

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016



## Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week

**Jamie Hodgson  
Lily Duncan  
Freya Mills  
Holly Townend  
George Maughan  
Ethan Langdon  
Noah McAlister  
Grace Davis  
Joshua Patterson  
Hannah Wagstaff**

**El Nino Shelton  
Tristan McIlmoyle  
Grace Dickinson  
Thomas Horton  
Georgina Branton  
Freya Adamski  
Ewan O'Neill  
Amelia Kehoe  
Faith Ruddy**



# Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week ending Friday 25th November

**Holly Bury  
Calvin Lovence  
Max Otley  
Kianna Kehoe  
Noah Steele  
Tom O'Connor  
Ava Ryan  
Neve Palmer  
Elivia Mills  
Caleb Owens**

**Thomas Coleridge  
Henry De~Long  
Sean McGann  
Lucy Collins  
Oliver Thomas  
Aimee Woollett  
Millie Firth  
Tegan Andrews**



## Y5 Trip to the SBA Police Station

As part of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) programme, Year 5 has just paid a thoroughly enjoyable and educational visit to the WSBA Police HQ. As well as setting aside time for the regular weekly lesson with PC Loukia, the children were given a tour of the facilities and took part in a number of fun practical demonstrations with PC Panakos. They visited the emergency control room and listened to an officer taking a live call, they had a tour of the cells (and spent a short but 'enjoyable' few moments locked up), before taking a bit of fresh air in the exercise yard. Afterwards they went outside and were given an opportunity to sit inside a police vehicle or on a motorcycle, which to their delight included turning on the blues and twos. They also learned how to use a baton and how to apply handcuffs, whilst the teachers were invited to take a breathalyser test (which they passed incidentally!!) To finish off a great visit, the children were then given a practical demonstration by Molly the spaniel and her handler as she searched for a hidden drug sample. In all, it was a fantastic and informative day.

*A big thank you to the SBAA and dog handlers for their time and their fantastic demonstrations.*

## Head Teacher Update

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

### **Parent Questionnaires**

Many thanks to all parents who completed the recent Parent Questionnaires. We had 53 returns. The vast majority of comments were very positive. The main issue that we need to address is communication. 23% of parents felt that they were not well informed. We are going to have another look at how we get our information out to everyone with a view to finding some improvements. We will soon put the full percentages of the returns onto our website for you to see. Our new website is now nearing completion and I will let you know when it is up and running.

### **Children in Need**

Everyone really enjoyed sporting their spots on Children in Need day a couple of weeks ago. I am delighted to report that as a school we managed to raise a total of €375. Well done everyone.

### **Road Safety Week**

What a successful Road Safety Week we had recently. We would like to thank the Road Safety Team for staging the crash simulation for our KS2 pupils. It was a very valuable experience for them all. Please see the article from Mrs Henry later in this edition of the newsletter. We were delighted to welcome the Road Safety Team into our assemblies last week to announce the poster competition winners.

They were:

1. Erika Christiansen (runner up Mobile Phone)
2. Syrlene Lovence (runners up Speeding)
3. Annie Branton (Winner Mobile Phone)
4. Thea Herbert (Winner Speeding)

## Head Teacher Update (cont.)

Well done to all who entered. We are delighted that the winning entries are now going to be turned into posters which will be displayed around camp.

In school we continually reinforce road safety messages to the children.

We often notice that children cycle to school without a helmet and we try to encourage them to wear them at all times. It has also been brought to my attention that some of our pupils travel in cars in the front seats. Children must be 12 years old to travel in the front of a vehicle in Cyprus. Please help us to reinforce all of these.

### Ofsted

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November we welcomed HMI Lee Owsten into school to conduct our final monitoring visit. His visit went very well and we were delighted that he saw and acknowledged all of the improvements that have taken place.

During his visit he held meetings with the Senior Leadership Team, Phase Leaders and the SGC, he visited lots of classes and looked at our environment. He was very positive about all areas and he agreed with our identified next steps. I am looking forward to his report being published. I expect that to be before the end of term.

I will let you know straight away as we will download a copy onto our school website.

**Rebecca Robinson**  
**Headteacher**

## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

### Videos and Photographs (Reminder)

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.

# CHRISTMAS DATES OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCES



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



### **Health & Safety Issues**

Please may we remind all parents and children that we are in the process of becoming a nut-free school and until such time as a policy has been ratified, we would appreciate your co-operation by not providing any nuts, or nut-based products for snacks in school. This includes peanut butter and Nutella or other hazelnut and chocolate products.

**Also, knives of any description are not permitted in lunch boxes.**

### **Children Arriving Early in the Morning**

As school starts at 07:50 hrs for KS1 & KS2 and at 08:00 hrs for FS2, children should not arrive before 0740 hrs as the playground will be unsupervised.

We cannot take legal responsibility for your child until 0740 hrs, and therefore wish to discourage early arrivers, as there will not be anyone on duty on the playground until this time.



## **Dates for your Diary**

<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

# Road Safety Week



KS2 had a very interesting afternoon watching the Emergency Services deal with a simulated car crash during Road Safety Week. As we walked up to the cinema we saw a 'crash' had happened, involving 2 cars and some 'injured' passengers and drivers.

We watched as the police and fire service arrived to help, all sirens and lights blazing! It took a long time for the fire service to cut the injured passengers out of the car. All the time police officers had to keep the traffic moving and keep onlookers safe. Eventually the paramedics arrived by helicopter and assessed the injured people. One person had to be carefully strapped into a stretcher and airlifted to hospital!

Even though we all knew this was a pretend crash, everyone involved took it very seriously, as if it was real. The emergency services personnel did exactly what they would do in a real emergency. Throughout the incident people explained to us what was happening and why. We learnt a lot of lessons about road safety that day!

KS1 and KS2 also had a visit from the police who did Road Safety assemblies with them. They made us all think hard about how to stay safer on and around the roads.

Ask us what we learnt about road safety.....



# Christmas Fayre

## Christmas Fayre - Chaplaincy Centre

The RAF Akrotiri Christmas Fayre will take place at the Chaplaincy Centre on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm to 7pm.

The Fayre will open with a community carol service supported by the Military Wives choir and the Aki voluntary band. Mince pies and Gluhwein will be served before the arrival of Santa.

The children will be kept entertained by a Disco, Fun games with prizes, Balloon modelling, Face painting, a Christmas craft table and of course a visit to Santa's Grotto!

Adults can look around the 25 plus gift stalls that have confirmed or grab a bite to eat from one of the many food vendors including the Bratwurst Van, the Pie Lady, Mr Hot Potato, hot dogs, candy floss and lots more!

Prizes in our raffle include €1000, a €500 Public voucher and a 'His and Hers' bike set. There will of course be lots more prizes! Tickets can be bought from the Hive, Accounts Flight and Security flight priced at €2 each.

We still have lots of room for more stalls so if you're interested, please get in touch. For more information, please contact Sgt Martin Cassidy on extension 6664 or message us via the Facebook page.

## **RAF AKROTIR BOWLING ALLEY**

### **CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 at 1030-1300 hrs  
Tickets: €5

Available from the Bowling Alley or contact SAC Gasson  
on Ext: 5178

★ 1 x Game of Bowling

★ Party Games

★ Mini Disco

Xmas Jumpers or accessory are encouraged  
but not essential.

