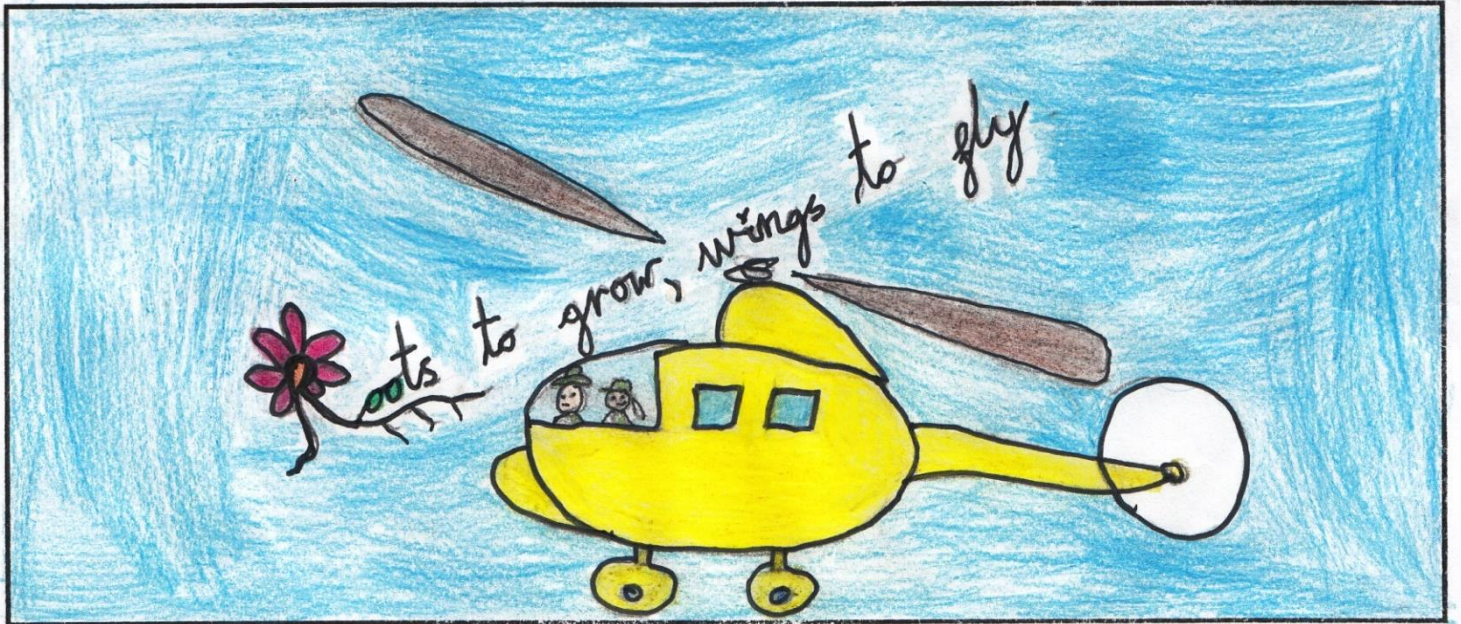


Akrotiri School Newsletter

Thursday 29th March 2018



Half Term Heroes

Oliver Gibson
Eva Lynch
Kenna McIlmoyle
Ava Gutteridge
Amelie Dewan
George Bull
Merrilees Belcher
Zak Vincent
Hannah Todd
Chloe Edwards
Freya Conway-Wallace



Lola Ballard
Gabriella McAulay
Kristian Paxford
Caedan Parr
Emma Beare
Amara Richards
Kyra Leirer
Briannah Butler
Dylan Parr

CONGRATULATIONS

Stars and Golden Mentions of the week ending 23rd March 2018

**Aggie Evans
Dipsan Sen
Jake Sowerby-Drinkald
Penny Price
Madi Chandler
Ruby Glenister-Hobbs
Sofia Pritchard
Mollie Spoors
Summer Henry
Autumn Deeves
Jude Harrison
Troy Verbout
Noah Jarvis
Charlie Geter
Amelia Vincent
Kai Donald
Alisha Dunsire
Emily Hillbeck
Abbie Heaton**



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Term

I can't believe that we have completed another term. It has been a very busy term and we have had lots to celebrate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and the wider community for the support they show to us. I hope that everyone has a wonderful Easter and an enjoyable break. The first day back to school for pupils is Tuesday 17th April.

School Fundraiser

I was absolutely bowled over with the fabulous response by you all for our school fundraiser. Thank you all for being so generous with your Easter donations. We have an amazing 25 hampers and bags full of goodies that will be drawn following our final push on ticket sales this morning. We will make sure that all winners know before the end of the day. For those of you who are away, we will keep them safe in school until the new term.

RAF 100

I hope that you all get the opportunity to come into our main school entrance soon to have a look at the finished planes for RAF 100. They are simply amazing. They are the result of 6 months of hard work and collaboration by the workshops and our children. We had a well attended opening ceremony yesterday, which was attended by the Station Commander. It was wonderful to welcome in so many representatives from different sections on station to help the children to unveil the planes. They will serve a lasting reminder of our support to RAF Akrotiri.

Pinestick

As you will all see, we now have our fantastic outdoor classroom and KS1 decking complete. The Station Commander officially opened them both last week. I would like to say a huge thank you once again to all those who made it possible. We now have some external works to complete including lining the concrete floor and constructing some external fencing. We will then be looking forward to planting some trees and involving the children in some garden design.

Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher



CYCLE HELMET DESIGN COMPETITION

Y1 to Y6

As part of our ongoing commitment to raising the awareness of children's Road Safety across camp, we are running a competition for children in Y1 to Y6 to create an eye-catching, colourful design for a cycle helmet, with a slogan to remind people of bike safety. All children will bring home a Helmet outline sheet that they can draw their design onto, with the slogan written above it.

Please ensure that all designs have the child's name and address on the reverse of the sheet.

All designs will be judged by some members of the RAF Akrotiri Road Safety Committee.

There will be a **winner** from **each class** who will have the opportunity to transfer their design onto wooden helmet shapes, with the help of colleagues from A&G workshops. These colourful helmets will then be varnished and displayed around camp.

Runners up will have their designs laminated and put up around the school fence.

**Entries must be handed into the office by Friday
20th April.**



GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH

I have had a fantastic time being the Governor of the month for March. I have been to several Golden Mention Assemblies and discovered that not only is there a fantastic commitment to school work from both the students and the staff, but that the 'big bear' is the most prized accolade by every class. Even I wanted to win him for the week!

I have also had the pleasure of seeing the outdoor playground being completed with the help of those on Exercise Pinestick. I even went back to school myself and spent time in a computing class with Year 5 and Mr McCool. I learnt a lot about flowcharts and was very impressed with the interaction and fun that the students had whilst engaged in their learning.

All in all, a busy month but a lot of fun and a reminder of what a unique and great place Akrotiri School is.

Anthony Ballard

'NO HAT - NO PLAY'

Please could I remind you that **'No Hat-No Play'** will be fully in place **as from Tuesday 17th April.**

Children with no hat at playtimes will be required to stay in shaded areas which will restrict their activities considerably.

We do sell hats from the School Office for €4.30.



SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children can now wear their summer uniform in school. It is really important that pupils wear the correct uniform. It generates pride, commitment and a high standard. Please support us in raising standards by ensuring your child is dressed in the correct uniform. Thank you. As a reminder, summer uniform is as below:

Girls in summer

Gingham checked dresses in blue in a sensible style, white socks, or white polo shirt & beige/stone shorts. Sensible footwear, such as shoes or proper sandals. (Not flip-flops or backless sandals or trainers).

Boys in summer

Beige/stone shorts, white short-sleeve shirts, or white polo shirt, white socks and sensible footwear such as shoes or proper sandals (Not flip flops or backless sandals or trainers).

SUN-CREAM

Please apply sun-cream, with a high factor, before you bring your children to school in the morning. Sun-cream lotions are not allowed to be brought into school.



LEAVING AKROTIRI SCHOOL

It would be really helpful if you could let us know if you are likely to be posted before September 2018.

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.



WATER BOTTLES

May we remind all parents and carers that all children should bring a water bottle into school every day.

We have chilled water available at various locations and we encourage children to fill bottles and drink from these whilst at play. In addition water bottles are permitted in the classroom in order that children have access during lessons.

Please label all bottles as many of them are left around the school and they end in our ‘Lost Property’ corner.

Thank you.



Sport Relief

A big thank you for supporting Sport Relief last week. The generous donations we received were passed on to the organisers of the Station's Sport Relief fundraising team.

Sports Days

Sports Days are taking place in April on the playing fields opposite the school:

Monday 23rd April – FS2, starting at 08:30

Tuesday 24th April – KS1, starting at 08:15

Thursday 26th April – KS2, starting at 08:15

Further details will follow after the Easter break.

This week the FS1 children enjoyed lots of Easter craft activities from Easter bonnets to chocolate nests! We will finish the Spring Term with a class Easter egg hunt.



This week the children in FS2 have enjoyed learning about the Christian Easter Story. They have been busy with Easter crafts, making cards and yummy Easter baking. We hope you all have a fun filled holiday and are ready for lots of new learning in the Summer Term.

Just a reminder that Fox and Mouse classes will visit Limassol Zoo on Wednesday 18th April and Bat and Owl classes on Thursday 19th April. Please remember to hand the permission slip to your child's class teacher so we know who can attend.

Thanks FS2 Team





This week **Y1** have been prepping for a carnival to show off our learning on Brazil. We made costumes, instruments and floats. We then used our instruments to practice playing and dancing to Samba music. We were now ready for our carnival. Parents, teachers and friends came to watch. We then paraded round the playground dancing and making music. It was so much fun!

Year 2 have loved learning about castles this half term, finding out about who lived in them, why they were built where they were, the different types, learning to sew like the Bayeux Tapestry and even why they were so important in 1066.

All of our learning culminated with a superb trip to Kolossi Castle, where we read our knight stories and discussed our castle learning.

To top it off, we had an amazing day inviting in the demolition team who provided a wonderful morning of interactive activities, from using pulleys to lift heavy objects, to driving robots that played football and from learning about bomb suits to watching robots complete the coke and Mentos experiment! We then spent the day designing, planning and building our own robot to do the coke and Mentos experiment...we had to use teamwork to move the mint though! What a wonderful day...thank you to the demolition team!





As part of our topic 'Tremors,' Year 3 pupils have been to Curium to learn more about Roman life and to see the devastating effects of earthquakes. We had a fantastic day, exploring the Roman remains including a house destroyed by an earthquake. We also performed parts of our Pompeii stories on the Roman amphitheatre.

This was great fun, because we had to stand on the echo stone, so our voices could be heard all over the theatre. We must have been good, because even the tourists clapped!



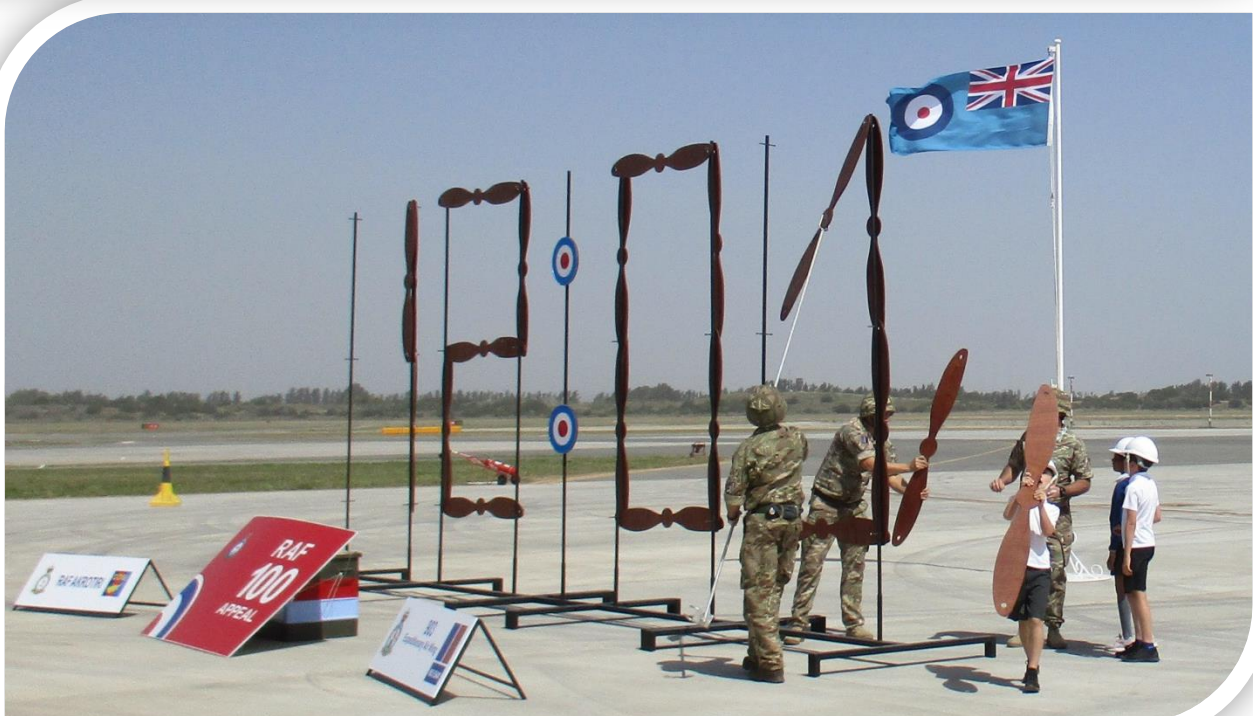


Year 4 have had an exciting time recently. We have found out all about healthy eating.

We performed in assembly for the rest of Key stage 2. We sang a song and explained all about teeth and digestion. We all played our ukuleles for the parents and we were amazing. What a lot we have learned this term.

The STEM day involved creating working circuits to light bulbs and make motors spin. Thanks to Gareth and Sam from GEF for all their input.

On Monday 26th March, the children from Y5 took part in a very exciting project, the RAF100 Clock, which is just one of the ways that the RAF are marking their 100th anniversary. The project involved changing the digits on a digital clock, which had been made from wooden propellers, every minute for a whole 24 hours. The children were responsible for changing the time on the clock every minute for one hour, from 1200 until 1300. They had to plan ahead to ensure they knew how many new propellers needed to be added and how many needed to be removed from the frame to make each new digit. There was also the extra challenge of monitoring the time very closely using a stopwatch to ensure that the time was changed accurately at minute intervals throughout the hour. The children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and were very proud to have participated in this prestigious event.

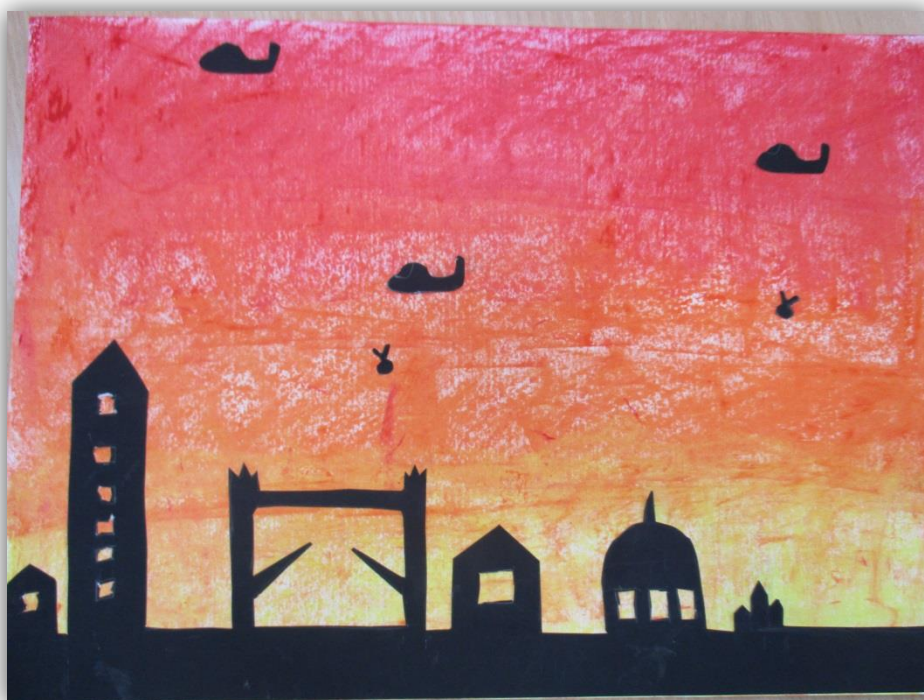




Year 6 have been producing some art work based upon their WW2 topic.



Children created some sunset silhouette pictures of London during The Blitz. They really enjoyed this activity and have produced some fabulous art.



Thank you for all your
support this term.
Have a lovely Easter.



School Dates

SUMMER TERM 2018

Staff Training Day	Monday 16th April (School closed)
First Day for Children	Tuesday 17th April (School opens)
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