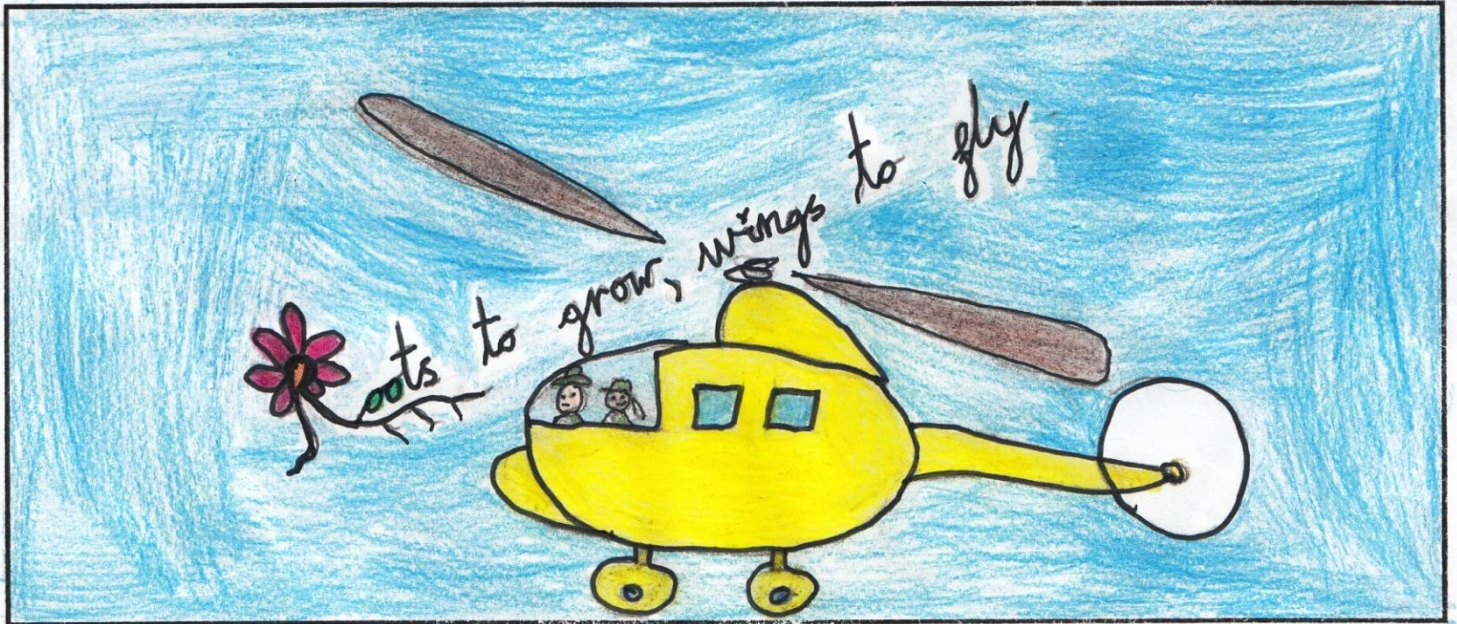


Akrotiri School Newsletter

13th October 2017



Golden Mentions of the week ending 6th October

Holly Townend
Madi Chandler
Lara McKeran
Oliver Derrick
Alice Williams
Ava Ryan
Mia Hodges
Alfie Chidlow
Alfie Myers
Sophia Begbie
Kathryn Hart
Theo Ball
Nico Lancaster
Naomi Williams
Erika Verbout

Stars of the Week

Foundation Stage 2

Ethan Witham
Oliver Martin
Bella Ryan
Darcie Pepper



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, time has flown by and we find ourselves close to half term. We have had a great start to the new school year. We finish for half term next Friday at normal school time and return on Monday 30th October. I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break.

CBF Commendation

I am delighted to inform you that we will be welcoming CBF and the Station Commander to school on Wednesday 15th November in order to receive our commendation. This is such a great acknowledgement for us and we plan to celebrate in style! The children will have parties and party food that day, followed by a ceremony at 1pm to celebrate. We will receive the award and have performances from our school band, choir and from the Voluntary Band. You are all invited and it would be great if you can join us. We will plan for the ceremony to finish at 1.30 so that you can then take your children home.

Staffing

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Tracy Gibbs on a visit to school this week. She will be joining us in November in Year 1. Mrs Atkinson is doing a fabulous job teaching the class as Mrs Gibbs is undergoing the recruitment process. She thoroughly enjoyed her visit and she is looking forward to joining us soon.

Governor of the Month

Mr Simpson was our Governor of the Month for September. He did a fabulous job attending our school events and he is also supporting us with our preparations for our CBF celebrations. Huge thanks to him and all our Governors who are working so hard to support the school. I hope you enjoy reading his report in this edition of the newsletter.

Don't Stop Me Now

We are really pleased that there is no stopping us now that our DVDs are now ready to go! Huge thanks to Mrs Wolanski and her IT team at St John's School who have produced them for us. I hope that you enjoy watching it. If you require any additional copies in the run up to Christmas please let us know.

FS Expansion

Due to our ever increasing pupil numbers, we received some good news this week regarding our ongoing plans to increase provision in school. Building work will begin next week to create new toilets and shading outside the FS hall as it becomes a fantastic addition to our FS facility. I would like to ask for your patience in advance as the building works will undoubtedly cause some disruption to drop off and collection in the FS building. We anticipate that the works will be completed by Christmas. I will continue to provide you with progress reports.

Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher

GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT - OCTOBER 2017

Back to school with gusto

Summer seems to have been and gone as do so many friends, parents and pupils. This was reinforced to me when I attended a recent assembly and saw the number of children who were brought forward to say a fond farewell. For many, Akrotiri School has been their first experience of education and hopefully has imbued in them the School's values as well as giving them a fabulous introduction to learning in an inspiring environment.

The School music video has been a perfect way to encapsulate the creativity and teamwork that the school exemplifies; and for those involved it will serve as a memento of their times spent at Akrotiri.

So to the future the school year is well under way now and this year's theme is the Arts. To that end the Arts team will be heavily involved cross-curriculum aspiring to gain the school the **Arts Mark Award**.

This year is the **Centenary of the Royal Air Force** and to that end the Science, Technology and Maths subjects are being heavily promoted in conjunction with Royal Air Force Akrotiri.

From the PE point the school once again will be rolling out a comprehensive set of sporting fixtures both in school and inter schools. Your continued support is as always hugely appreciated in these events which take lots of organisation, so any help you can provide goes a long way to making these events a success. I am sure that today's Tag Rugby Tournament for KS2 has proved to be successful.

On behalf of the Parent Teacher Association can I encourage anyone who wishes to be involved to contact the chairman Mal McLean, via the school. Your assistance is always appreciated in any capacity, whether it is joining the committee or assisting at a PTA event.

Finally, a warm welcome to all the new pupils and parents. It is great to see so many smiling faces back at school – and that is just the staff.

Bart Simpson
Governor of the Month

'Don't stop me Now!' DVD

I am very pleased and excited to announce the 'Don't Stop me Now!' dance DVD should be coming home with your child today. I hope you enjoy watching it and sharing it with friends and family!

Of course, it couldn't have taken place without the support of all the sections who took part, the Station Commander and of course all the staff and children. A huge thank you to all those who took part and made it happen. We still have some copies left so if you still wish to purchase one then please just pop into the office and ask.

Vicky Flynn Arts Curriculum Team Leader



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.

School Photographer- Bentleys FS1-Y6

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 18th October to take both individual and class photographs. Your child will bring an order reference slip home. This is important for ordering online. Please keep it safe until the photographs have been uploaded. They will also be available from 13:45-15:00 hrs to take sibling photographs. You do not need an appointment, just go the School Hall.

Please do not remove your child/ren early from their class.

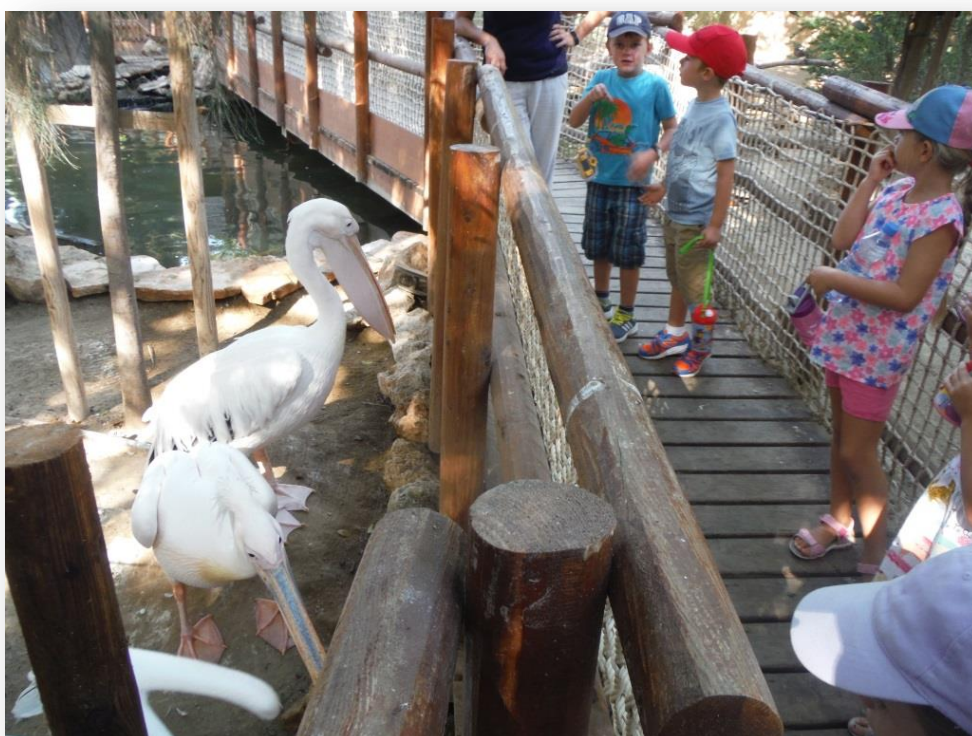
Bentleys have an online ordering service and full details of how you make a purchase will be given when the proof photographs arrive. This information will also include the many options available – mugs, mouse mats, key rings etc.

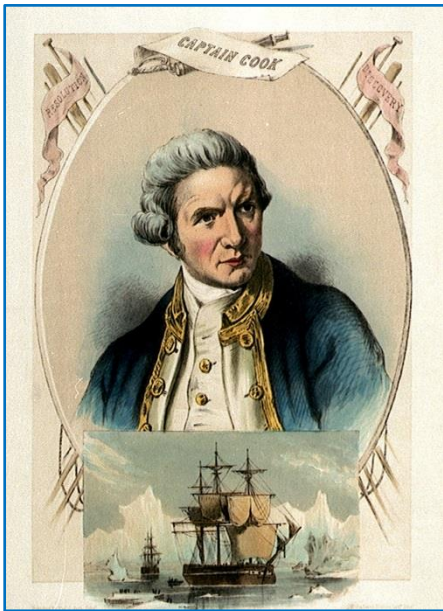


FS2 visit from the Fire Section

This week the FS2 children had the fantastic opportunity to meet some of the people who work at the Fire Section. They talked to the children about the different roles of their job and also how the children can help keep themselves safe at home. The firefighters brought with them, some of the specialist equipment they use. The children attempted putting out a fire, under the close supervision of the fire fighters.

Last week, Year 1 went to the zoo! We saw lots of different animals including meerkats, otters, a hippo, a baby monkey and a crocodile. We had a talk from the zoo keeper and even got to see and touch a snake! We had a great time!





Year 2 have loved finding more about explorers recently, particularly Captain Cook and Captain Scott. We have been super writers recently too - writing instructions for 'How to trap a Sea Monster' and we are just about to complete our Lost and Found stories.

Let's not forget our super learning about animal adaptation - some new creatures might be on the way!!



This week, Year 3 presented their classes assembly to Key Stage 2. They explained what they had found out about chocolate and linked their work in Geography and English to produce a report to compare living conditions in a village in Ghana and England.

They also showed how they had drafted designs and created boxes for chocolate.



Year 4 have had another busy week - We are learning our times tables, working out division facts and solving problems in Maths.

In English we are extending sentences using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

Science is all about different states of matter and how to do a really scientific experiment. We have designed and carried out our own experiment about melting ice.

News from Year 5
Reported by Rosa Baker and Kyra Leirer

On Thursday 28th September, we had a fascinating day in Year 5 being archaeologists studying artefacts from the time of the Ancient Egyptians. We dressed up in fabulous costumes and Mr Parr took small groups out to the Foundation Stage playground, to hunt hidden treasures inside the sandpit of which there were many! We had to work together as a team to find all of the artefacts and bring them to the table for further investigation where we posed interesting questions that could be used to support our research into each of the different objects that were found. Later in the day, we used the surface pros to conduct more in depth research on the artefacts that we had discovered. This research will then be used to write an informative paragraph about the artefacts we found and their significance during Ancient Egyptian times. Towards the end of the day, we had an Egyptian dip tasting session. There were three different types of dips: beetroot and yogurt, cucumber and yogurt and hummus. We tried all of them by dipping breadsticks and pitta bread into the different dips. One or two of them were actually quite tasty which was surprising! When asked if she had enjoyed the day Rosa replied, "The day was really fun and I really enjoyed the dig!"



Last Tuesday Year 6 had a Victorian School morning. The two Year 6 classes came together and experienced a series of Victorian style lessons. Mr Collins became a Victorian teacher and kept order, teaching in a very draconian style.

The morals of the time were much in evidence - 'Children should be seen and not heard' being one example. The children went along with the whole experience brilliantly and added to their knowledge of Victorian education.





Happy Halloween

Disco

Come and party with us on Thursday 2nd November, wear your scariest costume!

Y1-Y3 will party at 1415-1515 hrs

Y4-Y6 will party at 1530-1630 hrs

Entrance fee €2.50 and includes a snack and drinks, in the School Hall.

UNLESS YOU'RE TOO SCARED!!!!!!

By Syrlene
Secretary of the School Council

DDMix – Diverse Dance Mix for Schools

On Monday, teachers from Akrotiri and Episkopi Schools came together for a dance training day. DDMIX – ‘an inspiring dance fitness program that gets kids moving!’ – has been co-created by

Darcy Bussell. Some of our teachers from Foundation Stage, from KS1 and from KS2 attended half-day training sessions, before all staff came together in the afternoon for a ‘fun session’. We will soon be starting to use DDMix in the school within our P.E. curriculum and we are confident that the children will enjoy the lessons once they begin.



Supporting Young People in our Community with Autism Spectrum Difficulties Targeted Services are providing a session on Autism Spectrum Difficulties (including Asperger's Syndrome)

Aim of Sessions

To raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Difficulties (ASD) and some of the key principles when dealing with and supporting young people with ASD.

Target Audience

Members of the BFC community who may meet or work with young people and children with difficulties. This might include parents, relatives, RMP, Youth Workers, Social Workers, Health professionals including Dentists, Doctors, Health Visitors, Club Leaders, Scout/Guide associations and school staff and anyone else who may want to know more.

Where, When & Duration

Venue: King Richard's School

Date: 13 Nov 2017, Time: 0900-1130

Venue: St John's School

Date: 15 November 2017, Time: 0900-1130

Cost - Free

How to attend? To book your place:

- a. For school staff, please contact the Training & Development Administrator (TDA), Email: CHQ.Training@modschools.org
Tel Mil: *2815 or Civ: 2596 2815.
- b. For all others, please contact Targeted Services, Email: DCYP-TgtSvc-OffrMgr-Cyprus@mod.uk , Tel Mil: *3208 or Civ: 2596 3208.

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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
All	School Photographs 18 th October	1345-1500 hrs	School Hall
	HALF TERM School closes on 20 th October First day back – Monday 30 th October		
	Halloween Disco Thursday 2 nd November	Y1-Y3 1415 hrs Y5-Y6 1530 hrs	School Hall
	Station Firework display Friday 3 rd November		
	SGC Meeting Thursday 9 th November	1800 hrs	Officers Mess
	School Ceremony to receive CBF commendation Wednesday 15 th November	1300-1330 hrs	More details to follow
Y1-Y6	Parent/Teacher Consultations Wednesday 22 nd & Thursday 23 rd November	1400-1630 hrs	Classes
All	Road Safety week Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th November		More details to follow