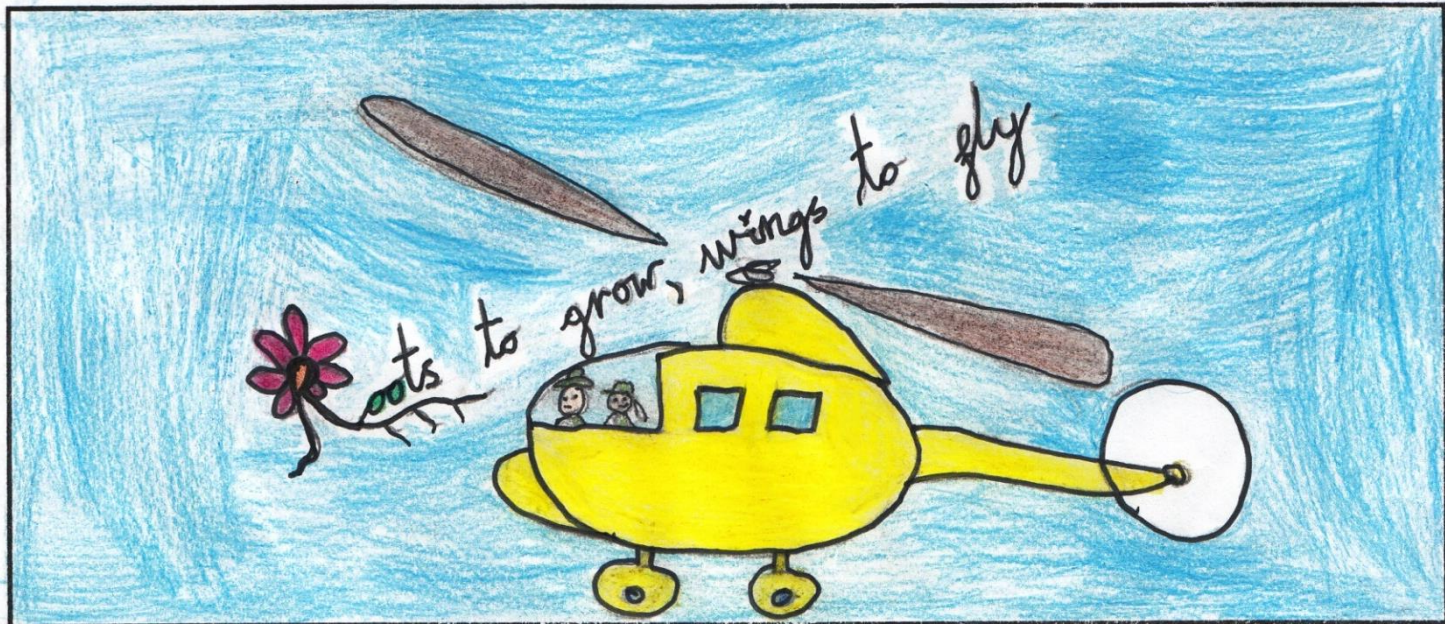


Akrotiri School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2018



Half Term Heroes

Noah Davies
Eli Parkinson
Callen Edwards
Mia Gurung
Rianna Harrison
Ella-Mai Kenwright
Grace Chappell
Nana Opoku-Menkah
Ava Hunt
Erika Christiansen

Ethan Langdon
Charlotte Chappell
Oliver Woodley
Naila Amoa-Sakyi
Sophia Begbie
Archie Bennington
Abbie Morgan
Nico Lancaster
Lucy Tomlinson-Smale
Chloe Reeves



Stars and

**Golden Mentions of the week
ending 2nd February 2018**

Stars and

**Golden Mentions of the week
ending 26th January 2018**

**William Palmer
James Ross
Evie Naughton
Lilly Hopwood
Ayden Butler
Lilly Edwards
Fin Naughton
Ava-Rose Taylor
Ellie Williams
Max Abbott
George Baker
Kerryn Rose
Oliver Wilson
Freya Moore
Jake Easson
Milly Charnock
Mitchell Kehoe
Jessica Denison
Jacob Lloyd
Zoe Prince**

**Isabella Chadwick
Summer Hampton
Evelyn Couper
Isabella Patterson
Amelie Dewan
Peyton Taylor
Merrilees Belcher
Isabelle Blake
Ella Crosby
Rohan Gillott
Joshua Yeomans
Emily Dickinson
Brooke Newbrook
Sophie Stenton
Grace Rowntree
Lilly Woollett
Amara Richards
Angus Blackburn
Nathan Cutmore
Dylan Parr**



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Facebook

I am delighted that so many people have requested to join our new Facebook page. It's a fantastic tool for us to give you quick, up to date information. Please can I remind that you must complete all 3 questions for us to approve your request to comply with our security settings? If you have queries or experience problems signing up, please don't hesitate to contact our office staff who will be happy to help you.

Number Day

We all thoroughly enjoyed Number Day last Friday. Throughout the week there were many additional maths activities on offer and they all concluded on Friday with a quiz that proved very exciting! Well done to all our winners and those who took part. Many thanks also to everyone who donated their spare change which was placed outside in a map of Cyprus. It was great practice counting it all – we raised a huge €484.17 for the NSPCC. A brilliant effort.

Local School Links

This week our Year 5 pupils spent a fantastic day at Erimi School. Lots of joint planning took place to ensure that the day was a success. We were made to feel very welcome and the teachers had planned some excellent art activities. We are looking forward to welcoming them to Akrotiri later this month and returning their hospitality, in addition to providing the children with further opportunities to make new friends.

Access to school

I have a request from our fabulous Year 1 team who would like your help with supporting them and the children in their morning routines. I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and support in this matter:

'We kindly ask that all children go straight to the playground to be dropped off before school where they will be collected by their class teacher and brought to the classroom, keeping the quad outside KS1 clear. This will help to improve our morning routines by developing independence in the children as well as improving safeguarding in the school. If your child arrives after the class have been collected, please can the children go to the office so that they can be signed in and brought to class?'

Thank you for your co-operation,
The Y1 Team

Head Teacher Update

FS Building Works

I am delighted to report that the work in FS is almost complete. When the children return from the half term break on the 19th February, the toilets, flooring and shading will be complete. The shading is temporary as the new shades have been delayed as they are coming from abroad so until they arrive next month, we will have temporary shading in place.

48 hour Sickness Rule

I would like to remind all parents and carers that we have a 48 hour rule for sickness and diarrhoea. This is to contain any potential spread throughout school and to protect our pupils with reduced immune systems. Children should not return to school for 48 hours after their last bout of either sickness or diarrhoea.

School Uniform

At Akrotiri School we pride ourselves on our reputation both in school and in the wider community. Our pupils are very good at wearing their school uniform, however I would like to remind all parents about our uniform policy regarding shoes. All school footwear should be plain black or white— this can either be leather shoes or trainers. We currently have several pupils not adhering to policy with their footwear. Please can you all support our school by adhering to policy?

Sporting Success

A huge well done to our new school netball teams who took first and second place in the cross-island competition yesterday. Final placing for our team in second place came down to goal difference, missing out on first place by just one goal! Well done to the whole team.

Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Monday 5th March.

The children are invited to come to school dressed up as one of their favourite book characters and if possible bring the book to share in class too.

On World Book Day, Children's Books Cyprus Company will be giving each child a book.

Children's Books Cyprus will also be available in the school hall after school if you would like to come and look at their new stock.

Please come and support them, they have a wide range of books for all ages and abilities.

Key Stage 2 children who are not usually collected from school can bring some money (up to €10 is suggested) in a sealed, named envelope and will be given the opportunity to purchase a book when their class are collecting their book. We are also holding our 'Extreme' Reading Competition again. The competition is to think of the most unusual place to read a book, then bring the photo to their class teacher. Please can all entries be sent in to school by Monday 26th February? The winners will be chosen by staff with a prize for FS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The winners will be announced in the school assemblies on Monday 5th March with each winner receiving a £5 Amazon voucher.

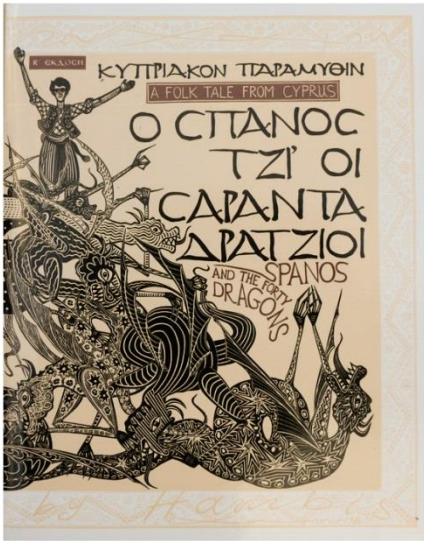
On Monday 5th March we would like to invite parents to come and read to their child's class or to a group of children. If you would like to join us, please can you let class teachers know a convenient time for you to come and read? It can be a book from home, one from the classroom or even one about your job.

Thank you for your support, Lindsay Winslade (Reading Leader)



Y5 visit Erimi School

On Wednesday 7th February Year 5 were very excited. They went to visit Year 5 at Erimi Village school to work on a joint Art day. The children were greeted by Erimi School singing to us in English before both schools acted out a local legend 'Spanos and the 40 dragons'. Ice breaker games soon led to the children talking to and playing with each other. After a break the children were split into teams and their first task was to complete a printing of a dragon from the story before making a mask. All of the children represented Akrotiri School in a way that made Mrs Roberts, Mrs Robinson and Miss Flynn feel so proud. We are hosting the children for a return visit and Year 5 are really looking forward to meeting up with their new friends.



It is wonderful seeing so many children joining in with Wake Up, Shake Up in the mornings. Research shows that bursts of activity increase brain function, so please encourage your children to join in...07:45 hrs every morning.

It has been wonderful to see parents joining in too...I wonder which year group will have the most parents joining in!

WAKE UP
SHAKE UP

Coming up event

The school will be celebrating the RAF 100 with some STEM Days (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) for children across the school, w/b 26th March and have invited different sections across the station to help us with our learning.

We would love to share this with you.

More details to follow!

Mother's Day Gift Stall

Buy Mum a present for only €2.50!

PTA are holding a Mother's Day Gift Sale on:

Tuesday 6th March

from 0830 to 1230 hrs –

FS1 & FS2 in the Old Library Room

Wednesday, 7th March

from 0830 to 1230 hrs –

Y1-Y6 in the Old Library Room

Your child can buy a present for Mum for €2.50 during the school day.

Please send the money in with your child on the day.

Unfortunately 'no money = no gift'

Thank you for your support,
PTA ('Akrotiri School Parent Teacher Association')



FS1 have had a very exciting week! As part of our topic, 'Why Can't I have Chocolate for Breakfast?' we have been walking to Lady L's Cafe to order our own healthy breakfasts.

We have spotted lots of interesting things on our walks and have learnt how to cross roads safely. We have all been very confident in ordering our own food at the café and have even had to pay all by ourselves!





FS2 loved celebrating Number Day and raising money for charity. The children had the opportunity to work alongside FS1 to explore a range of maths activities. We all had a great time and enjoyed showing off our mathematical skills.



**London's burning,
London's burning.
Fetch the engines,
fetch the engines.
Fire Fire, Fire Fire!**

During the last two weeks Y1 have transported ourselves back in time to Sunday, 2nd September 1666 and have been learning about the historical events, places and people from the time of the Great Fire of London.

We have been writing a diary entry, like Samuel Pepys, discussing the senses and emotions we may have encountered whilst living in London during this tragic event.

In preparation for our year group trip to the Fire Section after half term, we have built our own Tudor houses ready to use for when we emulate this enormous historical fire (under close supervision).



Year 2 have loved learning about castles in different ways recently; we have found out about the features of castles and why they are important, designing our own coat of arms including choosing appropriate symbols, investigating flowering plants, beans and cress and trying to grow our own beanstalk to the castle in the clouds, designing and making our own fortress, persuading customers to visit Cyprus Land and also realising that Jack was the baddie in 'Jack and the Beanstalk', so we re-wrote the story to show this.

We cannot wait to share our stories with the children in FS2!
Wowzers!

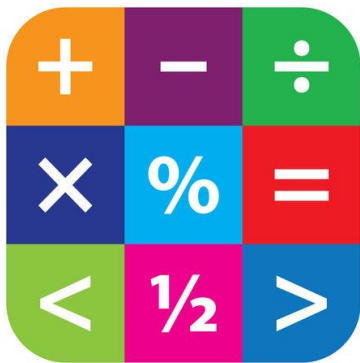




Year 3 pupils have been busy during maths week on a wide range of activities - from money to measures and from tessellations to trails.

We have calculated totals and differences, worked out costs and change solving problems along the way on our own, with a partner and as part of small groups.

We have enjoyed it!





Year 4 had a great week of maths activities. We solved real life problems, completed a maths trail and even created our own tessellation art work!

In Topic we have been continuing on our 'Road Trip through the USA', learning lots about physical features such as the Grand Canyon and the Rocky Mountains as we go.

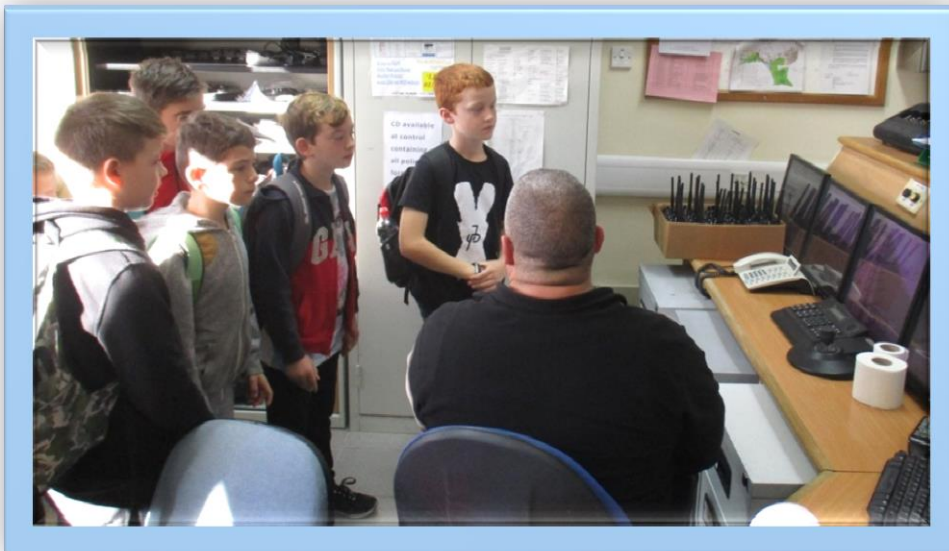
We have also been learning about the lives of the Iroquois Indians and have written our own Native American Indian myths as well as creating dreamcatchers.





Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip last week to the SBA Police station. We had the chance to explore the police station including the cells; look at the surveillance equipment and riot gear and even see the drug dogs at work.

We also had a DARE lesson at the SBA station and look forward to sharing our learning with you on Friday 2nd March at 1pm.



Year 6 have been demonstrating some super skills in P.E.!

They have had great fun making 'partner balances' with each other in their gymnastics lessons. They explored different ways of counter-balancing in pairs and made various shapes with their partners.

The work involved using strength and balance as well as having to place their complete trust in each other.

Their challenge now is to combine the different elements of gymnastics – balancing, rolling, turning – into partner sequences.



SPRING TERM 2018

Half Term	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 29 th March

SUMMER TERM 2018

Staff Training Day	Monday 16 th April
First Day for Children	Tuesday 17 th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 7 th May
Half Term	Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 24 th July

Children's Story Telling

For Saint Valentines

... & Colouring Fun at the Akrotiri Library

14th February



1000 - 1100 Hours

Come & Join in the fun!

For more information, call Ext. 6162