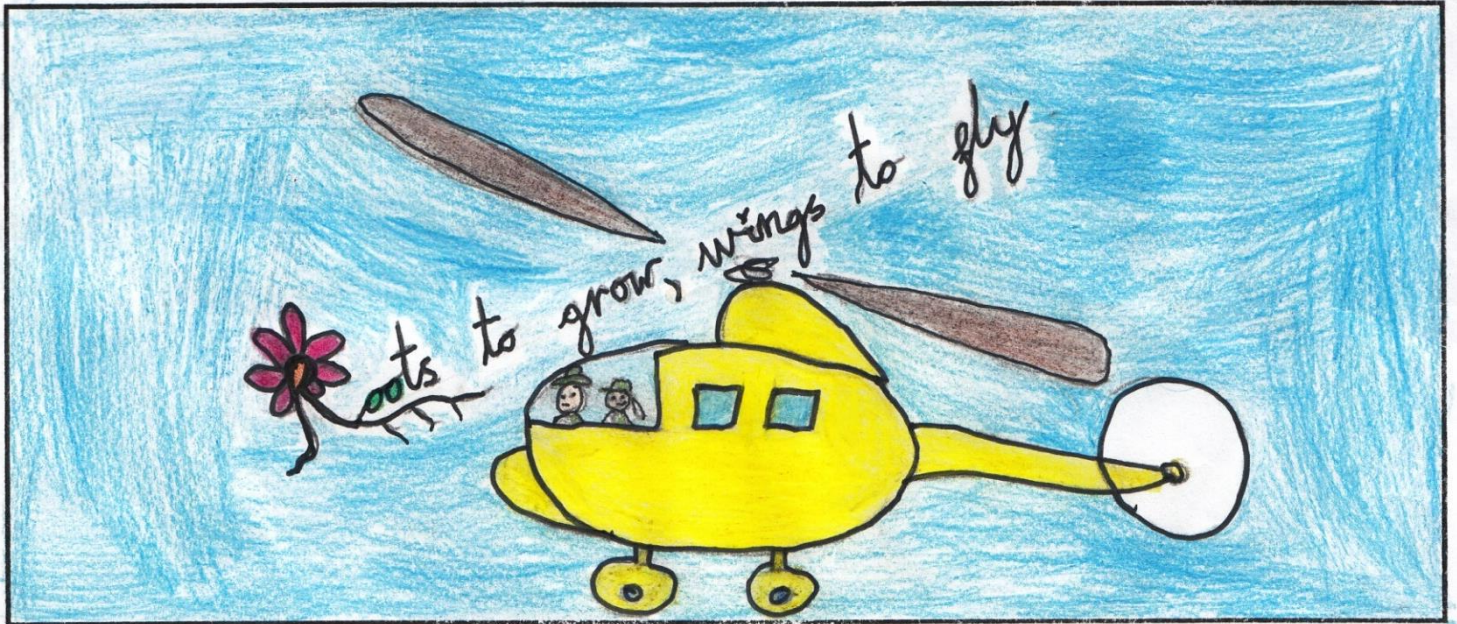


# Akrotiri School Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018



## Stars and Golden Mentions of the week

**Alyssa Boothby  
Henry Stait  
Adelene Gurung  
Libby Cook  
Bella Bridson  
Lily Duncan  
Isla Matthews  
Lauren Muir  
Llewellyn Simpson  
Niamh MacPhee**

**Kai Kehoe  
Daniel Wray  
Kobi Wills  
Emilee Leighton  
Luke Jackson  
Lexie Davison  
Nico Lancaster  
Baily Mickelburgh-Barrett  
Elise Hale**



**Stars and  
Golden Mentions of the week  
ending 12th January 2018**

**Half Term Heroes  
Wednesday 20th December 2017**

Edison Holyoake  
Haiden Chidlow  
Austin Payne  
Ava Gutteridge  
Jessie-Rae Bell  
Miah Raikes  
Jessica Lee  
Chiara Wain  
Campbell Scott  
Henry Tonkin  
Joshua Davin  
Lawrence Watkins  
Joshua Patterson  
Liam Cadice  
Henry De-Long  
Guy Storey  
Riley Pickersgill  
Harley Salmon  
Jessica Selway



Frederik Christiansen  
Beatrice Weston  
Ieuan Dainty  
Olivia Jones  
Max Puttock  
Livia Cadice  
Matilda Baker  
Junior Lockwood  
Jesse Pickersgill  
Lily Davies  
James Fell  
Ewan Melvin  
Annie Branton  
Daniel Green  
Millie Bowles  
Jake Yeomans  
Rosa Baker  
Ellie Cain  
Demi-Rose Cunningham



**AKROTIRI SCHOOL - FACE BOOK GROUP**

*We are constantly striving to improve communication between parents and the school. To make finding out what is happening in school easier and more convenient we have created a new school Facebook group called Akrotiri School and we would like to invite you to join us. The page is now live and you can request to join today!*

*The group is for current parents of Akrotiri School only and will contain news, updates, events and other whole school information.*

*We shall continue to distribute news and letters through normal channels for now: paper based and webpage based.*

*As the page is designed as a bulletin board please note that should you wish to contact the school, please do so by using the normal methods (as detailed on our website):*

*<https://www.akrotiri.school/contact-us/contact-information/>*

*We look forward to welcoming you and we hope you enjoy our group!*



## Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Happy New Year**

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. I hope that you and your families all had a super Christmas and that you all enjoyed the festive break. It was lovely returning to school last week seeing everyone looking so refreshed and ready to work and learn again. I have been impressed as always at how quickly everyone has settled back into the swing of school life. Our new projects are in full swing and there have already been some very exciting launches to the new projects. We have had a tea party for the queen and a visit from both a young and an older version of Henry VIII thanks to the history department at St. John's! I hope you enjoy reading the first edition of this year's newsletter and discovering the many other exciting opportunities that our pupils are enjoying.

### **Facebook**

I am hoping that many of you will be pleased to learn that we now have our very own Facebook page that we intend to use as a noticeboard. Have a look at the article in this edition to see how to request an invitation. Hopefully this will help us share information with you which doesn't rely on paper copies of letter and newsletters. We will be asking for your views at a later date to see how effective it is. Please help us by get your joining request in as soon as possible!

### **Save the Children**

I am delighted to report that we raised €300 before Christmas when we held our Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Children in Need. We have raised a lot of money for charity recently, thank you for all your support.

### **Local School Links**

It was a real pleasure to visit Akrotiri Village School before Christmas with the school choir and band. We were made to feel very welcome as we played and sang for them. They in return sang some Greek songs for us and the whole celebration was interrupted by Father Christmas flying over on the helicopter from 84 Squadron! It was fantastic! We are looking forward to visiting the school again and forging stronger links with them. Well done to the school choir and band.

We have also been to Erimi School again. We are planning to take our Year 5 pupils to their school for a day as they are planning exciting art activities for us to share with their pupils. We are really looking forward to it and have a date in the diary for them to visit us in return. I shall look forward to reporting on the visits in future newsletters.

### **Staffing**

I have been delighted to see how quickly the new nursery children have settled into FS1. This is no doubt due to the fantastic new staff team we have in place following a successful recruitment round before Christmas. I would like to say a huge welcome to Mrs Aherne, Mrs Deeves, Mr Myatt and Mrs Wray.

### **Collecting children at the end of school**

Please can I ask all parents to support us and the children by keeping the pathways clear in the quad area in front of Y1-3? When so many parents and their young children gather in this area, it makes moving around school very difficult. Thank you in advance with this matter.

### **Clubs**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our staff who are giving up their time after school to lead clubs this term. We have 17 clubs on offer, which is amazing. It is a big commitment for the teachers and I am very grateful that they are able to offer such a large variety of extra-curricular activities for our pupils.

**Rebecca Robinson**  
**Headteacher**

## Road Safety Reminders

Following school's attendance at the monthly Station Road Safety Meeting, we are aware that there are still a number of concerns regarding Primary-aged children and road safety.

There have been a number of near-misses between cars and children on bikes and scooters either due to lack of visibility or dangerous road use by the children. **Too many children still ride their bikes and scooters without a helmet.** Bikes and scooters are being left unattended around camp, blocking pavements and roads, and running the risk of being stolen. We are in discussions with SBA Police to provide sessions for Y3/4 children on cycling safety, in addition to Y5 Bikeability which already takes place.

As a reminder to all:

- Children should wear helmets when riding their bikes and scooters
- Bikes should have front and back lights for use during the dark afternoons
- Children should be reminded of how to cycle and scoot safely and visibly around camp, especially during the winter months
- Children should be reminded to store their bikes and scooters safely and with regard to others

As a school we regularly focus on road safety messages during assemblies and in lessons. We appreciate the fact that you as parents reinforce these messages at home.

# GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH

## SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT - DECEMBER 2017

*I was pleased to be the Akrotiri School Duty Governor for the busy month of December 2017, on behalf of the School Governing Council. The highlights of this period for me were the school nativity plays and the Half Term Hero assemblies.*

*I attended two of the school's nativity plays, which I enjoyed and was extremely impressed by. It was great to see all the kids getting stuck into the performances, singing along and feeling proud to perform in front of their parents and friends. I must also thank the teachers and staff for all their hard work in putting on the shows; it is this sort of experience that the children will remember in years to come.*

*In the last week of term, I also attended three of the end of term assemblies, in which I was honoured to be asked by Mrs Robinson to present the Half Term Hero certificates to the children. Once again, it was extremely rewarding to see how proud the children were to receive their awards, and interesting to hear the variety of reasons for their nominations. The Star of the Week, Golden Mention and Half Term Hero awards are a really good means to inspire the children beyond their academic achievements.*

*I hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved Christmas break; and I am sure the children will return in the New Year refreshed and excited to carry on their learning at Akrotiri School.*

*Thomas Christiansen  
Governor of the Month*

# Staff Email Addresses of Akrotiri School

## Members of Staff and Year Groups

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## ***Want to learn to play a Musical Instrument?***

*If you are in Years 3-6 and ever thought about learning to play a musical instrument here is an opportunity too good to miss!*

*Mrs Betley (Cyprus Music Service) currently has spaces for children who would like to play a woodwind instrument (flute, clarinet or saxophone). If you are interested then collect a form from the school office or speak to Miss Flynn or Mrs Humphries.*







**FS1** are learning all about healthy eating. Our story of the week was 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' The children have enjoyed buying and selling healthy foods in our farm shop. We have been on walks around the school to forage for foods, picked oranges from the trees and herbs from the garden to use in our muddy zone. We have even given the muscles in our hands a 'work out', learning to safely use a peeler to peel carrots for snack time. In our Creative Area we have engaged in observational drawing of fruits and vegetables, looking closely at pattern, shape and colour.





# Will you read me a story?

**FS2** had a wonderful time going on a nature walk to the station library. The children were met by the library staff and a lady called Georgie read some of her favourite stories. First she read the traditional tales of Rumpelstiltskin and then The Gingerbread Man.

At school the children have been listening and retelling the Gingerbread Man story, so they enthusiastically joined in with the repeated refrains. A fun start to our topic!





## The Royal Tea Party

Last Friday the Y1 children had a special visitor. The Queen came to tea! Throughout the week the children prepared by researching and doing some brilliant writing about the Queen, practicing the National Anthem, creating crowns and flags and learning tea party etiquette.

We came into the hall and stood politely behind our chairs awaiting our special guest. Then as we started singing the National Anthem the Queen entered the room. After singing, we bowed or curtsied and the Queen opened the tea party and we all tucked in. The Queen then came round and answered our questions and cut a special cake.



*Year 2 have had a wonderful start to our new topic of 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets!' We've built our own towers, started learning about persuasion and even had a trip to Cyprus Land!*

*Whilst we were there, we saw a giant map of Cyprus with all of the castles on, created our own pottery, learnt how to fire a bow and arrow, played some medieval games, went in the stocks, tried to pull the sword from the stone and became knights...fighting in a real-life ring!*

*Wowzers!*





Year 3's 'Hola Mexico!' adventure has begun with a thrilling chase through the jungles and temples of Mexico. We are following Flat Stanley as he attempts to find a secret ingredient for a recipe.

We have started to write post cards and letters and have found Mexico on a range of maps. Who knows where next week's work will take us as we try to outwit the 3 French chefs who are determined to steal the secret too!

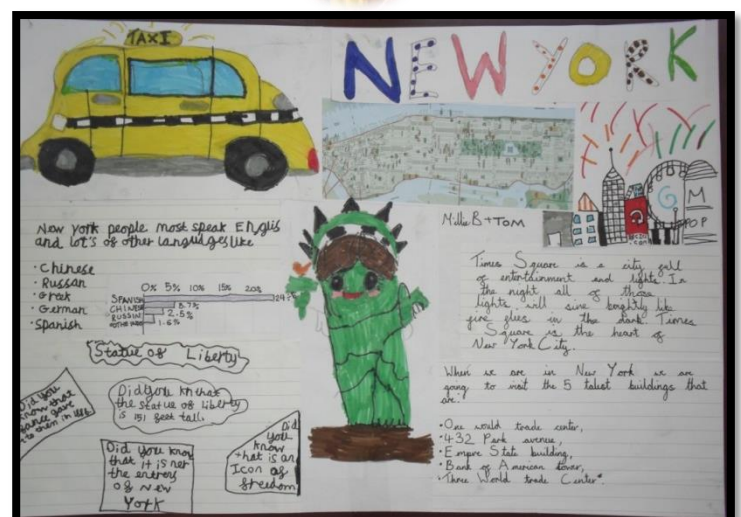
Or not...?



Year 4 have had an exciting start to the new year; beginning our "Road Trip USA" topic. We went on a treasure hunt to find the names of states and located them on a map. We also used the iPads to investigate New York and what we could do there on a visit. We started by looking at the world; locating Cyprus, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, the USA and lots of other countries. We have identified oceans and continent too. We are now exploring all that the USA has to offer.

Our English learning is based around Native American myths and we have read/watched and discussed several of them.

We then orally made up a class myth. The next step is to plan and write our own myth using all the features we have identified.



**Y5** were given packs of information and sources of historical evidence to interpret. We used these sources of evidence to discuss what Henry VIII was like and whether he was a good or bad King. We found his actions could be interpreted in different ways.

We were also visited by two mysterious men in class. Through asking quality open-ended questions, we were able to decipher who they were.

Both visitors were actually Henry VIII at different points in his life. It was really interesting to see how he changed throughout his life.



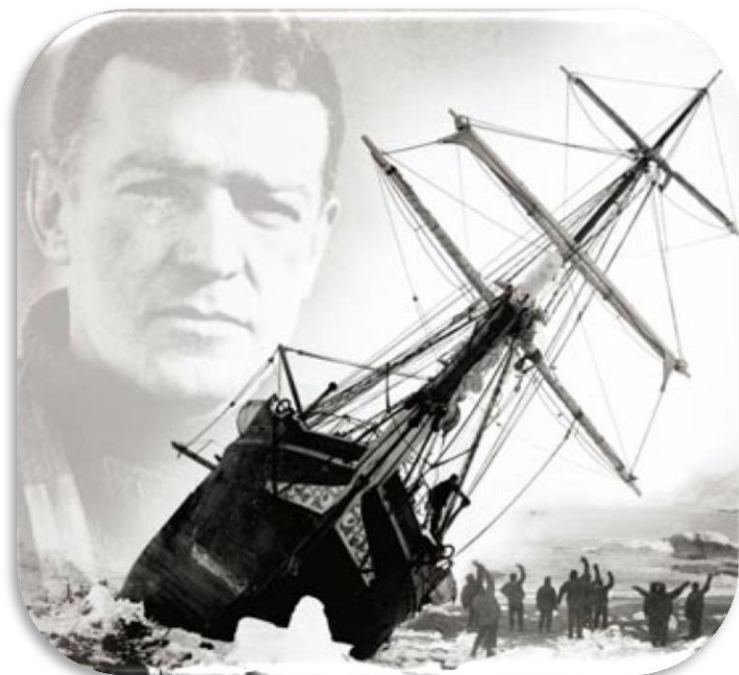


# ANTARCTICA

Year 6 have are doing a short topic called 'Frozen Kingdom' which looks at the unique environment of Antarctica and at explorers who made it their aspiration to reach the South Pole.

In particular, we are learning about Ernest Shackleton whose epic rescue mission story is one of the greatest survival stories ever known.

The children have also been using research skills to find out about the differences between the Arctic Circle and Antarctica.





## KS2 Choir

The KS2 choir took part in a number of performances last term in the run up to Christmas; representing music in our school, both within Akrotiri and in the wider community. The choir first performed a variety of songs and carols in Costcutters, at the end of November. This was the choir's debut concert and for some children (especially those in Year 3 who have only joined choir this year) their first performance in front of an audience. They sang beautifully and with an abundance of enthusiasm and confidence.

Their second performance was during the school's CBF commendation celebration, this was by far the largest audience they had performed in front of and yet they again sang beautifully.

With the run up to Christmas intensifying, the choir took part in three further concerts. They first performed in school with the school band, as part of a thank you to all those that have volunteered and supported school over the past year. Both the choir and band performed wonderfully.

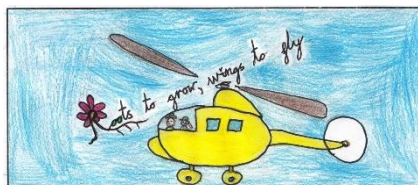
The children then went to the Old People's home in Episkopi village to sing Christmas songs for the people that live there. This was a particularly special performance, in which the children yet again sang beautifully but above all else they brought happiness and smiles to the faces of the residents. It was wonderful to see what a positive impact our children had on those that lived there.

The final performance took place again with the school band at Akrotiri Village School. The choir and band performed to the children of the village school and they performed to us. It was a lovely end to a busy period of concerts and performances.

The children have all attended choir club before school on a Monday morning, their dedication, enthusiasm and talent make them an absolute pleasure to work with.

They have been an excellent representation of Akrotiri School within our community and beyond. Choir club will continue to run this term (new members always welcome) and I look forward to seeing what wonderful future performances they will create.





# Akrotiri School Calendar

## 2018/2019

### AUTUMN TERM 2018

Staff Training Days	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
First day for children	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Last Day of Term	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

### SPRING TERM 2019

First Day for children	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Staff Training Day	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February (School closed)
Last Day of Term	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April

### SUMMER TERM 2019

First Day for Children	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July



**Winter Story Time at the Station  
Library**

**...Including  
Colouring Activities**

**Opposite the  
yellow helicopter  
Ext:6162**

**Monday 29th  
January  
1430-1530**