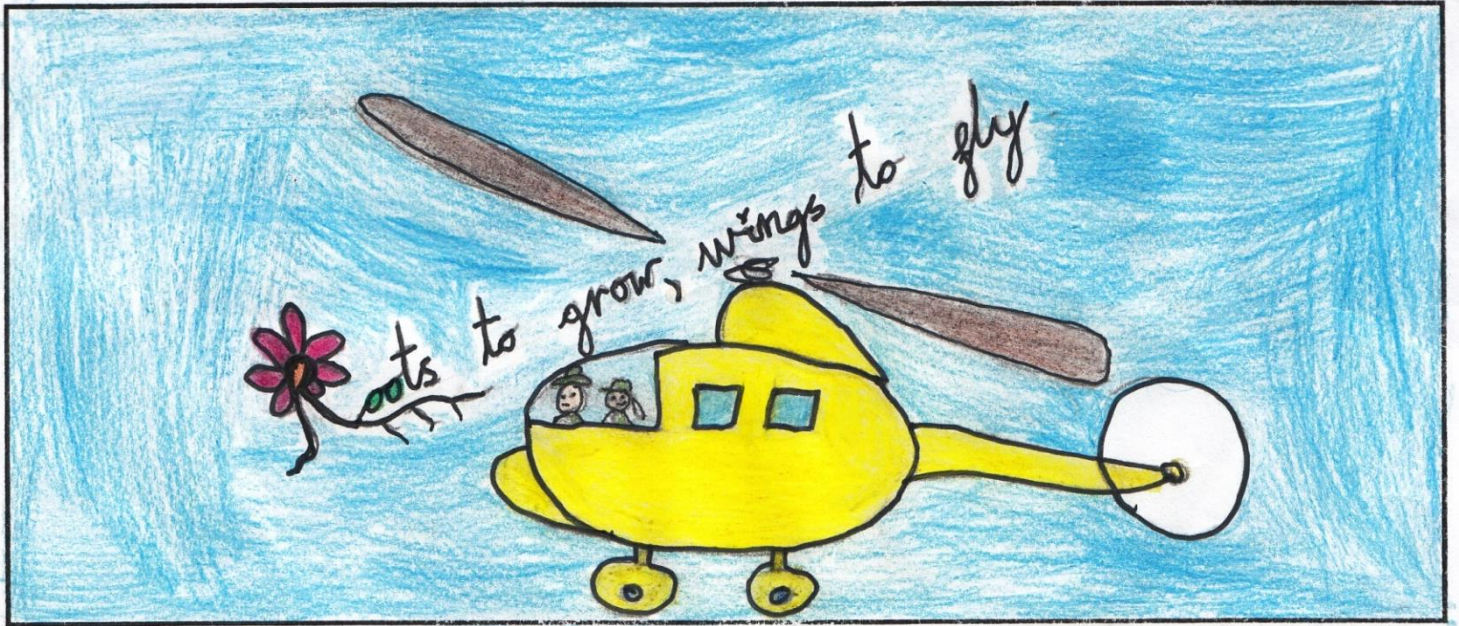


Akrotiri School Newsletter

Friday 16th March 2018



Stars and Golden Mentions

**Jake Williams
Noah George
Oliver Smith
Theo Grundy
Cooper Conley
Chandler Archer
Siena Wray
Mollie Hopwood
Conor Chambers
Sunnie Bowman**

**Jessica Dixon
Taylor Allen
James Sprawson
Heidi Johnson
Isaac Taylor
Charlie Wallace
Charlie Scott
Victoria Sansom
Baylee Shiels
Aaron Barrie**



Stars and Golden Mentions of the week ending 9th March 2018



Thomas Bowles
Freya Raikes
Imogen Crabtree
William Houseago
Erin Chambers
Charlie Reant
Ollie Tomlin
Jorja-Bella Furness
Aaliyah Bowe
Summer Clough
Eliza Ware
Faelan Kemble
Connagh Beddow
Zack Henry
Tristan McIlmoyle
Freya Wills
Georgie Branton
Finlay Stevens
Aurora Deeves
Charlotte Cleary



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Pinestick

We were thrilled to learn last week that the proposed plans for a new outdoor classroom and some decking outside the KS1 building had been approved, and that Pinestick were able to build both projects. Both projects then took off at amazing speed and as you will all see, both are nearly finished in less than two weeks! The team have worked extremely hard and we cannot thank them enough. They have worked several 15 hour days during their time here and they have been very professional and supportive. The whole project is a fantastic example of joint working on the station. The project was supported and proposed by DIO and the Station Commander, the station have provided lots of the wood, the PTA have paid for the concrete and school have paid for the remaining wood and sundry nails, nuts and bolts! The station are also donating several trees that will be planted in the surrounding area.

When the classroom is completed, we plan to ask the children to design a garden with some art work to represent our tri service station and turn the whole area into a wonderful learning environment. I shall look forward to sharing future developments with you and watching the progress as it all unfolds. A huge thank you to all involved in making this happen and for providing a lasting legacy for Akrotiri School.

School Fundraiser

As you will all know, we are very good at raising money for charity at Akrotiri School. Just this year we have raised a massive £2000 for NSPCC and CIN. We are always very grateful for parental support and the enthusiasm of our children at all our fundraisers. We now need to hold a fundraiser to increase our School Fund. We use this to fund trips, projects and resources that we are unable to purchase through our school budget. All children in school benefit from our School Fund from FS1 to Year 6. We have recently spent some of our school budget to fund some of the necessary materials for our brilliant new outdoor classroom and decking. In order to raise some money, we are planning to have a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd March and in return, we will ask all pupils to donate an Easter themed gift or chocolate. We will then make up some hampers for prizes in an Easter raffle that we will hold in the last week of term. We would really appreciate your support with both donating and then purchasing the tickets! Tickets will cost €1 for a strip of 5. They will go on sale from next week in case you wish to buy some in advance, and during the last week of term. Please contact the school offices for either donations, queries or tickets.

International Women's Day

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Air Commodore Polly Perkins to school last Thursday to help us celebrate International Women's Day. She delivered an inspiring assembly to our pupils in Years 1-6 and then she joined us in the cinema where the children displayed their skills as they shared information about the inspirational women in their lives. It ranged from a rap about mums, to awards to famous women in history including Amelia Earhart and Emmeline Pankhurst.

Head Teacher Update (continued)

Chinook

What an exciting day many of us had yesterday. We felt very privileged to watch some parachutists descend from a Hercules and then land on the pitch in front of us. They were then closely followed by a Chinook, which proved to be very exciting for the children. The Chinook team were fantastic as they spoke to us about their kits and the team needed to support their flights. The children then had a look inside and strapped themselves in! What a treat – many thanks to the team for providing us with such a wonderful opportunity.

RAF 100

As many of you are aware, we have recently held a colouring competition to find some children to paint the model planes that have been created by the station workshops. The winning designs were chosen by a panel of judges, including Wing Commander Critchley and Sgt Mark Porter from the workshops. Congratulations to:

Ayden Butler Y1G

Max Baker Y1B

Llewellyn Simpson Y2F

Naila Amoa-Sakyi Y3KEO

Millie Bowles Y4K

Cameron Brett Y4 McK

Liam Cadice Y4 McK

Layla McLean Y5R

Charlotte Cleary Y6COT

Lucy Tomlinson-Smale Y6COL

The winners are now busy working with the workshops to paint them so that we can work towards a grand opening in the last week of term. Watch this space and well done to all our winners.

Rebecca Robinson

Headteacher

Born in the UK?

Every term, we have to collect some data for the school Census, which is reported back to the UK. From April, we need to report where our pupils were born. Whilst our admission process will collect this information in future, we also need to know where our current children were born.

It will be easier for us to collect the reverse information i.e. if your child was not born in the UK, please e mail Gill before 29th March and confirm their birthplace.

Gill's e mail address is: gill.earley@modschools.org

PTA Mother's Day Gift Sale

A lot of thought went into choosing gifts for Mums. All the pupils enjoyed the experience of paying, choosing and then writing their tags. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day. The PTA made €267.24 which will go towards buying some more Leavers Bears.



It's been a very fruity week in **F1** so far! We have been busily making healthy fruit pattern kebabs and then dipping them in chocolate for a treat. As we've threaded, we've had some great conversations about the fruit that we like and dislike. We've also been wearing blindfolds and tasting fruit to see if we can describe the taste and texture. It got very messy as we tried out our 'Moon Squirters' (cherry tomatoes!) to see what would fly out of them if we squeezed them. Evie is convinced that the seeds will grow into an enormous castle. We will let you know if they do!



On Friday 9th March **FS2** invited the children's mums to come in to school for a Mother's Day surprise. The children had the opportunity to pamper their mum with a 'manicure' and hair station.

The mums enjoyed watching their special video message and the relaxing massage. We hope you enjoyed your Mother's day presents too.



Mother's Day



Year 1 had a truly amazing trip to the Fire Section last Friday. The children found out so much, were very engaged and represented the school well. We saw how the narrow streets of London caused the fire to spread quickly when we set fire to 'old London' and 'new London' and compared how they quickly burned. We could see how fighting fires had changed since the days of leather buckets and wooden carts when we looked at the fire engines and the equipment used by the fire fighters.

We even got to try on their uniforms! Thank you so much to the Fire Section for having us and showing us around their fire engines and letting us try on their gear! What a great day!



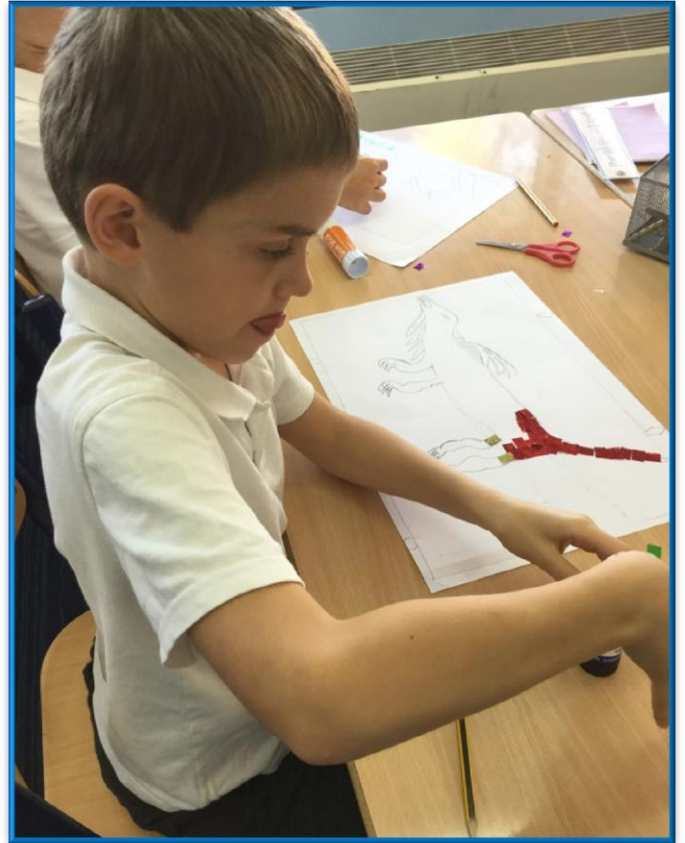
Year 2

For International Women's Day, Year 2 learnt about all the inspirational charity work that Ariana Grande has done throughout her life.

As part of this, Claire 'Zumba Fitness' Freeman came into school and taught us a Zumba dance to one of Ariana Grande's songs. It was great fun and we performed it on the stage at the cinema!



In art **Y3** have been inspired by Roman art from Pompeii. We developed our 3D skills by creating sculptures from Mod Roc. We created our own Pompeii body casts. We have also investigated Roman mosaics and have just started making our own mosaic pictures. It is going to take us a long time, but we can't wait to see the finished results.



What a busy time **Year 4** has had! We have learned all about the parts of the digestive system; where they are and what they do... we even made poo!

We were all excited to dress up as our favourite book characters and get a free book.

We worked really hard and practiced our "Mum rap" which was performed at the cinema to great applause and in the playground for our parents. An amazing performance from everyone involved - Well done.

As it was Mother's day we also made beautiful cards to show our mums how much we appreciate them.



On Friday 2nd March all children in **Year 5** attended their D.A.R.E Graduation ceremony as a way of celebrating their successful completion of the D.A.R.E programme.

For the previous 11 weeks Year 5 had worked with a representative from the SBA Police to learn a range of skills to help prepare them for potentially difficult situations they may face as they get older. The children presented the skills they had learnt in a range of different ways. We were treated to role plays which explained the dangers of smoking and bullying, a detailed D.A.R.E. report and informative key facts which provided good advice about a range of potentially dangerous substances. The graduation ceremony finished with a fantastic performance of the D.A.R.E. song.



Y6 had a fun evening last Thursday at our Evacuees Party. Thank you to parents for supporting the event and helping the children to come dressed for the occasion. The children took part in dancing, games and a sing-song. Throughout the school day, children were involved in peeling potatoes and making jam tarts for the bangers and mash, jam tarts and custard dessert that we enjoyed.

We would like to thank Mrs Hinds, a School Governor, for leading the dancing. Thanks also to members of staff who supported the event, particularly in the kitchen, Mrs Cain, Mrs Ball, Miss Coates and Mrs Robinson.





On Friday 9th March, 30 boys from Years 3 to 6 took part in an Inter-School Football tournament at Happy Valley. Despite not coming away with any silverware, all four of our teams played with excellent determination, with a sporting attitude and good teamwork. The football at times was excellent and all four teams improved as the tournament progressed. Well done to all of the boys who took part, all of whom were good ambassadors for the school.



Sport Relief

Next Wednesday (21st March), we will be supporting the Station's Sport Relief effort by holding a 'Wear Something Sporty' day. Parents are invited to send in a donation for Sport Relief – any money we raise will be added to the overall fund raised by the Station.

Each year group will also have a 'Do Something Sporty' activity during the day. Class teachers will let you know – via Class Dojo – if your child needs to bring in separate P.E. kit or just wear the clothes they are wearing for the day.

School Dates

SPRING TERM 2018

Last Day of Term	Thursday 29th March School finishes at 1200 hrs.
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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

FOOTBALL CAMP

EASTER 2018

BFC YOUTH SERVICE
supported by Cessac

FOR AGES 8-18

**BFC YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICE AKROTIRI,
IS HOSTING WOLVES COMMUNITY COACHES
AS PART OF OUR 'HEALTHY LIFESTYLES'
PROJECT**

**THE FOOTBALL CAMP WILL BE HELD ON THE AKROTIRI
FOOTBALL PITCHES AND IS AIMED AT ALL BFC ENTITLED
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8-18YRS.**

**THERE ARE LIMITED PLACES WHICH WILL BE
ALLOCATED ON A FIRST SERVED BASIS. THE WEEK WILL
CULMINATE IN A TOURNAMENT AT AKROTIRI STATION
ON FRIDAY.**

COST: €40 PER PARTICIPANT FOR THE WEEK.

TIMES: Mon 09-13 April 10:00 TO 14:00

**EQUIPMENT: FOOTBALL BOOTS AND KIT, SUNCREAM &
SUN HATS, LIGHT WATERPROOF, DRINKS AND SNACKS.**

**FOOD: A 'HEALTHY LIFESTYLE' LUNCH WILL BE
PROVIDED MON TO THU, WITH AN ADDITIONAL TREAT
ON FRI!**

**TRANSPORT WILL BE ARRANGED FROM AY NIK,
DHEKELIA AND EPISKOPI. PASSES WILL BE REQUIRED TO
ACCESS AKROTIRI CAMP.**

**The closing
date is
23rd March.
Bookings
cannot be taken
after this date.**

*For more
information
contact:*

*Akrotiri Youth
Centre
Dee Makin
Mob: 99235794*

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Open to Everyone

Family Easter egg hunt & family penalty shoot-out challenge!!

Are you up for the challenge? Can you beat the Wolves coaches to win the challenge cup? Or take part in an Easter egg hunt.

THURSDAY 12TH April
12.00-14.00pm
ON AKROTIRI FOOTBALL PITCHES

Come along and bring a picnic to enjoy with your friends and family

Donations gratefully received for the Youth and community service projects, please donate to the Aki Underground buckets.



SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL



**A 5 day drama workshop for young people,
with a performance based on 'School of
Rock' as the finale!**

**Monday 2nd – Friday 5th April 2018 at
Episkopi Youth Centre**

Daily: 1000-1500 hrs

For ages 8-18 year olds

Cost €25

An opportunity for children and young people to attend a project run by a professional drama organisation, brought out from the UK, to work with the BFC Community. The closing date for applications is 16th March 2018, however places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For more information contact:

Akrotiri Youth Centre

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RAF AKROTIRI STATION FUN DAY
SATURDAY 28th APRIL 2018

- **PARACHUTE DISPLAY**
 - **84 SQN DISPLAY**
 - **CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT**
 - **STALLS**
 - **FOOD & DRINK STANDS**
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- **MILITARY WORKING DOGS DISPLAY**
 - **LIVE MUSIC**
 - **AND MORE TO COME**

