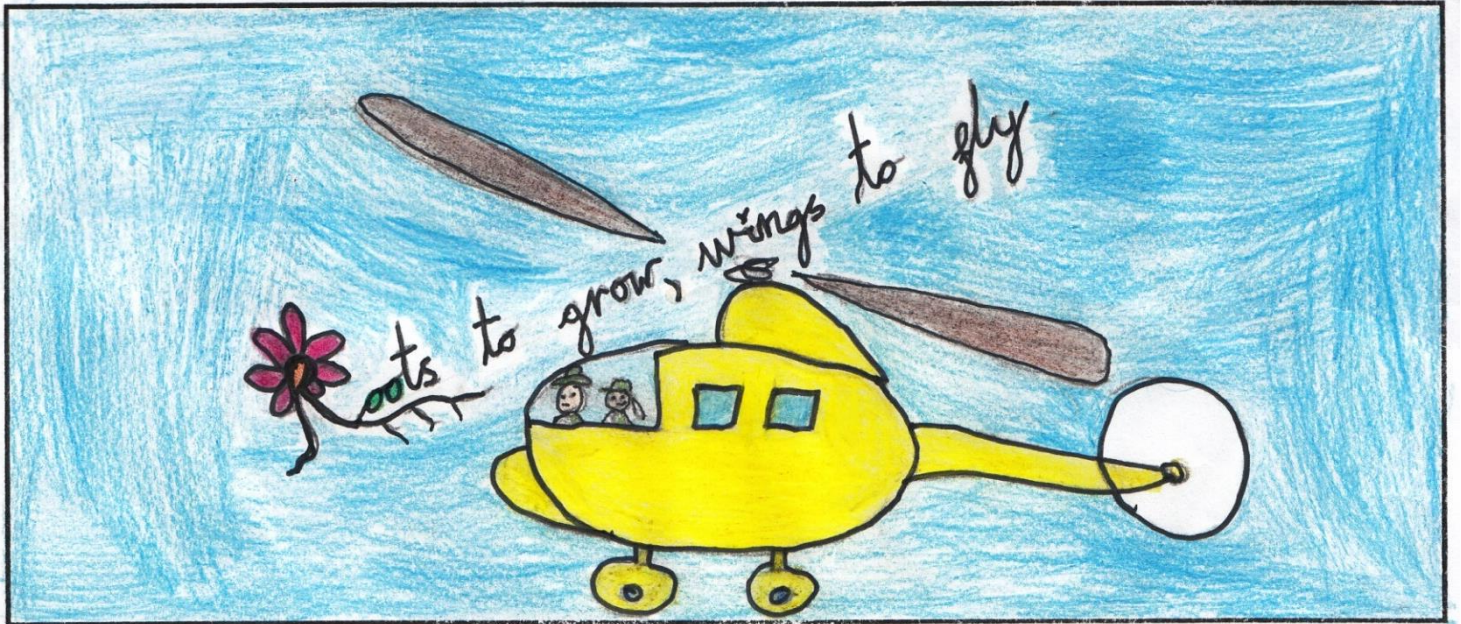


Akrotiri School Newsletter

10th November 2017



Stars and Golden Mentions of the week

**Presley Pickersgill
William Jarvis
Rosie Grayson
Oliver Weatherhead
Oliver Dodwell
Ben Phillips
Ollie Manison
Neve Palmer
Rhys Warlow
Mollie Leighton**

**Max Andrews
Evie Rae Cunningham
Harry Tomlin
Harry Canham
Mia Archer
Lucy Geering
Hollie Trigg
Briannah Butler
Syrlene Lovence**





**Stars and Golden Mentions
of the week
ending 3rd November**

**Alfie Bowen
Sonny Lockwood
Noah Needham
Isaac Freeman
Emily Carter
Finnley Lynch
Ruby Austin
Hannah Todd
Erin Reeves
Freya Conway-Wallace
Toby Stevens
Jack Barrie
Logan Ellis
Maisie Conway-
Wallace
Chloe Anders
Jack Charnock
Charlotte Cleary**

**Stars and Half term Heroes
of the week
ending 20th October**

**Oliver Gibson
Freya Humphries
Ryan Rogers
Heide Myatt
Darcey Backshall
Calvin Lovence
Siena Wray
Isabella Lancaster
Megan Towill
Lottie Bowles
Emily Butler
Tyler Dent
Daniel Cain
Elana Hale
Darcy Walker
Josh Tomlin
Chloe Clarke
Aimee Woollett
Aaron Barrie**

Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Red Arrows

What a thrill we all had when the Red Arrows visited Akrotiri recently. We had the pleasure of welcoming two of the pilots to an assembly; Red 2 and Red 5. They told us many of the exciting elements of their job and the hard work required to be part of the Red Arrows team. They answered many questions from the children and we enjoyed learning so many facts about them and their team. We enjoyed having the opportunity to wave them off from the football pitch as they began their journey back to the UK. We hope to be able to welcome them back to school when they next return.

School Council Halloween Disco

What fun we had in school last Thursday evening! The children danced the night away to brilliant music played by Mr Humphries and had lots of spooky fun! Many thanks to the School Council and Mrs Cotter for arranging the event, thanks also to the PTA for funding the refreshments and a huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to help to supervise both discos.

Governor of the Month

Mr Yeomans was our Governor of the Month for October. He has written a great report which is included in this newsletter. Many thanks to Mr Yeomans for his time this past month, I hope you enjoy reading his report.

PTA Christmas Fair

Huge thanks to the hard working PTA, who are organising a Christmas Fair. It is to take place on Thursday 30th November from 13:45 and there will be:

- Stalls for each year group
- Elves manning a stall with drawing/craft activities
- Hot dogs
- Local craft stalls

Congratulations also need to go to Mr McLean as he received a Commendation from CBF this week for all the fantastic work he has done at the air terminal and he also received a mention for the hard work he does as Chair of the PTA. Many congratulations to him and thanks to the whole team for working so hard on our behalf.

FS Expansion

I am pleased that work has begun today on the new FS conversion. The building works are anticipated to last approximately 10 weeks. This will prove a challenge, as part of the school is going to be a building site. I would like to ask for your patience as the work gets underway as these are essential improvements that need to take place.

Cross Country

Many thanks, to Mr Collins for organising our recent and successful Cross Country event. The sun was out and all pupils gave their best and didn't give up! Congratulations to all the winners.

Poppy Photograph

We all had fun last Friday as the whole school gathered on the sport's pitch to take a photograph in the shape of a poppy for Remembrance Day. Huge thanks to Mr Winslade for organising the whole event. I can't wait to see the finished photograph and I shall look forward to sharing it with you when it arrives.

Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher



CBF Commendation

This Tuesday was a very proud moment for myself and the Senior Leadership Team as we accepted the CBF Commendation on behalf of the whole school team. The ceremony was an amazing experience as we heard about and celebrated so many great things that have happened across the whole of BFC. Flagstaff House provided a wonderful setting and we all felt privileged to have been invited.

I was sorry that the whole school couldn't have been there, however, we have the next best thing! As many of you will know, CBF is going to be visiting school next Wednesday when we plan to show him around our fantastic school and hold a ceremony where he will once again, present the award and share in our celebrations. We will have performances by the RAF Akrotiri Voluntary Band, our school band and the choir. The ceremony will take place at 13:00 on Wednesday 15th November in the main school playground. It will last for approximately half an hour and I would be delighted if parents are able to come and join us. Seating will be limited, however we will have plenty of space for you to stay and watch. This commendation is a reflection on the hard work of the whole school; I hope that many of you are able to join us. We plan to have parties in the classes during the day. We have arranged for the snack that day to be the food the children find most enjoyable. Please feel free to send in some party food to make the day more special, please remember that we are a nut free school. We also hope that the FS1 pupils who attend the early session will be able to attend with their parents.

For all parents/carers who are unable to make it, please note that all school gates, with the exception of the pedestrian gate opposite the pavilion, will remain closed until the end of the ceremony at 1.30pm. The pavilion/playground gate will open at 12.45pm to enable you to enter the playground and join us for the ceremony. This gate will remain open until the end of the day. When the ceremony concludes, all gates will be opened ready for you to take your children home.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

CAKE COMPETITION

23 NOV 2017

This year the Station Road Safety Committee would like children from **Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2** from Akrotiri School to bake 'Road Safety' themed cakes.

The cakes are to be handed in at school **on Thursday 23 Nov 2017 by 13.30pm** so they can be judged by a team including OC Logs.



Prizes will be awarded to the winners during Golden Mention Assemblies on Friday 24 Nov 2017 and all cakes will be sold in Costcutter afterwards to raise funds for charity.

If you require further information please contact the personnel below:

- Sgt 'Butts' Butler on Ext 6035
- Sgt Wayne Rudd on Ext 6283

 **ROYAL
AIR FORCE**
Road Safety



Christmas Performance Dates

Important note for parents - 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.

Day	Time	Year Group	Location
Tuesday 12th December	08.00	FS1 Blue Seahorses	Classroom
	09.00	Y1	School Hall
	11.00	FS1 Blue Geckos	Classroom
	11.30	Y2	School Hall
Wednesday 13th December	08.00	FS1 Green Seahorses	Classroom
	09.00	Y2	School Hall
	11.00	FS1 Green Geckos	Classroom
	11.30	Y1	School Hall
Thursday 14th December	08.30	FS2 (Mrs Winslade & Mr Tomlin)	School Hall
	10.00	FS2 (Miss King & Miss Plant)	School Hall
	11.30	Y3/Y4	Chaplaincy Centre
Friday 15th December	09.00	Y5/Y6	Chaplaincy Centre
Monday 18th December	Class Christmas Parties and Santa <i>Children can wear their party clothes</i>		
Wednesday 20th December	School finishes at 1200 hrs		



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again RAF Akrotiri is taking part in Operation Christmas Child where children around the world receive a shoebox packed with Christmas gifts.

Pre-printed shoeboxes will soon be available from the HIVE, along with packing labels.

Completed shoe boxes should be delivered to The Chaplaincy Centre no later than **Wednesday 22nd November**.

For information on gift ideas and how to pack a shoe box please visit the **HIVE** or take a look at the Operation Christmas Child's website www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ.

GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH

SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

As Governor of the month for October I had the great pleasure of being involved in the Tag Rugby Tournament that the school hosted. I have to say I was extremely impressed but not surprised by the skill level, respect and sportsmanship I witnessed on the day. Not only was every game played with great desire and determination to win; it was also played the right way showing respect for their team mates, opposition and officials (of which I was one). The children that took part and represented our great school should be very proud of themselves because I know I am. They were simply fantastic and didn't give up despite the heat and amount of games played. Out of all the schools that were there, the biggest cheer for the opposition was always from our children at the end of each game. I was tired just watching them all run around for 3 hours!

Just when I thought my tasks for the month were completed, I was kindly invited to the assembly at the end of the half term to hand out the 'Half Term Hero' certificates. This was an opportunity I simply couldn't turn down and I'm so glad I found the time to attend. Listening to each award given and having the pleasure of shaking their hands and giving out each certificate I noticed that there was a common theme amongst the awards. Each child had tried their best, shown respect throughout the term and never gave up. I'm confident that given the chance, there could have been a hundred awards given out that day because I see that happening all the time when I'm visiting the school as both a governor and a parent. I'm glad there wasn't a hundred more because my arms would have ached from all the handshakes!

Well done to those that were given the award and I hope your certificate is pride of place on the fridge door.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time as a Governor of the month and cannot wait for my turn to come around again.

Kind Regards,

Si Yeomans

Governor of the Month

On Thursday the 2nd of November we had a very exciting day in **FS2**. It all began when we went on a nature hunt in the school grounds to find sticks suitable for making magic wands. We then were surprised to find a letter from Winnie the Witch.

She had lost all of her belongings around school and needed our help to find her pumpkin, broomstick, spider, cauldron, hat and skeleton. We had a lovely time searching high and low for the items and luckily we found them all!!!

We finished off our exciting day with a spooktacular Halloween disco in the School Hall!



Last week Y1 were having a whole year group story. Suddenly we heard a ringing noise. After looking around we found a bag. Inside the bag there were lots of mysterious objects. We worked out that the objects belonged to a superhero called Storm. He needed our help. He had left us a note and a video which told us that his powers had been stolen and he needed our help!



Last week an astronaut visited Year 2 to launch the space part of our 'Land Ahoy' topic. He talked about how he stays alive in space and he showed us his suit and helmet.

Mr Bennington even tried it on! We asked lots of questions such as 'How do you go to the toilet in space?' We also tried some astronaut food!



On Wednesday, Year 3 went to Chirokitia Stone Age settlement and Tenta Neolithic site at Kalavassos as part of their Tribal Tales Stone Age theme. They explored reconstructed round houses –even seeing a ‘skeleton!’ and climbed onto the hill to learn about the ruins and the position of the village.

This was followed by a visit to Tenta at Kalavassos where several incomplete buildings were viewed from the raised platform. Everyone enjoyed the day and they learned a lot!

Thank you to the Year 3 staff and extra teaching assistants and volunteers who accompanied the pupils.



Year 4 have been learning all about the Ancient Celts; on Wednesday we had a Celtic day.

We were tribe Icenii which was Boudicca's tribe. Queen Boudicca told us to do our jobs and the first job was shelling beans. To shell beans you need to get a bean pod then peel it, then put the beans in a wooden bowl.

The outside activity was grinding wheat to make flour. It sounds easy but it actually wasn't. We put a sprinkling of wheat on the floor and bashed it with a rock. Because the wheat was so hard, it was a challenge to do. The flour that we made was not very much and it was all gritty. Making bread was really hard because we had to make the dough, knead the dough, let it rise then knead it again. We cut up lots of vegetables; there were carrots, courgettes, cauliflower and beans.

The vegetables were made into Celtic soup, we tasted it. It was really nice.

Report by Grace D, Millie B, Archie, Ragan, Lilian, Millie R

We learned that being a Celt was really hard work and that we had to do everything ourselves. The children were amazing and had a go at all the activities. What a great day!



Last week, Year 5 learnt about the process of mummification. During ancient Egyptian times the gruesome process of mummification was used to prepare the dead for their journey to the afterlife, where they would live in peace and tranquillity for eternity. The photos show how the children re-enacted the different stages of cleaning the body, removing all of the internal organs and the brain, dehydrating the body before it was then stuffed with rags and sawdust and then finally wrapping the body in metres of bandages before it was safely placed in the coffin. They will be using their historical understanding in their English work over the next few weeks as the children will be writing detailed explanation texts on the process of mummification.



In their English lessons, Year 6 have been focussing on the work of William Wordsworth. They have produced some fabulous examples of diaries and journals based upon the famous daffodils poem- 'I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud.' They have worked hard to understand some of the archaic vocabulary in it, identify examples of figurative language features and also to use them within their own writing. They then looked at another of his poems - 'Composed during a Storm,' and used this as a stimulus for writing their own diary entry.

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye,
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth

Similie/metaphor
personification
preposition
archaic language

Chloe
Jessica

15th April 1803



*Carefully, I rolled
hill*

Else

*Dancing green
Attracting bees
Falling to the sea
Flourish's first paid
Opening hearts as you
Dreadfully dying in the
Illuminating the light
Looking up at the sea
Smiling like change of day*

-Sylvia

*I think during a winter when
landscape picture of the daffodils I like
it because the spirit and the color most things
during I like daffodils because they are so good*

A colorful illustration of a red fire truck with white stripes. Inside the cab, two firefighters are visible, one holding a radio. A small white dog with black spots is sitting in the passenger seat. Two more firefighters are standing outside the truck, one on the back and one on the side. The background shows a building and a blue sky with clouds.

Fire Story Time In the Akrotiri Library!

**...Including
Colouring Activities**

**Opposite the
yellow helicopter
Ext:6162**

**Monday 20th
November
1430-1530**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

SCHOOL TRIPS / EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

YEAR GROUPS	WHAT AND WHEN	TIME	WHERE
	BFC Commendation Wednesday 15th November	1300 hrs	School
FS2-Y6	Children in Need Day Children to wear spot clothes Cinema showing Thursday 16th November	0830-1000 hrs	
Y1-Y6	Parent/Teacher Consultations Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd November	1400-1630 hrs	Classes
All	Road Safety week Monday 20th – Friday 24th November		School
KS2	School Choir Carol singing outside Costcutter Friday 24th November	1130 hrs	Outside Costcutter Parents welcome
	PTA Xmas Fayre Thursday 30th November	1345 hrs	School Grounds