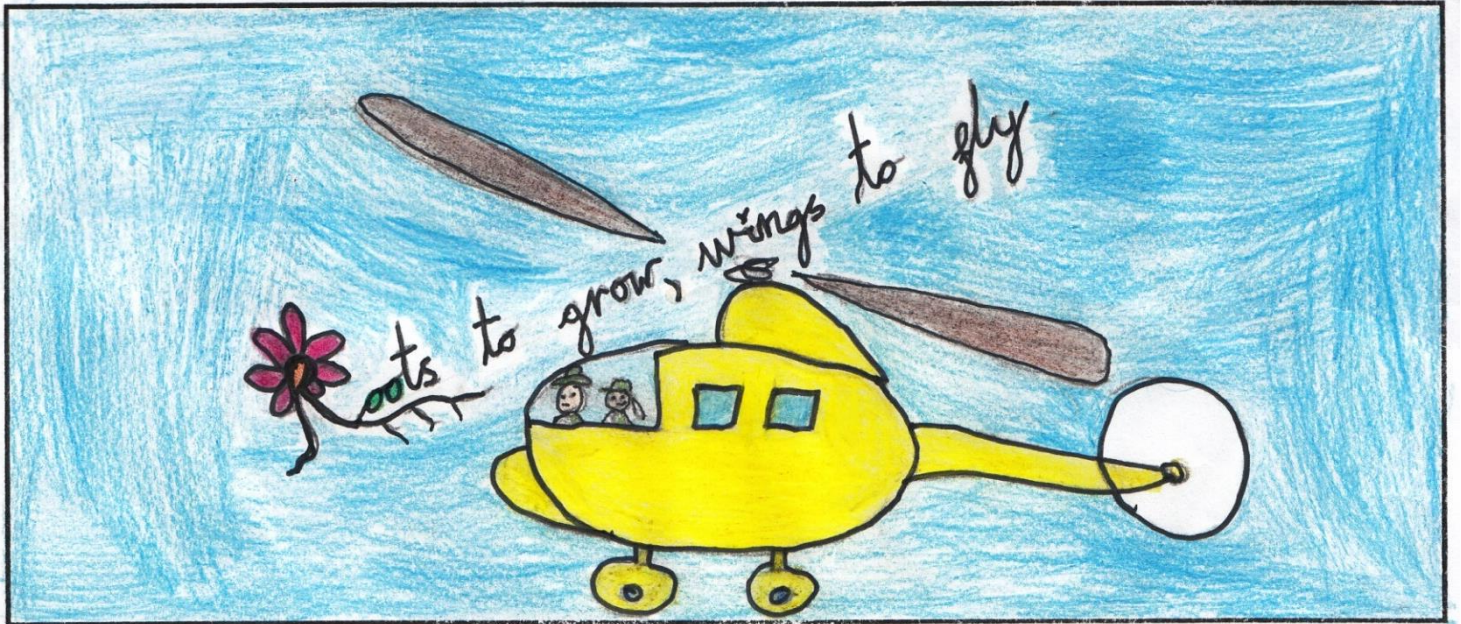


# Akrotiri School Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017



## Stars and Golden Mentions of the week

**Emily Woodley  
William Green  
Gracie Mumford  
Sammie Verbout  
Theo Martin  
Max Baker  
Sophia Sutcliffe  
Jessica Canham  
Jesse Pickersgill  
Kiera Ralph**

**Tabitha Andrews  
Maddison Marshall  
Tara Fearn  
Dara Cassidy  
Lilian Freeman  
Layla McLean  
Chloe Anders  
Amelia Kehoe  
Abbie Heaton**





# **Stars and Golden Mentions of the week ending 17th November**

Eleah Gardner  
Niamh Wallace  
Eva Dean  
Rose Davies  
Jac Owen  
Finn McCready  
Ava Winslade  
Seth Rodgers  
Jessica Payne  
James Critchley  
Ella Smith  
Leighton Hillbeck  
Olivia Ellis  
Amelia Allinson  
Thomas Selway  
Eleanor Edwards  
Victoria Sansom  
Katie Sprawson  
Demi-Rose Cunningham



## Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Poppy Appeal**

We were delighted to learn that we have raised €450 through school, for the Poppy Appeal. This is through donations and money raised from buying poppies and wrist bands. Many thanks to all who donated money, it was a super team effort.

### **Cross Country**

I was very proud of our Cross Country team this week. They had success across the board when they attended the cross island competition at Happy Valley this week. I hope you enjoy reading more about it later in this week's edition of the newsletter.

### **Job Vacancies**

We currently have several vacancies for Learning Support Assistants to support our new intake of FS1 pupils in January. These positions are a great opportunity for members of our community to work in a vibrant and exciting school. We are looking for either qualified or unqualified applicants who believe that they have transferable skills to join our valued team. We will be able to offer opportunities to gain experience and qualifications to support professional development. Please contact Koula in our school office for any enquiries.

### **Facebook**

It has been brought to my attention that there are several Facebook pages that exist as forums for parents to discuss their children and classes. As an information source, Facebook is a great idea and we are in the process of creating our own Facebook information page.

However, please can I remind all parents that we have clear procedures for contacting school should you have a concern or query. It can cause a lot of upset and distress amongst the staff team when we hear of negative comments or when staff are named directly. Please contact your teacher directly via Dojo or the school office if you have a concern or query.

### **FOD Assembly**

We welcomed Flt Lt Robbo Robertson to our assembly this Monday. He shared lots of information about his role in keeping us all safe on station and how we can help by reducing FOD. Many thanks to Robbo for joining us and for sharing such important information.

**Rebecca Robinson**  
**Headteacher**





School Council members, Briannah Butler and Syrlene Lovence, receiving the Commendation Award from CBF.





**The RAF Akrotiri Voluntary Band, our School Band and the School Choir playing and singing at the Ceremony.**











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

## **CYPRUS SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations to our Year 2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 cross-country teams for their outstanding success on Tuesday at the Cross-Country competition held at Happy Valley. All three age-groups won their respective competitions and a number of children won individual medals for finishing in the top three boys/girls in their race. All 46 of the children who took part from Akrotiri were excellent ambassadors for the school.



*“On Tuesday we went to the Cross Country Competition where we ran through woodlands, over fields and across beaches. Year 2 did really well and won, so did Years 3/4 and 5/6. I felt really proud when we lifted the trophy and when I crossed the line. Everyone did really well and had a good time. Thanks to everyone who helped with our training and who took us.”*

By Josh Tomlin  
Y5 Johann Bach class





**Across school we have been lucky enough to take part in a number of exciting opportunities over the last few weeks.**

### **Children in Need**

Thank you for your generous donations. We are still counting the coins! We will tell you the total in our next newsletter.

### **The Band of The Royal Corps of Signals concert**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, children from FS2 to Year 6 were given a wonderful concert by the Band of The Royal Corps of Signals. All the music had a film theme, which was very appropriate as we were at the Astra Cinema!

The children had a great time learning about different brass instruments and singing along to songs from Frozen, Pirates of the Caribbean and Despicable Me.

### **Cinema Trip**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Year 1 to Year 6 returned to the Astra Cinema to watch Despicable Me 3. All MoD schools on island were given the opportunity to attend a free film showing as part of a drive to encourage children and families to use the cinema more regularly.

### **Road Safety Week**

This week is Road Safety Week. Children from FS2 to Year 6 have all attended Road Safety Assemblies, aimed at encouraging them to walk, bike and scoot on our roads in a safe manner.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, children from Year 4 to Year 6 were invited to attend a Road Traffic Accident demonstration. All emergency services were involved and worked seamlessly together to demonstrate what happens in an RTA situation.

Some children took part in the 'Bake for Brake' cake competition and the winners are:

KS1 – Calvin Lovence, Emily Butler and Joshua Brett

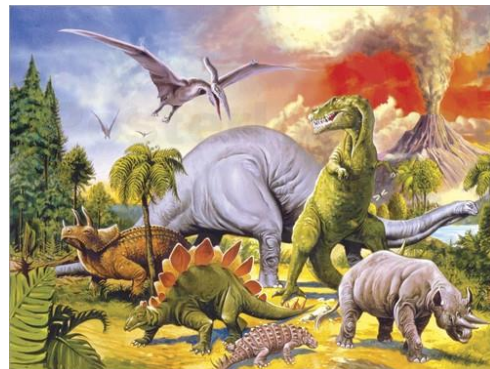
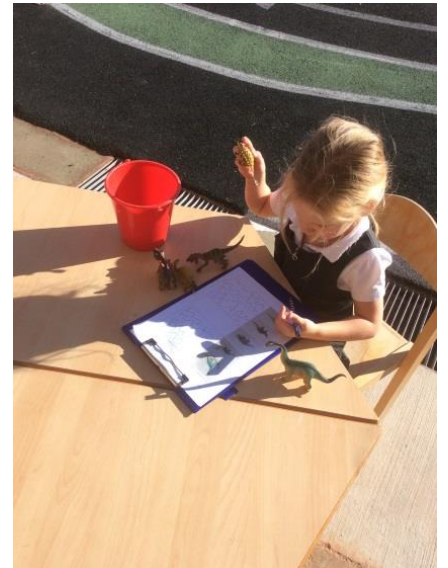
KS2 – Cameron Brett and Syrlene Lovence

**Well done to our brilliant bakers!**

## DINOSAUR INVASION!

Whatever you do, don't come to FS1 because we have been invaded by dinosaurs! We found enormous dinosaur prints outside of the school this week and then Mrs Ball was chased by a pack of marauding velociraptors – luckily she chased them off, armed only with an umbrella and a hard hat!

We have been identifying the footprints with a spotter's guide to dinosaurs and rounding them up by their 100's. We are hoping that they have all been captured. But you never know.....!







### **Maths Workshop**

Last week FS2 enjoyed holding a Maths Workshop for our parents. The children had the opportunity to show parents how they learn and practise new maths concepts, in a fun and practical way. Thank you to all the parents who came and shared their time with us. We hope you took away some useful ideas, for how to support maths at home.

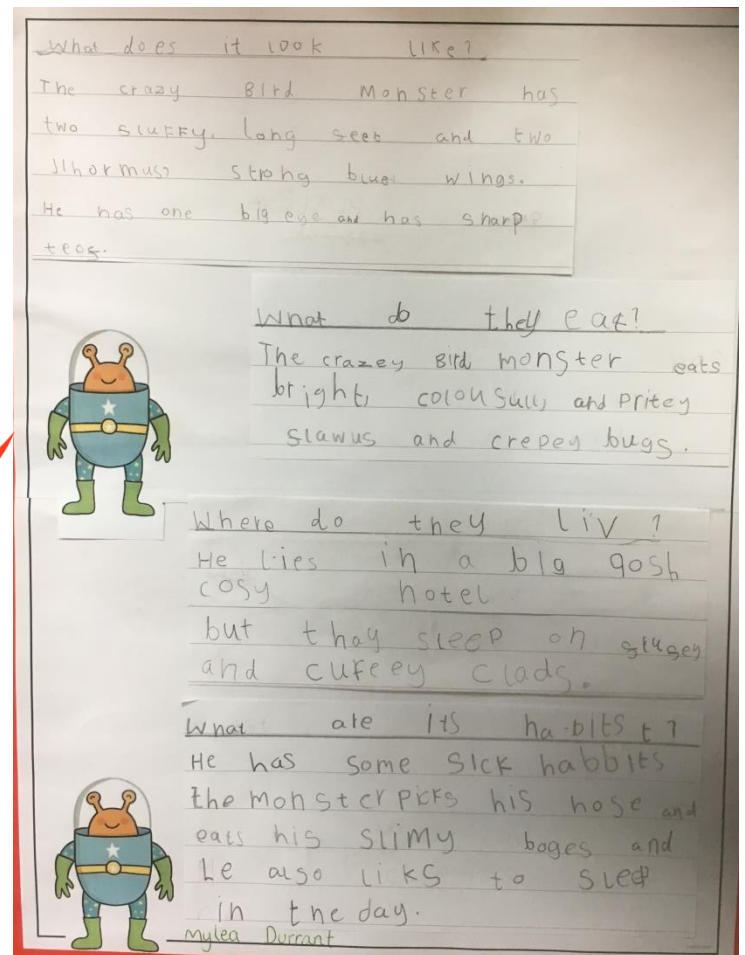
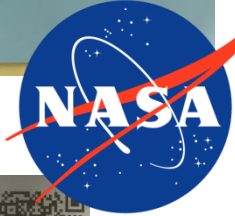
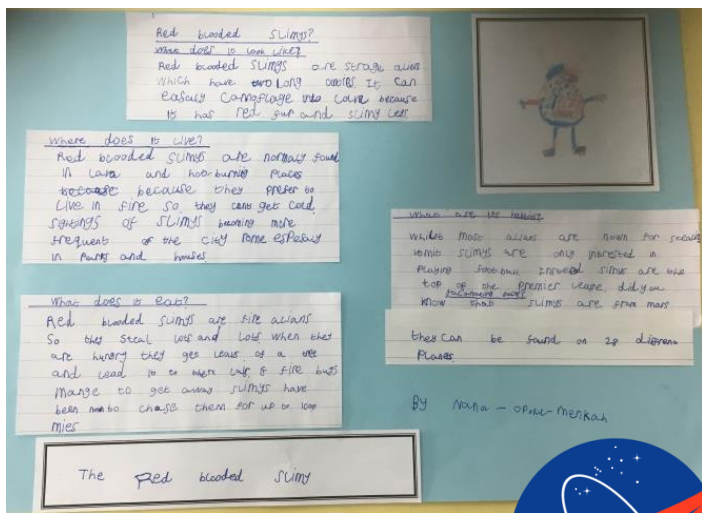


Year 1 have been getting super enthusiastic about our superhero topic. We have been dealing with sneaky visits from the Evil Pea and writing to Supertato to give him ideas for rescuing his vegetable friends!

The children are currently writing their own superhero story with some frightening plots.

It has been a busy week with a trip to the cinema and celebrations for the School's Commendation. Next stop ... Christmas Nativity!





**Year 2 were tasked with helping NASA over the last couple of weeks locate and find out about an alien sighting near to Akrotiri! After excellent research, we created amazing non-chronological reports to send, however, some of us thought of different ways to present our learning...as a report and embedded in a QR Code! We've heard NASA have used our information already!**

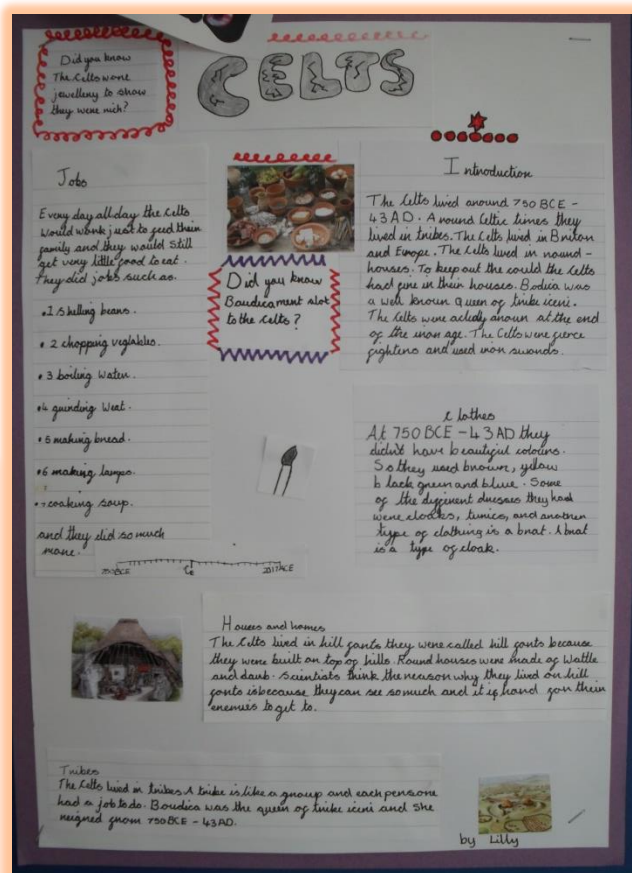
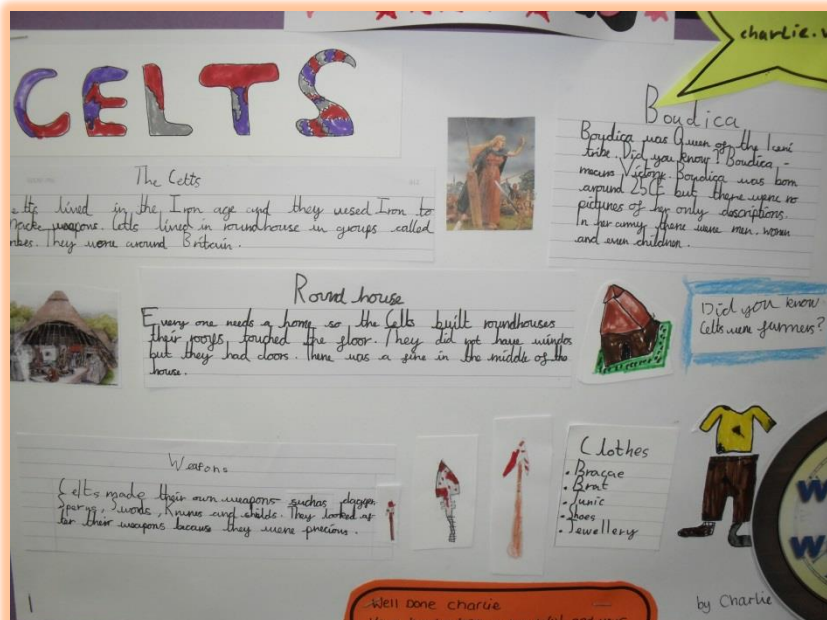




Year 3 have been enjoying learning the violin as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. They are working with Mrs Millard and Mrs Humphries and they are making great progress.



Year 4 have just finished their Celtic research and created the most amazing non-chronological reports. If you walk along the corridor by the Computer suite you may see some of them. The children worked so hard on presenting their finished pieces. They all thought about the reader and how they could make someone want to read it all.

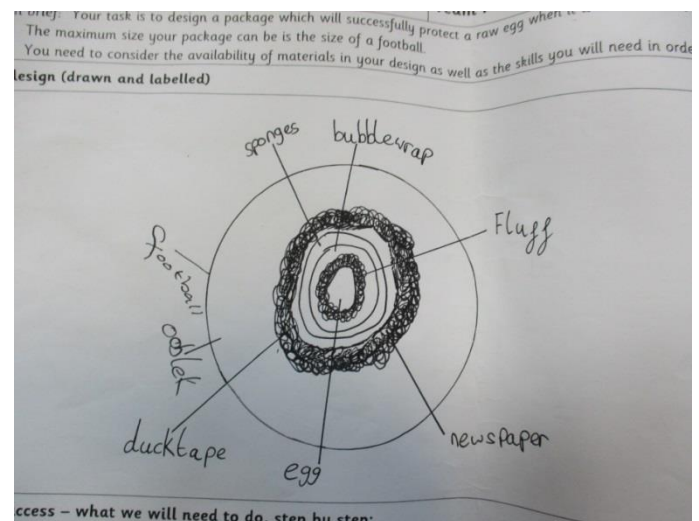
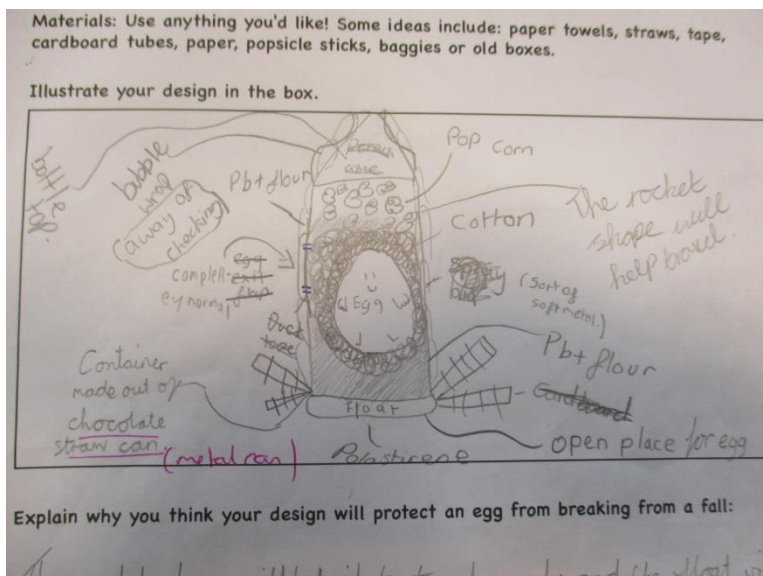
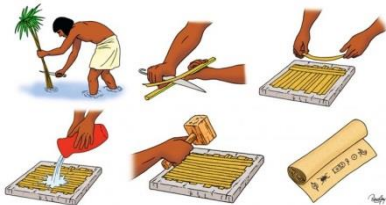




Year 5 had an amazing day this week making our own Papyrus Paper. We used green tissue paper instead of the Papyrus plant (as there wasn't any growing in our school grounds!) We are now writing explanation texts about the process in English lessons.

'I liked making the Papyrus Paper because it was fun to get messy!' - Amara

'It was fun to learn about how the Egyptians would have made paper thousands of years ago'. - Lexie



Year 6 have been very busy working on their designs for the upcoming STEM day with the Corps of the REME. They have been tasked with designing and making suitable packaging in which to place an egg that is going to be taken around an obstacle course and ultimately launched from sea to land by the engineers. Children are working in teams to prepare their models and the winning team will be the one that has the most eggs unbroken by the end. Let's hope none of the teams are left with egg on their faces!





### Choir Performance

The Choir will be performing with the Akrotiri Military Wives choir at the opening of the PTA Christmas Fair on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. They will be performing outside the Music Room, at 13.30 hrs and your children will be dismissed at 1335 hrs from the Music Room. We are looking forward to seeing you there.



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

**Don't forget that the Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper day in support of Save the Children. Children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy (e.g. tinsel crown etc.) and bring in a donation. Thank you for your continued support.**



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
	<b>PTA Xmas Fayre</b> <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>1345 hrs</b>	<b>School Grounds</b>
<b>All School</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day for</b> <b>Save the Children</b> <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>School</b>
	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>School Closes For Christmas</b> <b>Holiday</b>	<b>1200 hrs</b>	
	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b> <b>School Opens</b>		