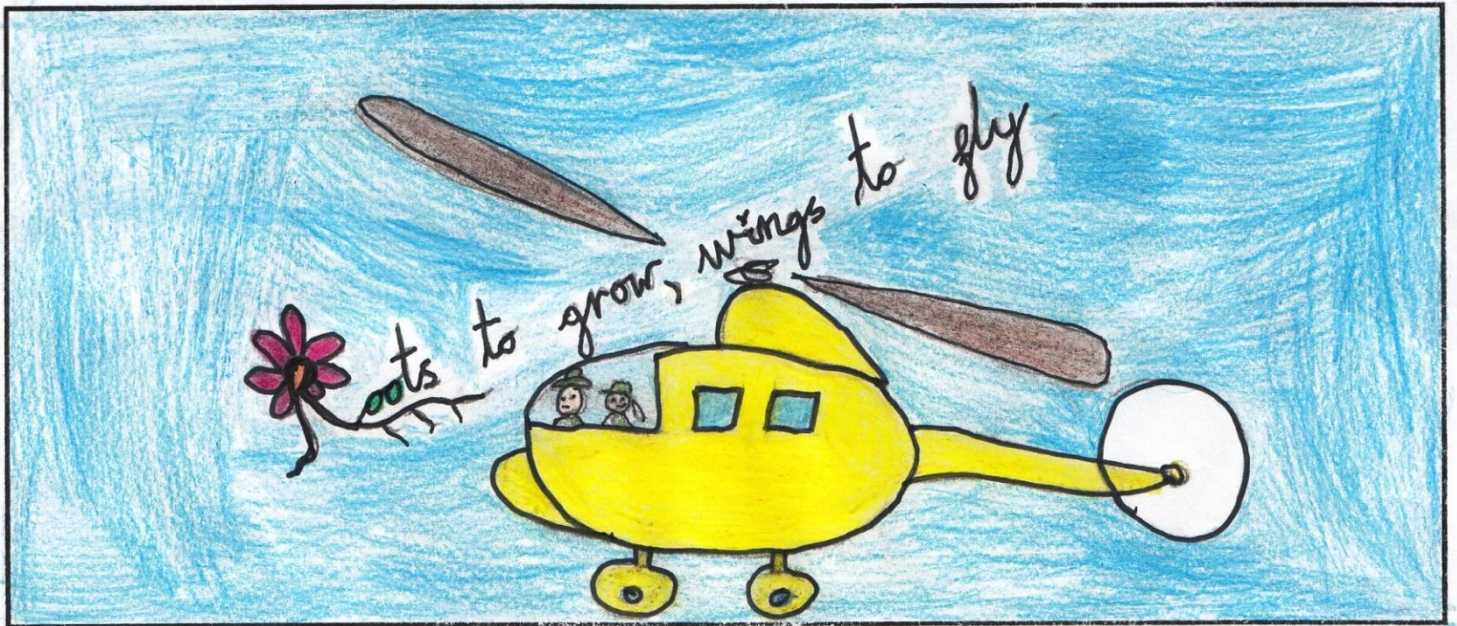


Akrotiri School Newsletter

18th November 2016



Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week

**Jenna McAllister
Liliya Phillips
Finley Naughton
Hannah Todd
Tabitha Andrews
Savannah Shawcross
William Honhold
Ethan Joseph
Aryan Dewan**

**Louis Malpas
Grace Rowntree
Calum White
Lexie Davison
Stanley Greenwood
Owen Watson
Ffion Larwood
Dylan Parr
Max Lewis**



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Questionnaires

You should have now received a parent questionnaire. We would be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing the form as we value your opinion. We want to know what you think we are doing well and what could be better. Please return all forms by Friday 25th November. This will give us time to collate the replies and feedback the results to you all before we go on our Christmas break.

Children in Need

It was lovely to see lots of spots around School today. Your donations will be counted and I will report the final amount in our next Newsletter. Thank you for supporting this great charity.

Year 1 Outside Area

As you will all know, we recently built a fence outside the Year 1 area to provide the children with some quality outdoor space. We are forging ahead putting all of our ideas into place and we are very grateful for all the help and support that we have received from parents. Please see this week's article from the Year 1 Team for more information.

Road safety week

Next week is the station Road Safety Week. We are looking forward to welcoming the SBA Police into both our KS1 and KS2 assemblies. On Wednesday, KS2 are going to watch the crash simulation. We are delighted that we are given such great opportunities from the station to support us when reinforcing such important safety messages to the children.

Christmas

I cannot believe that we are rapidly marching towards Christmas already. It's always a very special time in school and I am sure that this year will be no exception. Please see the performance information later on in the newsletter. All performances will be taking place in our last full week of term and we look forward to welcoming you into school to share the celebrations with us. Christmas parties will be held in the last week. We finish school on Wednesday 14th December at 12pm.

Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher

Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week ending 11th November

**Amelie Dewan
Bertie De~Long
Ollie Manison
Isabella Firth
Campbell Scott
Amelia Rothwell
Lily Davies
Isla Sustins
Tara Fearn
Lexi Wickham**

**Mohammad Ali
Jack Barrie
Thomas Selway
Tyler Bullivant
Jessica Denison
Abbie Morgan
Gracie Sherwin
Lucy Tomlinson-Smale
Erin Winslade**



Pupil Poppy Appeal

On Friday the 11th of November I brought in a tray of cupcakes and brownies into school, which were made at home.

I wanted to try and raise some money for the Poppy Appeal. I took them to the staff room at break time, where the Staff generously contributed some money for a cake.

We raised €42.25!

Thank you to all the staff who bought a cake.

I look forward to doing it again next year!!

By Elise Hale

Y5Reader – Vincent Van Gogh class



REMEMBRANCE
DAY

Akrotiri School – Eco~Warriors

We have an active and vocal group of Eco-Warriors, each elected by their class mates, representing classes from FS2 to Y6. This week we convened to discuss progress so far with our 9 Eco-Warrior topics, which we have apportioned as follows:

FS – School Grounds;

Y1 – Litter, Waste & Recycling;

Y2 – Water;

Y3 – Healthy Living;

Y4 – Energy;

Y5 – Transport;

Y6 – Biodiversity and Global Perspective

Our Chairman, Leah Ward (Y6) is responsible for ensuring year groups are active in setting aside time to think and respond to their set areas of responsibility and will visit classes to chat with teachers and check on progress. Our Secretary, Charlie Abbott (Y5), has kept the minutes. To summarise activity so far: Y4 have designed 'saving' electricity posters to be placed around school and Y5 have set up an Eco-Warrior notice board and suggestion box in the Y5 corridor. Children and parents are invited to write any suggestions regarding our school environment on a Post-it note and place them in the box. Each year group has now been designated an activity (including such things as litter picking, anti-litter campaigns, healthy eating and budgetary questions over energy consumption) to complete before Christmas and we look forward to updating you on progress soon after.



Y1 Outside Area

The Year 1 outside area has been going through a huge transformation recently. We have taken delivery of a wide variety of resources and furniture. A team of parent volunteers arrived on Thursday to help sweep and rake up the surplus stones and build all the new furniture that has arrived. Parents have also offered all sorts of skills and contacts to help develop the area further through the year. We have plans to create a mud kitchen, a river, a winding pathway, a small world imaginary play area and much more. The children are extremely excited about the developments and can't wait to get stuck in. We will be including the children in the design and construction of certain areas so that they can leave a legacy as they pass through Year 1. Thank you for all your help and if you feel you have any skills, ideas or contacts that can help us, please get in touch.

Year 1 Team

Message from Governance Committee

In the four weeks since my last update, we are delighted to have appointed a further 8 governors to our team. They are all raring to go and will be joining us for our next SGC meeting before the end of term.

Since half term school governors have busy meeting with their respective curriculum teams and attending a variety of school events. It has been brilliant to hear how well everyone is working towards achieving the targets on their action plans – in some cases needing to expand the plans as they have already made so much progress. However, this month I would like to take the time to make a special mention about the work of the maths team who are working hard to embed the new maths curriculum – the White Rose Maths Hub. This scheme allows children to spend longer blocks of learning on each skill, enabling pupils to master each area before moving on to the next. Our subject leader for this area, Kristy Ashford, has already made a huge impact on how maths is being delivered across the entire school and we look forward to seeing the rewards of her, and her team's efforts in the children's learning.

Whilst I have made particular mention about the work of the maths team during this update, it is important to say that as a governing body, we are so pleased to see how well all of the staff have risen to the challenge of integrating both the Cornerstones and the White Rose curriculums, along with a new assessment policy and behaviour management policy. Change can often be difficult to achieve, so it should not be underestimated how impressive it is to see just how much has been achieved by staff across the school, in such a short space of time.

Rachel Williams

SGC Member (KS1, Science and Communication)

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Videos and Photographs

We have always taken a common sense approach to photographs and videos of school events. We believe it is particularly important for parents to be able to capture those special moments to share them with family members we are separated from.

*However, pictures and videos with other people's children in them, **must not** be posted on social networking sites. Thank you for your understanding.*

Sliding Entrance Doors in Foundation Stage

To bring our practice in line with island wide Early Years Settings policies we are now keeping the electric sliding doors closed.

They will be closed during school hours, this will mean that once everyone has departed from drop off in the morning they will then be locked.

They will not re-open until it's time to pick up your children at the end of the day.

If you need to collect a child for an appointment or gain entry for any other reason there is now a doorbell system, please ring and a member of staff will let you in.

Akrotiri First Steps will be allowed entry before drop off and pick up to keep in line with their safeguarding measures. This is weather permitting of course, we will not expect everyone to wait out in the rain.

Thank you for your co-operation.

CHRISTMAS DATES OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCES



Day	Time	Year Group	Location
Tuesday 6 th December	0830 hrs	FS2 'It's a Baby'	Main School Hall
	0830 hrs	Y2 'The Night before Christmas'	Chaplaincy Centre
	1100 hrs	FS2 'It's a Baby'	Main School Hall
Wednesday 7 th December	1030 hrs	Y2 'The Night before Christmas'	Chaplaincy Centre
Thursday 8 th December	0830 hrs	Y1 (Miss Lowe & Mr Tomlin) 'A Wiggly Nativity'	Main School Hall
	1030 hrs	Y3 & Y4 'A Jolly Christmas Postman'	Chaplaincy Centre
Friday 9 th December	0830 hrs	Y1 (Mr Bowles & Miss MacKenzie) 'A Wiggly Nativity'	Main School Hall
	1100 hrs	Y5 & Y6 Carol Service	Chaplaincy Centre

Pissouri Bay

CHRISTMAS MARKET 2016

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 Barefoot Designs
Art Gallery

**26TH NOVEMBER
10AM UNTIL 5PM**



Episkopi Running Club



Happy Valley Park Run.
Last Thursday of every month



5km timed run. The next one is on

24th November 2016 at 4pm

All runners of all standards and ages are
welcome

Sign up today or on the day



Akrotiri Girls aged 5 – 7 Rainbows

WEDNESDAY 1515 – 1630 CHAPLIANCY CENTRE



akrotirirainbows@gmail.com

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Road Safety Week 2016 21 – 25 Nov 2016

Key Events:

- * SBA Police Presentation
- * Eyesight Testing
- * Cycle Safe Display
- * Driving Competition
- * Can you still pass your Driving Test?
- * Winter Tyre and 7 Point Vehicle Checks
- * School Presentations

All timings can be found in the planner below, any questions please contact Sgt Wayne Rudd via email or on Ext 6283

"Help us to build a safer unit and community for you to work in, your families to live in and your children to go to school in"

Date	Day	Time	Activity	Time	Activity	Time	Activity	Time	Activity	Time	Activity	Time	Activity
21-Nov-16	Mon	0700	Deploy Speed Indication Device (Different location each day)	0830 0900	STN EXECS – Rose Bowl Presentation – Intro to Road Safety Week - FDLC	1000 1200	Winter Tyre Check – Equip Care at Costcutter	1000 1200	Reversing & Circuit Ex - Chaplaincy Centre Car Park	1400 1500	SBA POLICE Road Safety Presentation - FDLC Conference Room		
22-Nov-16	Tues	0800 0900	Op Stop - MTTT&L	1000 1200	Reversing & Circuit Ex - Chaplaincy Centre Car Park	1230 1330	AKI SCHOOL - Road Safety Presentation –Be Safe Be Seen	1300 1400	7 Point Check - By VSS @ Costcutter Car Park	1400 1500	TBC	TBC	Various road side checks
23-Nov-16	Wed	0730 0830	7 Point Check - By VSS @ Costcutter Shop Car Park	0930 1030	Op Stop - MTTT&L	1230 1330	AKI SCHOOL - Road Safety Presentation –Be Safe Be Seen	1215 1315				TBC	
24-Nov-16	Thurs	1000 1200	Winter Tyre Check – Equip Care at Costcutter Car Park	1000 1200	Reversing & Circuit Ex - Chaplaincy Centre Car Park	1330 1430	Eyesight Testing - Med Centre at MT Car Park	1400 1500	7 Point Check - By VSS @ Costcutter Car Park	1400 1600	Can you still pass your driving test – Camp area	1400 1500	
25-Nov-16	Fri	0830	Eyesight Testing – Med Centre at Costcutter Car Park	1000 1030	AKI School Presentation for Poster Comp - Stn Cdr/OC LOGS	1000 1200	Reversing & Circuit Ex - Chaplaincy Centre Car Park	1030 1230	Cycle Safe – SAC Farrell at Costcutter	For Driving Test bookings please contact Sgt Rudd via email or Ext 6283			