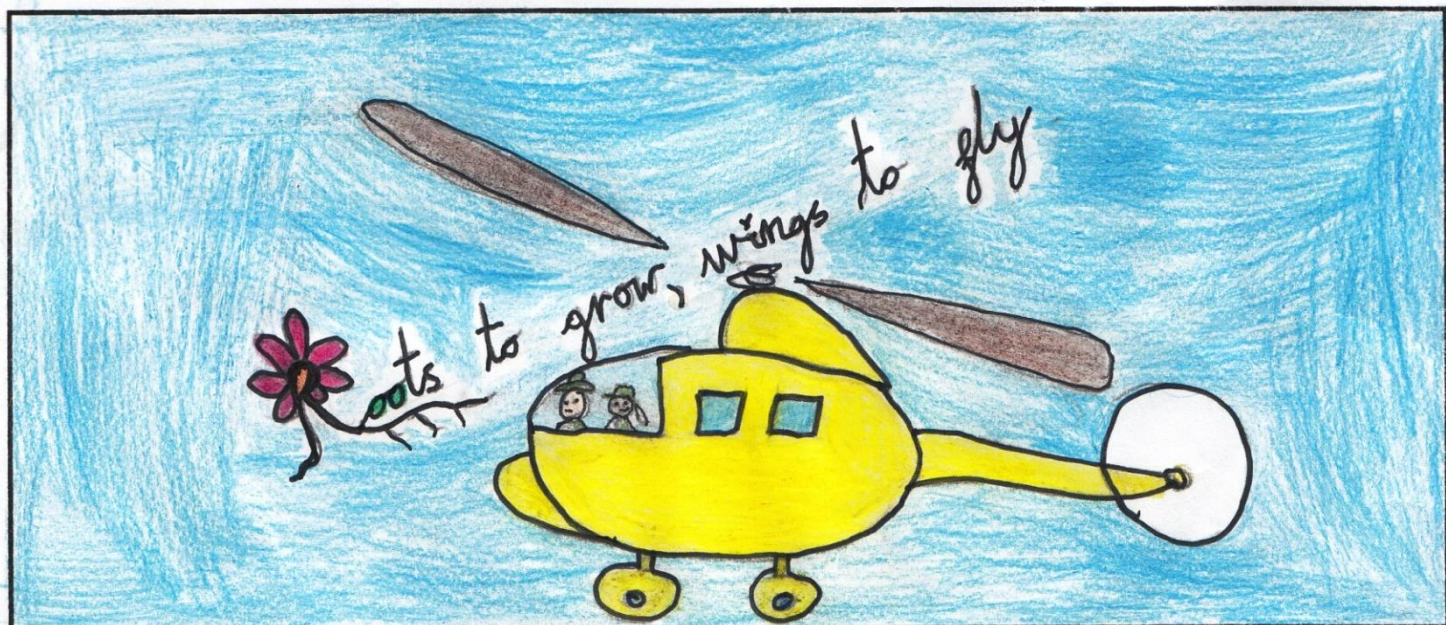


# Akrotiri School Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017



## Stars and Golden Mentions

Tristan Parr  
Max Otley  
Livia Cadice  
Holly Townend  
Penny Price  
Jaxon Archer  
Ollie Tomlin  
Finley Naughton  
Elliott Knowles  
Autumn Deeves  
Sophie Carr  
Chiara Wain

Darshan Shreesh  
Lola Ballard  
Olivia Ellis  
Amelia Allinson  
Owen Gasson  
Alfie Wilson  
Papa Opoku-Menkah  
Tia Goodwin  
Ewan O'Neill  
Erika Verbout  
Marley Gillott



## Head Teacher Update

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

### **Final Term**

I hope that everyone enjoyed the half term break at the end of May. We certainly enjoyed hearing about the adventures the children had upon their return. As you would expect with the final half term of the year, we are very busy in school. We have already had a fabulous visit from some authors, the Science Dome and each phase has held a successful Sport's Day. We were excited about today as we had our Camo Day in support of Armed Forces Day. The Children's University graduation will be today after school. We have also welcomed the author Karl Nova to school today in addition to the SWO who drilled with our pupils!

Please remember that our last day of term will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** and we will close for the holidays at **12pm**.

### **Year 6 Residential**

Our Year 6 pupils had a fabulous time on their residential trip this week to Droushia Heights. They all threw themselves into the activities on offer and their good behaviour throughout the trip was commented upon by many adults who worked with them. Well done to all the pupils and a huge thank you to all staff who planned and attended the trip.

### **PTA Support**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all members of our PTA who organised and ran the Father's Day sale last Friday. They raised €234.32 and more importantly, they provided our pupils with the opportunity to select and buy a present of their choosing. Please don't forget that the PTA are hosting a Rock n Roll Bingo on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are available from Hive.

### **Big Art's Week**

We are really looking forward to Big Art's Week which is during the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We aim to have a big focus on the arts next year and we are going to kick start it with a Big Arts week. We have chosen this date as Akrotiri School celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this summer and the theme of the projects that will be undertaken during the week will be to create lasting projects to celebrate our birthday.

During the week we will have many different activities on offer for the children as we welcome art and drama teachers from St John's and some additional visits from the Cyprus Music Service. Another highlight will be a video that we are planning to produce. We have chosen 'Don't Stop Me Now' by Queen. Every member of school will be dancing in an around the school to the song which we plan to record and then sell when it's completed. To celebrate our strong community links we have also had permission and the support of many sections across the station who will also join in! Watch this space!

**Rebecca Robinson**  
**Headteacher**



*Last week, Year 1 completed their phonics screening tests. The children read so well and the Year 1 teachers are very proud. Well done guys!*

**Year 2 classes have continued their awesome learning journey within our topic 'Bounce' to consider Healthy Living. We have learnt about the different Olympics, understood how hard people work to be sports-people and even sketched people in action! After our trip to St. John's School, we considered how we might help other people live a Healthy Lifestyle.**

**We took a trip to Costcutter to see what ingredients we might choose for a Healthy sandwich, then have spent time tasting different breads and deciding upon our ingredients. We can't wait to design our packaging, bake the bread and make our food! Yum, Yum!**





**Year 3** classes have had a brilliant time launching this half term's topic of 'Mighty Metals'. Both classes visited one of the play parks on camp and investigated the forces used in them. They slid down the slide, climbed on the climbing frames and used a push and pull to help them swing! The children have also made some simple but delicious cupcakes practising their ability to read a scale in Maths.





Year 4 classes have been learning about habitats and food chains in Science. Last week we visited the Akrotiri Marshlands and Fasouri forest to look at the contrasting habitats and it was fabulous to see examples of food chains in action during our visit. The wildlife hidden at the marsh is well worth a visit if you haven't already been!







Between Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 24 of our **Year 5** children were put through their paces in a 'Bikeability' event. The course was in two parts with the children having to pass the one-day Level 1 element before being allowed to progress through to the three-day Level 2.

At Level 1 the riders learnt to control and master their bikes in a space away from traffic (KS2 playground).

Level 2, however, took place on the roads of Akrotiri Station, giving the children a real cycling experience. They learnt how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or the local shops. Remarkably, although we were forewarned that a 100% pass rate was rare, the Year 5s shone and everyone one passed. Our thanks go to the SBA Police in the form of Lucy, KC and Andreas and special thanks go to Phil from Youth Services at Episkopi for leading the course to a highly successful conclusion.







*'On the first day we did water sports, the first activity my team did was kayaking. First we had to do a simple kayaking course in case of an emergency, like being swept out to sea in a storm. Then we paddled to a cave and went inside, our instructor told us all about the way the cave was formed and how the roof would soon collapse in on itself! Then my team did coast-steering, jumping off rocks into the sea, we did a small rock then a medium rock then a large rock (accidentally, I belly flopped on the large rock, it hurt) it was extremely fun! Then we did snorkelling we explored rocks and caves. I found wild life I never knew were in Cyprus such as starfish and parrotfish. The coolest bit in snorkelling was when we found a sea-urchin shell it was purple, white and a bit sharp!'*

*(George)*

This week, Year 6 children have been on a residential trip in Paphos and they stayed at Droushia Heights hotel. It was a fantastic trip overall. The children were a credit to themselves and to the school. They took part in a range of adventurous activities, led by an experienced team from Zephyros Adventure Sports.





## **Father's Day Gift Sale**

**The Akrotiri School PTA held a Father's Day sale on Thursday and Friday last week. All the children were able to come along, pay their money, write their own label and then choose a gift for daddy. They were so excited as they came in and proudly went home with their gifts. A profit of €234.32 was made.**

**Thank you to parents for supporting us and volunteers who manned the sale both days.**

**Sue Williams  
PTA Treasurer**





### **St. John's School Swimming Gala**

*On Tuesday we took a squad of 19 swimmers to compete against Episkopi and Foleys schools. The sun was shining and the outdoor pool overlooking the Mediterranean Sea was azure blue – what a setting for a swimming gala!*

*Our swimmers represented Akrotiri School superbly and despite having no Year 6 children we had so many brave younger swimmers competing against many older children and even international swimmers.*

*We were incredibly proud to take such an amazing bunch of respectful children with such a great attitude to sport.*

*Year 5 – Zoe, Millie C, Ffion, Charlie and Dylan*

*Year 4 – Georgie, Kyra, Chloe, Naomi, Tyler B, Tyler D, Josh and Jackamo*

*Year 3 – Lili M, Millie B, Elana, Archie, Henry and Cerys*

*Thank you to Mr Parr, Mr Clarke, Mr Bennington and Mr Tomlin  
for organising and taking the squad.*





## Brass and Woodwind Music Day

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June all the children who are taught brass and woodwind instruments, by Cyprus Music Service, met at Akrotiri for a music workshop. The children were taught some new songs by Mrs Betley before playing together as a band, conducted by Mr McVicar.

The children then worked in small teams to compose their own



## LEAVING AKROTIRI SCHOOL

It would be really helpful if you could let us know if you are likely to be posted before September 2017.

We are planning now for the new academic year and the clearer we are about pupil numbers the better we can organise classes and teacher responsibilities.

‘Notification of Leaving’ forms are available from School Office. Thank you.





### Hang 10 – New Café

The Café at Hang 10 is open on Saturdays from 11-3pm, serving toasties and jackets, milkshakes, slushies and ice-cream.

Children from 8 yrs old can go unaccompanied.

Younger children and their parents are also welcome.

## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

### **SCHOOL TRIPS / EVENTS / ACTIVITIES**

YEAR GROUPS	WHAT AND WHEN	TIME	WHERE	COMMENTS
Y3-Y6	Swimming Competition Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		Pool	
Y6	Risk Days with Episkopi Primary School Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June & Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Akrotiri and Episkopi	
Y5	Science Enrichment Day Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	0800-1330	Episkopi School	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July - Last day of school – finishing at 1200 hrs				