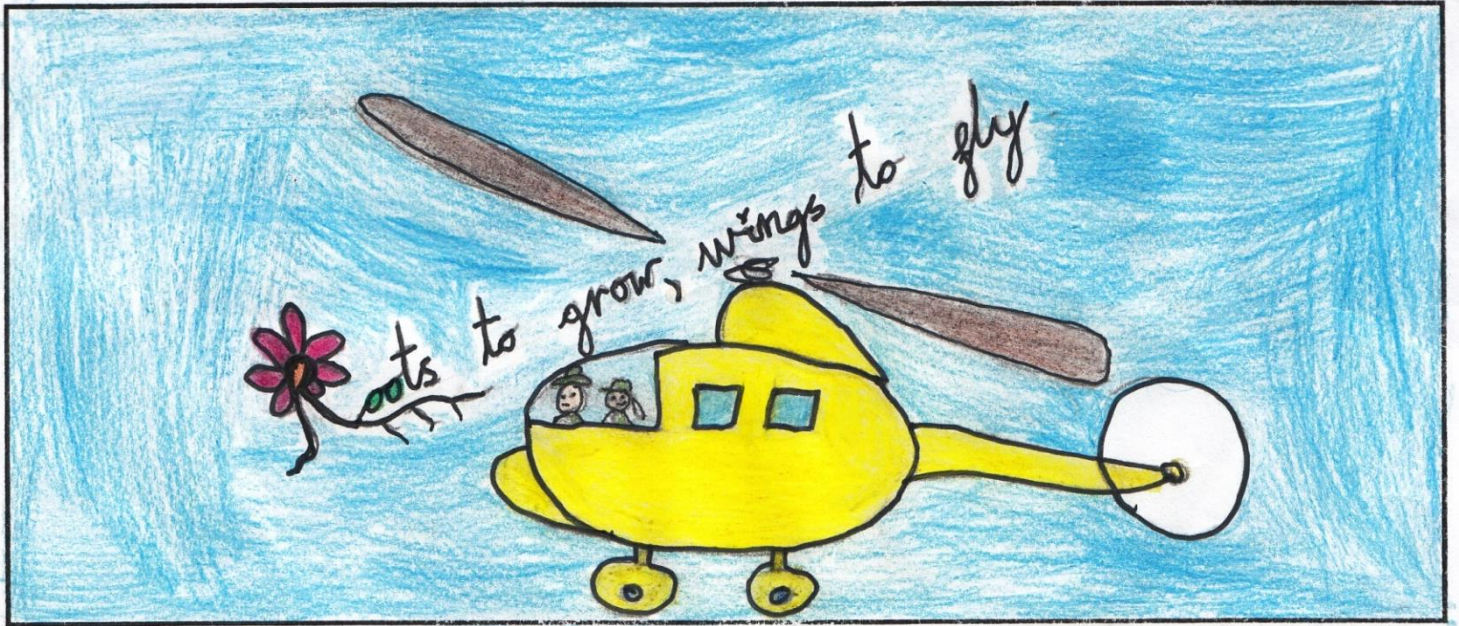


Akrotiri School Newsletter

27th January 2017



Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week

**Joshua Rowell
Madison Chandler
Ava Winslade
Grace Chappell
Jesse Pickersgill
Ethan Langdon
Summer Henry
Jessica Canham
Harry Tomlin
Logan Smith**

**William Haywood
Emilee Leighton
Kathryn Hart
Tyler Derrick
Theo Ball
Charlie Scott
Jessica Selway
Baily Mickelburgh-Barrett
Owen Smith**



Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week ending 20th January.

**Alexandra Ball
Max Baker
Jackson Kenrick-Wilks
Max Puttock
William Macdougall
Eliza-Jane Garcha
Sunnie Bowman
Jacob Lobb
Toby Stevens
Freddie Johnson**

**Troy Verbout
Cerys Holley
Logan Ellis
Chloe Clarke
Jackamo Ballard
Alyssa McNamara
Elise Hale
Millie Cooper
Adwoa Opoku-Menkah**



Joint Concert for KS2 Choir with RAF Akrotiri Voluntary Band

Apologies for the error in last week's Newsletter, stating that KS1 and KS2 Choir will be having a concert with the RAF Akrotiri Voluntary Band. It is only for KS2 Choir. The event is open for all families.

Apologies again.

Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

New School Website

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that we now have our new website up and running. We have invested a lot of time making sure that it captures all of the information you will want to know to keep you informed about school in addition to keeping you up to date with school news. I hope that you enjoy the new look – all you need to do is visit: www.Akrotiri.school

Furniture SOS

I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who have come along to help us to build our new furniture in FS. Several parents answered our battle cry in the last edition and how brilliant that we had some extra pairs of hands. We couldn't have done this without your help – THANK YOU! We still have items that need putting together – please watch out for future notices and requests for help.

Parent Drop Off and Collection

I would like to ask for help from all parents who drop off and collect pupils from Years 1 to Year 3. We aim to build independence in all our pupils in all areas of their learning. We aim for this to begin at the start of each day as they are collected from the playground by their teachers. The children need to get ready for their learning by accompanying their teacher to their class and getting their coats and bags sorted for the day. At the end of the day they need to finish without any distractions from parents waiting outside. We want to maximise their learning every minute of the school day.

I would like to ask all parents who have children in Years 1 to 3 to wait with them in the school playground until the bell goes and then leave them to go to class with their teachers. At the end of the day please wait away from the classrooms in the courtyard area, until the bell has gone to allow the children to complete their day without any distractions. I would really appreciate your help with this matter.

School Clubs

We are really lucky that we have teachers who are willing to give up their time to provide after school clubs in their own time. I am sorry to report that recently we have had several pupils who have been selected for clubs deciding on the day that they would prefer not to attend and go home. This results in another child not being able to take their place, in addition to a huge effort from office staff to contact parents to inform them that their child is not in school as first thought but on their way home. We had 20 parents to contact yesterday and due to the high number we struggled to contact parents in good time. Please can I ask that all parents ensure that their child attends the clubs of their choosing. In future we will contact any parents by text message to alert them if their child is coming home to allow the messages to go out instantly.

Car Park Safety

We have ongoing safety issues at school at the front entrance of the staff carpark. During the day the front of school serves as a thoroughfare for pupils and staff walking through the school. This involves the children often having to walk across the very bottom of the car park. We have had several vehicles coming down to the front of the building and turning around on the space that is used as a walkway. To stop this happening again, we have decided to put some planters along the edge of the storm drain to prevent any vehicles encroaching on the pathway. This will be in place next week. Please be aware that you won't be able to drive right up to the school door anymore.

Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher

Espresso

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

How to access Discovery Education Espresso from home

To access Discovery Education Espresso from home

- go to www.discoveryeducation.co.uk
- click the 'Login' button in the top right corner and select 'Espresso'
- enter your child's username and password. These login details are given below.

Log in details:

www.discoveryeducation.co.uk

Click "Login" and select "Espresso"

Username: student42164

Password: student

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.



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We're counting down to Number Day 2017!

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC, by taking part in their Number Day on **Friday 3rd February 2017**.



Children deserve an equal start in life

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for all children and working to help keep them safe from abuse.

The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund vital services such as ChildLine – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Making Maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, "can-do" attitude towards it. On **Friday 3rd February** we will be taking part in ***Dress up for Digits*** and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it to school (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a **onesie!**).

Each class will also be participating in special Number Day loose change challenges. The classes in each phase will have slightly different challenges.

- **FS – Which class can make the longest line of money?**
- **Y1/Y2 – Which class can bring in the highest number of coins? KS1 will be working together as a phase to fill the map of Cyprus with coins.**
- **Y3/Y4 – Which class can collect the heaviest amount of money?**
- **Y5/Y6 – Which class can create the rectangle with largest area and perimeter from money?**

We would like as many children as possible to bring in loose change that you may have at home to contribute to their classes challenge. There will be a prize for the winning class in each challenge.

In addition to these activities, there will also be a fun challenge for children to participate in at home. All children will be sent home with a small lidded plastic container. The challenge is for the children to fill their pot with as many different objects as they can find. However, they must still be able to fit the lid securely onto their container. Plastic containers will be handed out on Number Day and we would like them to be returned to school on **Friday 10th February**, so that the objects can be counted and winners identified!

It all adds up

We're really looking forward to all of our fun filled Number Day celebrations, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Akrotiri School will make an enormous difference to children today and help change the lives of children tomorrow.

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk



SIMPLY DIFFERENT

Simply Different is an opportunity for your child and siblings to meet new friends and take part in a variety of fun activities – Home start are on hand to provide additional family support.

January 2017

**Singalong Session with Dawn Synnuck of Speech & Language
Monday 30th January 2017
14.30 – 16.30**

**Chaplaincy Centre
RAF Akrotiri.**

Come and have some fun.

Refreshments available.

S.P.A.C.E. Theatre, Episkopi presents

Rumpelstiltskin

by Peter Bond

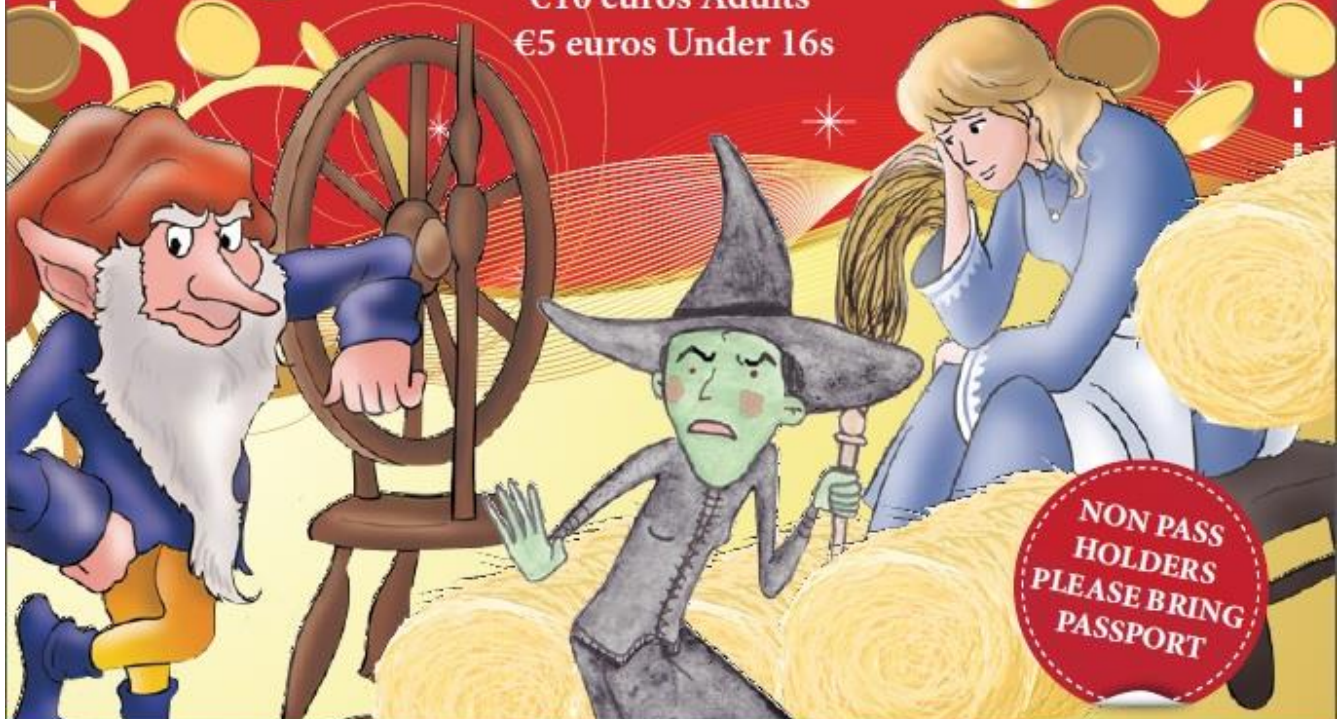
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Performance Times

Friday 27 January 7pm
Saturday 28 January 3pm
Sunday 29 January 3pm
Thursday 2 February 6pm
Friday 3 February 7pm
Saturday 4 February 7pm

Tickets

€10 euros Adults
€5 euros Under 16s



For further information and tickets phone **HOTLINE 99 020244**.
Tickets also available at Epi HIVE.

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

SCHOOL TRIPS / EVENTS /ACTIVITIES

YEAR GROUPS	WHAT AND WHEN	TIME	WHERE	COMMENTS
Y3-Y6	Carter Cup Schools' Festival Saturday 28th January	0900-1130 hrs	Sports Fields	Parents are welcome to attend.
FS1-Y6	'Number Day' Event Friday 3rd February	All day	School	Children to wear an item of clothing with numbers on and bring in donations for NSPCC.
KS2	Joint Concert for KS2 Choir/RAF Voluntary Band Thursday 9th February	1730 – 1830 hrs	Chaplaincy Centre	Concert for all families.
Y5	Y5 DARE Graduation Friday 17th February		School Hall	Y5 Parents to attend. More details to follow
FS1-Y6	Green Monday Picnic Monday 27th February		Fields	More details to follow
	SGC Meeting Thursday 2nd March		Officers' Mess	School Governors
FS1-Y6	'World Book Day' Competition and Readathon Friday 3rd March	All day	School	Children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.
Y1-Y6	Parent/Child/Teacher Consultation Meetings Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th March	1350-1630 hrs	Classrooms	More details to follow.
FS1-Y6	Big Arts Week Week beginning Monday 22nd May			All week

