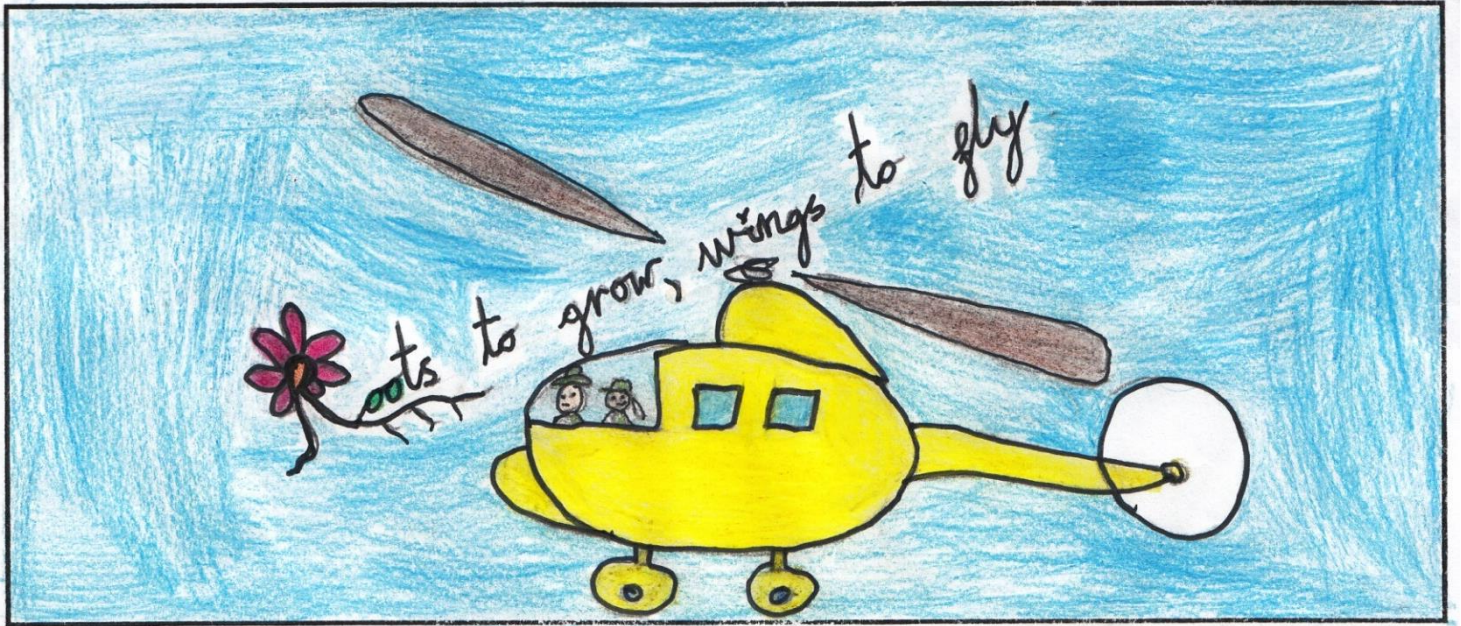


# Akrotiri School Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> September 2017



## Golden Mentions of the Week

Fallon Brett  
Saisha Limbu  
Matilda Baker  
Dylan Frame  
Casey-James Phillips  
Sunnie Bowman  
Erika Myatt  
Ewan Melvin

Darshan Shreesh  
Cameron Brett  
Millie Roberts  
Jackamo Ballard  
Chloe Anders  
Aurora Deeves  
Rowan Kemble



# Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Welcome Back to School**

### **New School Year**

I would like to say a huge welcome back to all pupils and the whole staff team. I hope that everyone has enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It is wonderful to see the school full of children again and to see so many pupils already enjoying their learning. We have had a fantastic start to our new school year. We have welcomed many new pupils to school and all classes are now settled and enjoying their new topics. We have already had some exciting Engage sessions which have included a Pirate Day!

We have already welcomed some amazing visitors to school. KS2 enjoyed a concert by the Cyprus Music Service to showcase the instruments on offer for tuition and we were thrilled to welcome the Queen's Colour Squadron last Friday. They impressed us with their amazing drill parade. Please read on for more information later in this week's newsletter.

### **Staffing**

We are delighted to welcome Miss Lucy King to our teaching team. She is an experienced teacher who has joined us from Germany. She is teaching the Mice class in FS2. We also feel very lucky that we have Mrs Claire Atkinson covering Year 1 Claude Debussy class until their new teacher arrives in November. She was just appointed this past week and her name is Mrs Tracy Gibbs. She is very excited about her move from the UK to Akrotiri, and we are looking forward to welcoming her to the team. It has been a pleasure welcoming Mrs Roberts back to the team as she has just returned from her maternity leave. She is teaching the Year 5 Johann Sebastian Bach class.

### **Children's University**

Please can I remind everyone about Children's University. The Children's University is a national project which celebrates the involvement of young people in quality **out of hours** learning activities. The scheme is open to all young people aged 5 -11 (Year 1 – 6). The aim is to raise the aspirations of our pupils by introducing them to inspiring learning opportunities and to develop a love of learning. Each child can get involved by obtaining a Passport to Learning where they can record the activities they have completed. We have a validated list of activities where the club leader can stamp or initial the passport. The children will then receive certificates when they reach the milestones of attendance from 30 to 1000 hours. You will have received an information letter when your child started school as it is in all our prospectus packs. If you would like another copy of the letter to request a passport and a list of the validated clubs, please contact the school office.

### **The Arts**

We are placing a big focus on the Arts this year. We have applied for the Art's Mark which acknowledges the good work that is achieved in all areas of the arts. We have exciting plans in place to improve the Arts provision for the children both in the classroom and in our after school clubs, in addition to improving the school environment for the whole community. You will have noticed that we have changed the names of all our classes this year. All KS1 and KS2 classes are names after musicians or composers. We hope that all classes will learn about their namesakes and share this learning across the school.

**Rebecca Robinson**  
**Headteacher**



# Cyprus Music Service Concert



*Last week KS2 were treated to an excellent performance by all the staff from the Cyprus Music Service. They demonstrated their own skill as musicians as they played a wide range of music for the children. Each of the pieces showcased one particular instrument, for example the clarinet or violin. This allowed all the children to hear what they could aspire to achieve if they wanted to learn to play an instrument.*

*Mrs Betley, who teaches woodwind instruments (clarinet, saxophone and flute) is particularly keen for anyone who is interested in learning one of these to collect a form from the school office, get it signed and returned to the Cyprus Music Service in Episkopi or to us at school. You never know where learning an instrument may take you or the opportunities it can open up!*

*Miss Flynn Arts Curriculum Team Leader*

### **The Queen's Colour Squadron**

On Friday 8th September we had a spectacular visit from The Queen's Colour Squadron performing their Continuity Rifle Drill Display. The drill sergeant explained that each member of the squadron had to remember 351 different moves and that they would follow the loud bass drum in the marching music.

The squadron was excellent! They marched perfectly in time to the music and remembered all of the moves. Then it was the turn of two of our teachers. Miss Flynn and Mr Bennington, both dressed as pirates for pirate day, lined up ready to march. Before they could start they had to be armed and they swapped their cutlasses for rifles. They were disappointed that the rifles were wooden but marched on bravely with support from the rest of the team. They remembered lots of the moves and even managed to do some of them at the correct time!

Finally, it was the turn of one of our pupils, Zoe from Year 6, and one of our parents. They were magnificent and marched like professionals, again with some help.

Thank you to Queen's Colour Squadron for a fantastic display of skill, coordination and teamwork and we hope you will come back again soon.





## Members of Staff and Year Groups

<b>Foundation Stage 1</b>	Mrs Michelle Boyd Michelle.Boyd@modschools.org	<b>Seahorses</b>
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	Miss Rachel Plant Rachel.Plant@modschools.org	<b>Foxes</b>
	Miss Lucy King Lucy.King@modschools.org	<b>Mice</b>
	Mr Adam Tomlin Adam.Tomlin@modschools.org	<b>Bats</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Claire Atkinson Claire.Atkinson@modschools.org	<b>Claude Debussy</b>
	Mr Andy Bowles Andrew.Bowles@modschools.org	<b>Ding Dong Daddios</b>
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<b>Year 2</b>	Mrs Charlotte Brett Charlotte.Brett@modschools.org	<b>Alan Menken</b>
	Mrs Holly Davies Holly.Davies@modschools.org	<b>Louis Armstrong</b>
	Mr James Bennington James.Bennington@modschools.org	<b>Rag 'n' Bone</b>
	Miss Vicky Flynn Victoria.Flynn@modschools.org	<b>Ludwig van Beethoven</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	Ms Mary Keoghan Mary.Keoghan@modschools.org	<b>Sergei Prokofiev</b>
	Mrs Andrea Kemble Andrea.Vincent@modschools.org	<b>John Williams</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Fiona Kirby Fiona.Kirby@modschools.org	<b>Thomas Newman</b>
	Miss Shonagh MacKenzie Shonagh.MacKenzie@modschools.org	<b>Ennio Morricone</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Kristy Ashford Kristy.Ashford@modschools.org	<b>Gustav Holst</b>
	Mrs Nia Roberts Nia.Roberts@modschools.org	<b>Johann Sebastian Bach</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	Mr Michael Collins Michael.Collins@modschools.org	<b>The Beatles</b>
	Mrs Claire Cotter Claire.Cotter@modschools.org	<b>Ludovico Einaudi</b>

## **Staff Email Addresses of Akrotiri School**

### **SLT (Senior Leader Team)**

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Assistant Head & Safeguarding – Miss Coates: [Janet.Coates@modschoools.org](mailto:Janet.Coates@modschoools.org)

### **Office Staff:**

#### **Main School:**

Mrs Photi: School Secretary & Recruitment – [Koula.Photi@modschoools.org](mailto:Koula.Photi@modschoools.org)

Mrs Eardley: Admin & Mobility – [Gill.Eardley@modschoools.org](mailto:Gill.Eardley@modschoools.org)

Foundation Stage: Mrs Brett: Foundation Secretary – [Tara.Brett@modschoools.org](mailto:Tara.Brett@modschoools.org)

## **Important safety/medical notes and reminders for Akrotiri School**

### **School Uniform and Footwear**

As it is the start of the school year, we would like to remind all parents and children about our school uniform requirements and standards. These are contained in the School Information Pack you will have received on induction into Akrotiri School. In particular may we draw your attention to footwear, which should be as plain as possible.

During the summer and warmer months we permit sensible shoes or structured sandals which offer protection and support to the foot (flip-flops or backless versions). However we also ask that 'thong/toe post' sandals are not worn to school, as there is a greater risk of injury to the foot, should children trip or fall, with the post offering a potential source of injury.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

### **Nuts in School**

Akrotiri School is a Nut Free School.

This year we have several pupils with us, who have allergies to nuts and nut products, such as but not limited to; Peanuts (including and specifically Peanut Butter) and Nutella (or other brands of chocolate hazelnut spread).

Ingestion and contact with the products – even contact with someone who has consumed nuts could be enough to trigger anaphylactic shock – a life-threatening condition.

Please therefore avoid sending nuts in any form and nut products, where known, into school under any circumstances.

### **Important Message from School Nurse**

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 brought into the school office.

**Any medicines must have a pharmacy prescription label attached and be in date.**

### **Sickness Bug**

A reminder about returning to school following illness:

In line with NHS recommendations and best practise in UK schools, children with diarrhoea and / or vomiting should be absent from school for a minimum of 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.

This period of time helps to stop the spread of infection to other children and staff.

It is important to inform us as early as possible, if your child is going to be absent. We ask for your co-operation in this matter. Thank you.

### **Parking And Drop Off – Foundation And Main School Car Parks**

Could we remind all parents the school drop off and parking arrangements, designed to help improve child safety, are in either the sports pavilion car park, by the small rank of shops (florist, hairdressers etc), or in the main Hermes car park and escort their children into the school grounds.

**Main school front car park is for school staff only.  
Foundation car park is for school staff only.**



### **Playground Equipment**

As per our risk assessment, children are closely supervised by prescribed ratios of staff during play and, it is for this reason that we **must ask parents not to allow any children to use the equipment during drop off and pick up times, as these are not supervised by staff.**

We do realise that the area is very inviting to children but we would like to ask for your cooperation on this matter. Thank you.



### **Safe Use Of Scooters And Bikes**

We would like all pupils to stay safe at all times. Please wear a helmet when riding your bike or scooter.

Please walk with your bike/scooter while you are on school grounds.

Please take care when riding around camp especially near crossings and at the bottom of the hills near to school.

There have been a few incidents of pupils not being safe recently so could all parents also assist us by reminding any child they see acting in an unsafe manner that the rules are in place to ensure everyone's safety.



## **Dogs in School**

May we remind you that dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school grounds. Although largely well behaved and patient, they can be intimidating for small children or anyone who is unused to dogs.

We also ask that in addition, dogs are not tethered to our boundary fences during drop-off and pick-up. This includes the wire-fenced area opposite the front of Foundation Stage.



## **Smoking**



Akrotiri School and Foundation Stage grounds are designated as non-smoking areas. This includes the use of e-cigarettes.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

## **Pupil Contact Details/Information**

If anyone has new contact details e.g. new telephone numbers or have moved house, please can you let the office know your new details.  
Call on 25276167 or email [Gill.Eardley@modschools.org](mailto:Gill.Eardley@modschools.org)

## **Our Class news**

### **FS1 - Seahorses and Geckos**

The FS1 children have settled in well to their new classes. They have been very busy exploring their new classroom environment, getting messy with goop, spaghetti, mud and shaving foam, painting, counting, making playdough creations and have captured us with their fabulous imaginations in the home corner!

**FS2** have all settled well into their new classes. The children have loved exploring their new environments and making new friends. The children will be learning about 'People who help them'.

This week they have met Mrs Brett in our office, as well as George our Caretaker and the ladies who deliver our fruit and brunch.

What a fantastic start to the school year for all the **Year One** classes. A continuation of the rainbow challenge has meant that children have been learning through their environment.

The children have been enthusiastic and eager to explore their new classrooms and this term's topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' is also proving to be popular with all the children.

To launch our 'Land Ahoy' topic, last Friday all of Year 2 dressed up as pirates for a pirate morning. They learnt some sea shanties and walked the plank before learning useful skills such as how to tie a cow hitch knot. They used this to help construct a simple shelter where they all ate their brunch. This was followed by exploring how to build a raft and testing them to see if they would float.

What fantastic pirates we arrrrrrrrr!

*Year 3 classes have already been exploring the world, using globes, maps and Google Earth to find countries which grow cocoa beans which will be used to produce chocolate.*

*What a great start to Year 4. The children have all settled in really quickly and are getting used to the new routines. The children say that they have enjoyed making new friends, welcoming new pupils and all getting along. The children are also managing to start and complete their work quickly and confidently. We have had fun; playing with the parachute, drawing faces, using IT skills as well as doing harder challenges in Maths and English.*

*Our topic is 'Potions' and we have learned and performed part of the "Double, double, toil and trouble" poem from Macbeth with actions and voices!*

Year 5 classes have had a fantastic start to the year! We have been busy getting to know each other and have written passports providing personal information about ourselves and our aspirations for the future.

We have also been artistic and have created art work showing our likes, hobbies and interests which will be proudly displayed in class.

**Year 6** classes have made a fabulous start to an important year. They have all settled down quickly and are enjoying the challenge and responsibility of being role models for the younger children.

Over the course of this last week they have all worked hard to produce a wonderful piece of artwork that demonstrates all the thoughts, ideas and things that are important to them, and that make them who they are. Aaron Barrie stated that he 'really liked creating my thinking picture because people will know more about me and what I like.'

The art work is on display in the Y6 classrooms.

