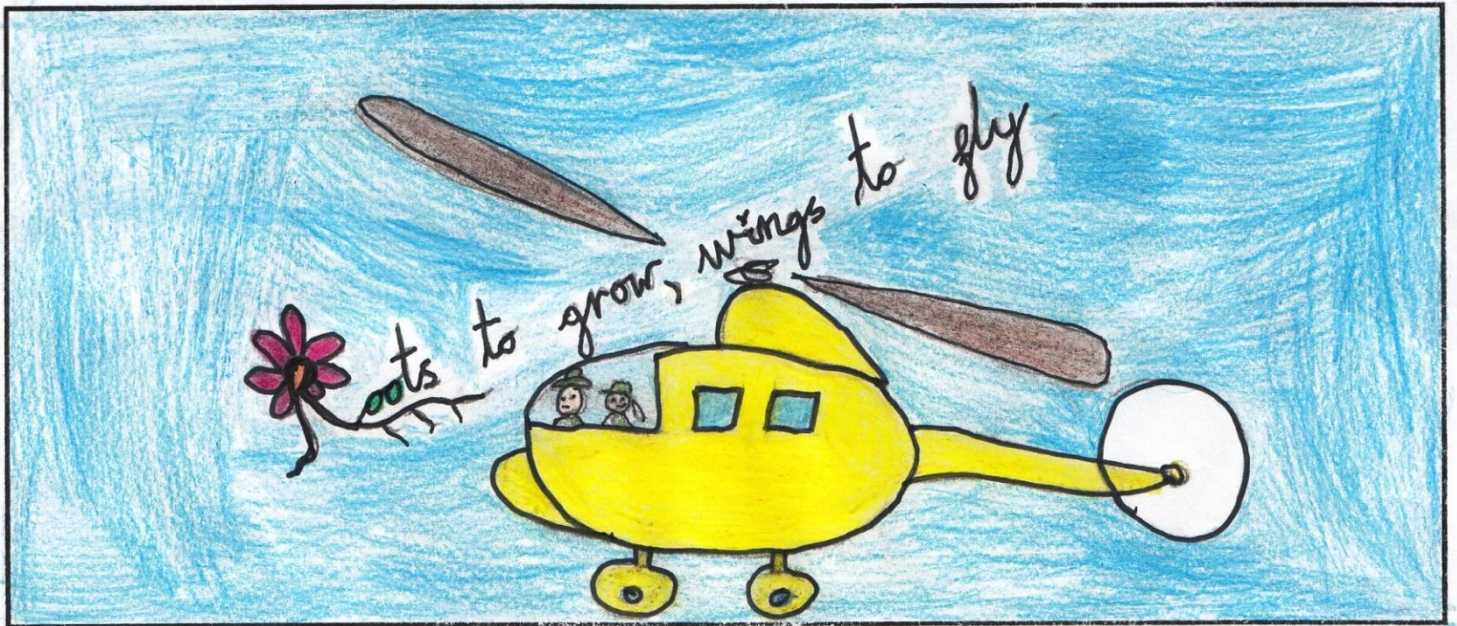


Akrotiri School Newsletter

19th May 2017



Stars and Golden Mentions

**Theo Martin
Lily Duncan
Ben Phillips
Oliver Stewart
Alexandra Ball
Lilly Edwards
Ollie Manison
Peyton Bedford
Llewellyn Simpson
Joshua Yeomans
Max Abbott
Dylan Frame**

**Gabriella McAulay
Evie-Rae Cunningham
Troy Verbout
Charlie Geter
Ragan Sansom
Tyler Derrick
Jack Battersby
Ruby Mackinder
Ffion Larwood
Demi-Rose Cunningham**



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing

Every school experiences staff changes at the end of the school year and we are no exception. We are delighted that Mr Bowles is now a permanent member of the Akrotiri team, as he was previously appointed on a fixed term contract. We have also successfully appointed a replacement for Mrs Harvey as she is sadly leaving us to return to the UK this summer. She has been a valued member of our team for several years and she will be missed by pupils and staff. Her position as Phase Leader for KS1 and Science Leader will now be filled by Mr Bennington in Year 2. This means that we now have a vacancy for a Year 2 teacher which I aim to fill as soon as possible.

School Fence

I would like to start by thanking everyone for their patience and support as we have begun the trial of our new fence procedures. We have experienced several glitches – day one was not much fun when the front gate wouldn't open at one point! This was because we hadn't yet mastered the many handsets that can open the gate and get them working together. We feel that we are now functioning well and it's great to be able to report that we can keep all your children safe. Thank you again for your ongoing patience. Please let us know as always if you any comments or suggestions.

Classroom Access

Following the letter to all Year 1 – Year 3 parents this week, I would like to remind all parents that access to the classroom for both pupils and parents is only during school hours. Immediately before and after school, pupils and parents must seek permission from the teacher if they wish to access the classroom for any reason. No parent or child are allowed into classrooms without the teacher present. Please can all parents remain on the playground with their child until the bell has rung. The children will then be collected and taken to the classroom by their teacher. We want all the children to develop their independence by going alone with the teacher and getting themselves ready for the day ahead.

SATs

We have had a very busy couple of weeks with our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils taking their annual SATs tests. I am pleased to report that all our pupils have coped very well with the pressure of completing the tests and we are looking forward to receiving the results shortly. I would like to thank all our Year 6 and Year 2 teachers for the hard work and support they always provide their pupils in such important years. I would also like to thank our caretaker George who made toast for breakfast each morning for Year 6 pupils. This allowed us to give them additional support when they first arrived in addition to ensuring that they were fully fuelled before the tests began!

PTA Support and Success

I would like to echo the thanks from the PTA to everyone who donated bottles for the PTA stall at the Station Fun Day. What a fabulous day it was. I know that the whole school community enjoyed attending and the amount we raised from the proceeds of the bottle stall is amazing. Many thanks to all members of the PTA who work so hard on our behalf.

Radio Promotion

I am delighted to have been invited to attend an interview at BFBS next week along with fellow headteacher Mr Browning. We have been invited to speak about our recent and successful Ofsted visit and subsequent reports. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to further promote the school to a wider audience and to give thanks to the whole school community for their ongoing support. It will be pre-recorded. We will let you know when we find out a date and time when it will be on air.

Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher

New School Nurse

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Andrea Mason, SSAFA Children's Community Nurse (our School Nurse), who shortly moves to pastures new with her family and in turn welcome Mrs Jennie McPhee who has taken on this vital role within our school community.

The SSAFA Community Health Team, are located in the building behind the Station Medical Centre. Like Andrea, Jennie has various roles and responsibilities as a School Nurse. Here are just a few of the services delivered at Akrotiri School:

- Completing Individual Healthcare Plans for children in school with medical conditions such as Asthma, Eczema, allergies and seizures.
- Providing annual training for all staff on Asthma and inhaler use, recognising and treating allergies and anaphylaxis.
- Carrying out National Childhood Measurement Programme – heights and weights of all children in FS2 & Y6.
- School entry hearing Screening and Health Questionnaires in FS2.
- Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme (currently Y1 & Y2) in school.
- Delivery of health promotions / health education campaigns and other topics in assembly, e.g. Sun Safety, Healthy Eating and Water is Cool.

Jennie works closely with other health professionals across BFC and can refer or signpost to other agencies if necessary.

If your child has a current medical condition for which they require emergency medication to be held in school (asthma inhalers / adrenaline auto-injectors/anti-histamine), please ensure that this is removed from school at the end of each term; brought into the school office at the beginning of each new term and regularly checked for expiry dates.

Any medicines must have a pharmacy prescription label attached in your child's name and be in date.

If you require further information about the School Nurse service or would like to speak about any area of child health, please contact Jennie McPhee (SSAFA School Nurse) Tel – 25275834/5832 or 99618375 (Monday – Thursday, 07:30 – 12:30 (term time only).

LEAVING AKROTIRI SCHOOL

It would be really helpful if you could let us know if you are likely to be posted before September 2017.

We are planning now for the new academic year and the clearer we are about pupil numbers the better we can organise classes and teacher responsibilities.

‘Notification of Leaving’ forms are available from School Office. Thank you.



Akrotiri School PTA Families Day 6th May 2017

A huge ‘thank you’ to all the parents who supported our Tombola stall at the Families Day event by donating bottles and tins for the non-uniform day on 28th April and for coming along on the day to buy tickets.

A massive €520.12 was raised and will go towards purchasing resources for your children.

There were some bottles/tins left over at the end of the day that will be used to make hampers and bottle prizes for our next event.



Medical issue

Threadworm - Periodically we like to send out information which we think may be useful to parents. Please see the sheet enclosed, concerning recognising the symptoms of and treating Threadworm, which you may find of interest.

FS New chicks arrival

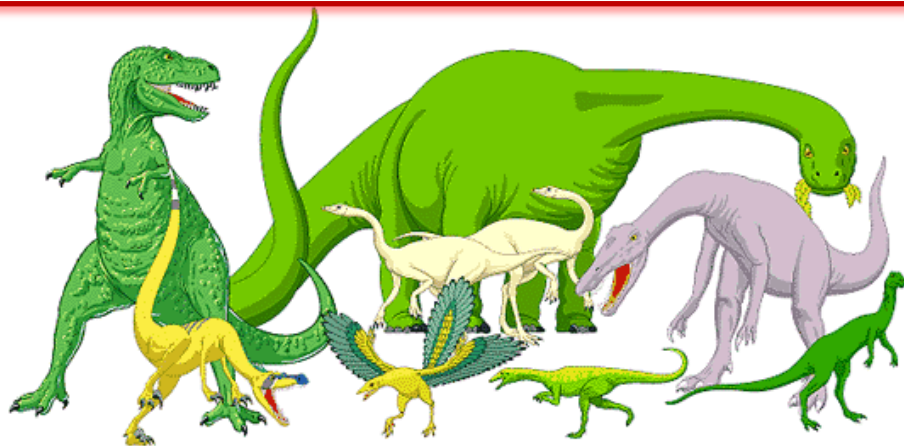
FS1 proudly announce the arrival of our new chicks. We've waited a whole month to see what would hatch out of the eggs that were left for us and they are chickens! We are glad that they are not dinosaurs as some of the children predicted.

After much debate they are now named, Dalmatian, Fluffy, Dust Buster and Prince. They will stay with us for one more week and then go off to the farm to live long and happy lives.

A huge 'thank you' to Sarah, for generously sharing her knowledge and time, to make this wonderful activity happen.



Year 1 have had a fantastic half term learning about dinosaurs. We started off our topic by digging for fossils at the back of the school. We had to wear special gloves and be really careful as the bones were millions of years old. We found everything from leg bones to a full sized skull!



Year 2 have loved learning about their new topic of Land Ahoy, finding out about pirates, explorers and pioneers.

We've written postcards and biographies, and mapped where different explorers went. This week, we have been showing what amazing learners we are and have completed our SATs!



Year 3 are enjoying their topic 'Predator'. We have been finding out about food chains and predators. In English lessons we have been reading about the Krindlekrax, a crocodile that grows into a huge monster. When we went to Paphos Zoo we saw lots of predators including crocodiles, lions and tigers.

In Art lessons we painted predator cats, we are very proud of this work. Soon we will be creating our own predator creatures.

Watch out there are predators about!





Year 4's current topic is 'Misty Mountain Sierra' – this project's main focus is Geography.

To launch the topic we did a fabulous treasure hunt. Then we studied maps of the school and Cyprus, used 4 and 6 figure grid references and created our own treasure hunts around the school. We have also looked at compasses.

The children have learnt all about mountains around the world; which continents they are in and how high they are. The children now know how to use atlases and what a mountain looks like on a map. We also found out that some people think that a hill becomes a mountain at 300m, others at 600m.

We have also found out about how rivers are formed. All this will culminate in our Educational visit to the Troodos region to see mountains for ourselves.

*It has been a really busy half-term for **Year 5**, which reaches its climax in the penultimate week with a three-day residential trip to the Akamas peninsula. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the preparations, discussing their hopes and fears for, what for many, will be the first time away without their parents. The visit fits in well with our topic of 'Allotments', as the Kritou Terra Environmental Studies Centre team will lead the children through ideas of local land use (both ancient and modern). So, what started with making soup will hopefully end with making memories!*



*Last week was an important and busy week for **Year 6** as they completed their SATS. They started each day with a breakfast in the School Hall before sitting their tests.*

The children worked incredibly hard and gave their all - we are very proud of them all. We finished the week off with a day of fun and relaxation - a great time was had by all bowling and then swimming.

Well done Year 6!

Father's Day Gift Sale

As in previous years the PTA (Akrotiri School Parent Teacher Association), are holding a Father'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 dad. The children will choose a present from a selection of gifts and write the label. Then dads, you will have a nice surprise on Father's day!



Thursday, 15th June
FS1 & FS2 in the Art Room
from 0820 to 1230 hrs

Friday, 16th June
Y1-Y6 in the Art Room
from 0820 to 1300 hrs

CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Last Friday 6 teams of boys and girls from Key Stage 2 represented the school in a cricket tournament at Heritage School. There were over 200 children there from all over the island.

For many of our children it was only their second day of playing cricket and they were up against some much older children. Despite this, there were countless outstanding displays of batting and fielding bringing smiles all around.


One of the boys' teams reached the semi-final and everyone did the school extremely proud. A very big well done to everyone involved.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SUMMER TERM 2017

Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July

SCHOOL TRIPS / EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

YEAR GROUPS	WHAT AND WHEN	TIME	WHERE	COMMENTS
FS1-Y6	Big Arts Week Week beginning Monday 22 nd May			All week
Y3-Y6	Sports day Tuesday 23 rd May	0820-1000 hrs		Parents are welcome
Y2	Production of 'Pirates V Mermaids' Friday 26 th May	1130 hrs	School Hall	Y2 parents are invited