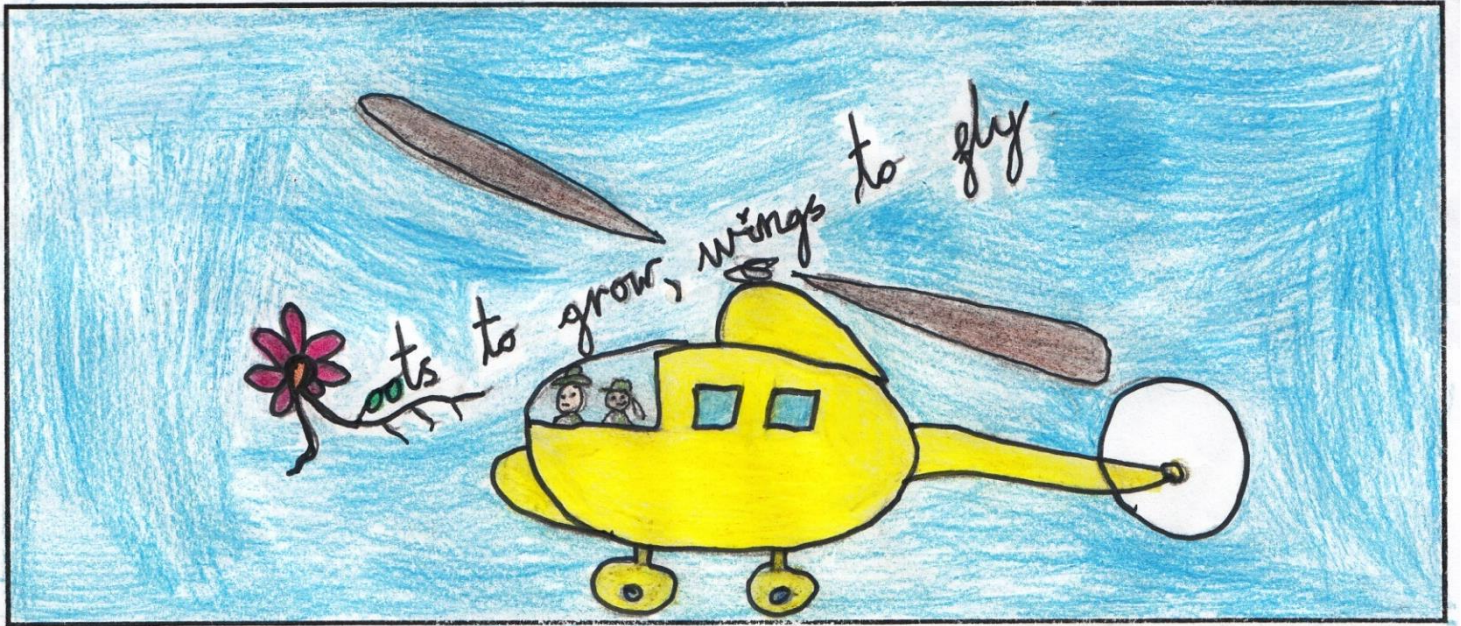


Akrotiri School Newsletter

Friday 4th May 2018



Stars and Golden Mentions

**Sam Dixon
John Ness
Ieuan Dainty
Ethan Witham
Austin Watkins
Esmail Donald
Ethan Buckley
Isabella Lancaster
Elliott Knowles
James Critchley**

**Thomas O'Connor
Amara Boothby
Toby Stevens
Benjamin Rowe
Caedan Parr
Chloe Moore
Georgie Branton
Sebastian Rowe
Ellie Cain
Erika Verbout**

CONGRATULATIONS

**Stars and
Golden Mentions of the week
ending 27th April 2018**

**Stars and
Golden Mentions of the week
ending 20th April 2018**

**Starla Cox
James Ross
Jacob Kuruyamo
Libby Cook
George Pryor Kingshott
Charlie Reant
Olivia Shiels
Lauren Muir
Archie Moore
Dylan MacPhee
Hope Davies
Harrison Brown
Jenson Pilgrim
Katie Cook
Isaac Gibson
Grace Kenrick-Wilks
Jackamo Ballard
Sean McGann
Emily Lill
Charlie Abbott**

**Finlay Taylor
Riley Heaton
Lola Daniel
Jacob McManus
Jac Owen
Calvin Lovence
Jackson Kenrick-Wilks
Isabel Daniel
Campbell Scott
Erin Reeves
Erika Myatt
Joshua Martin
Heidi Johnson
Caleb Owens
Cerys Holley
Summer Lloyd
Maisie Conway-Wallace
Alisha Dunsire**



Deputy Head Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

This is a busy time of year and we are looking forward to sharing our learning and special events with you, as the term unfolds.

Sports Days

The children had a great time taking part in sports days last week. FS2, KS1 and KS2 children showed us their fantastic sporting and team working skills. The children took part in some very imaginative races and activities and really enjoyed themselves. Planning and delivering such events takes time and effort. I would like to thank all staff for their support and hard work, especially Mr Collins, our Healthy Schools /PE Leader.

RAF 100 Celebrations

It was lovely to take part in the Station's RAF100 celebrations last week. On Wednesday 25th, 84 Squadron handed the RAF100 Baton over to the school. All children and staff from FS2 to Y6 took part in an aerial photograph to create the number '100', with the baton taking pride of place. We look forward to sharing the photograph with you in our next newsletter. On Friday 27th, the RAF100 Baton returned to school for our KS2 Assembly, after which it was taken to the Church Service on horseback!

School Trips

A number of year groups have already taken part in school trips, including visits by FS2 to Limassol Zoo, Y2 to Buttons Bay and Y4 to the Caledonia Falls. Furthermore, Y1 have welcomed an archaeologist and an author into school to work with them. These trips and events are all wonderful ways of engaging the children's learning and supporting the curriculum that we follow. Over the next few weeks Y3 will be visiting Paphos Zoo and both Y5 and Y6 will be undertaking residential trips.

*We hope that you have an enjoyable Bank
Holiday Weekend!*

Louise Henry
Deputy Headteacher

'NO HAT - NO PLAY'

Please could we remind you that **'No Hat-No Play'** is now in place.

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.



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.



Important Safety Notice – Car Park

To improve safety for pedestrians accessing school through the main gate, there have recently been changes made to the Shoppers' Car Park opposite Flamingo Walk and to the front of the Main School building.

A path has been created to run from the Pelican Crossing to the main school gate and, as a result the parking bays which were to the left of the car park have been removed; the lines erased and replaced by double yellow lines to prevent parking.

Please observe these new restrictions, as it is impossible to safely navigate the remainder of the car park when cars are parked illegally and this may result in injury to pedestrians or damage to other vehicles.

Nuts in School

Akrotiri School is a Nut Free School

This year we have several pupils with us, who have allergies to nuts and nut products, such as but not limited to; Peanuts (including and specifically Peanut Butter) and Nutella (or other brands of chocolate hazelnut spread).

Ingestion and contact with the products – even contact with someone who has consumed nuts could be enough to trigger anaphylactic shock – a life-threatening condition.

Please therefore avoid sending nuts in any form and nut products, where known, into school under any circumstances.



FS1

It has happened! The security cameras have at last captured pictures of the Akrotiri School dragon.

‘Fear not,’ he has written to us and has told us that he is a peace loving, vegetarian dragon who eats fruit, veg and occasionally custard!

He is a ‘Protecting Dragon’ and has chosen Akrotiri School as the place to make his nest. Hopefully, we will find that nest on our dragon spotting walks..... We will keep you posted!





As part of our new topic, **FS2** have all visited Limassol Zoo and had a hands on experience touching a snake. We were very brave and loved seeing so many different animals!

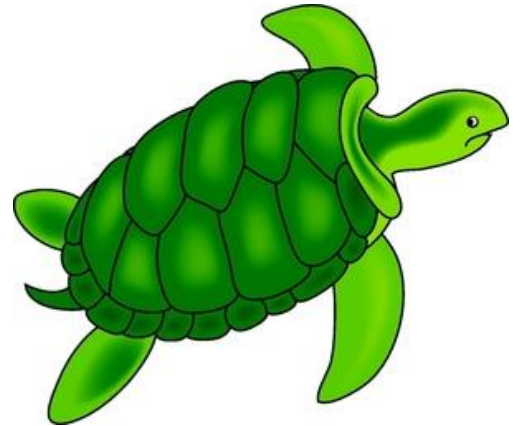
We have continued this learning in our classrooms by sharing the story 'Dear Zoo', writing our own versions, making animal enclosures and even looking after a terrapin and guinea pigs brought in by Austin in Bat class.



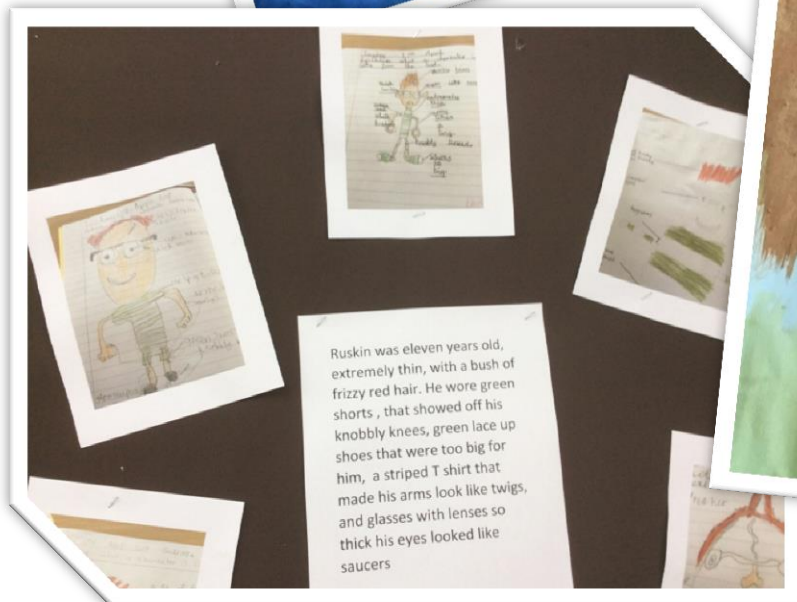


Year 1 kick started their dinosaur topic with a dinosaur dig! They became palaeontologists and uncovered different bones. After close inspection, we talked about which part of the dinosaur the bone might be from and why and even what the dinosaur's diet might be! We then looked at fossils and where they came from, before creating our own fossils. On Friday we had a visit from an archaeologist, who told us how she found out about the past. We had a look at her tools and had a go at using them.

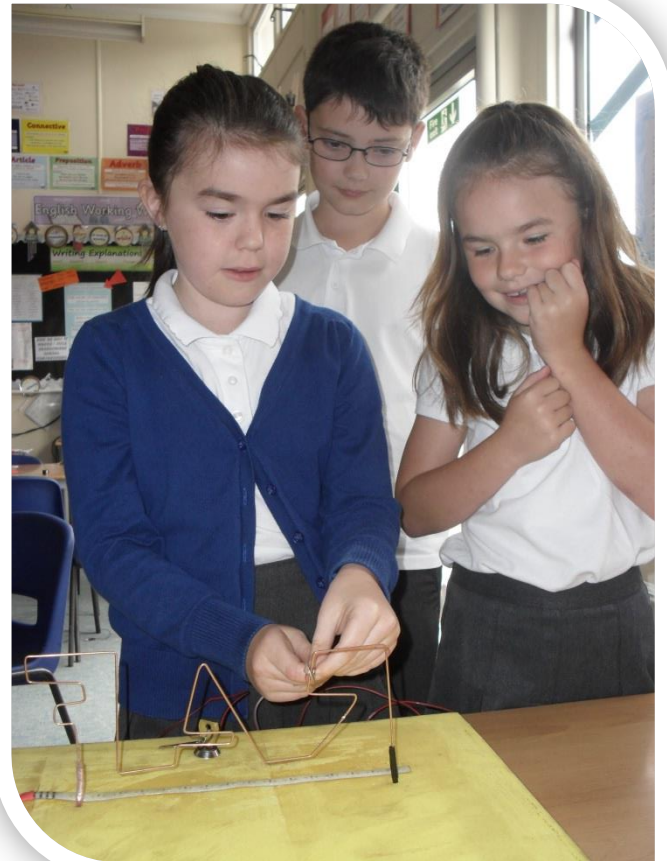
Mr Winslade from Turtle Watch came to school and taught **Year 2** about the different turtles in Cyprus, their life cycles and how we can help them survive. Then we went on a trip to the beach and Mr Winslade showed us what a turtle nest looks like! We also collected some beach treasures and made some art work with the things we found. We had lots of fun and it was a great way to launch our Beachcombers topic!



As part of our topic 'Predator,' **Year 3** pupils have started to read 'Krindlekrax' by Philip Ridley. We have met the main characters and are exploring what it means to be a hero. We have sketched the main character, Ruskin. No one thinks he looks like a hero, but he believes that he was born to be a hero. We launched our topic by exploring predators and food chains. In art we painted some amazing lions, we had to work hard to mix shades and tones. We think you will agree that our lions are very majestic.



Year 4 had a fully charged end of term when they were visited by RAF engineers as part of science week. The children built their own circuits and went on to attach lights and a motor to a model plane.



Year 5 really enjoyed our science week activities where we undertook a wide range of practical science investigations. Our favourite was making our own ice cream! We used ice, salt, cream, sugar, vanilla extract and plastic freezer bags. The salt lowered the temperature of the ice further which meant we were able to make ice cream without the use of a freezer or an ice cream maker! This was an irreversible change.



Year 6 are working very hard to prepare for the forthcoming SATs tests in May. It is a challenging time for the children, but the calmness, maturity and effort they have shown over the last couple of weeks has impressed us greatly.

The children did have a break from SATs and visited St. John's School where they took part in a Greek Easter Celebrations with children from Episkopi School and St. John's School. They all took part in a series of activities including Greek Dancing, egg painting and bashing, and tasting Easter foods.

School Dates

SUMMER TERM 2018

May Day Holiday	Monday 7th May (School closed)
Half Term	Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 24 th July

AFF offers confidential advice and support for RAF families stationed on Cyprus

As an RAF family, you may not normally consider the Army Families Federation (AFF) as your first port of call for information and advice. However, for those of you stationed on the island of Cyprus, the situation is slightly different.

What is AFF?

AFF is the independent voice of all Army families worldwide: Regular or Reserve, whether or not they have children, wherever and however they live.

As the RAF Families Federation does not have a Co-ordinator based in Cyprus, AFF has agreed that, where appropriate, they will help RAF families with any concerns or questions you may have.

Where can I find them?

Their WSBA Co-ordinator, Carolyn Aggar, covers both Akrotiri and Episkopi. She can be found in the HIVE at RAF Akrotiri on Monday mornings between 10am and midday, and also attends various briefings and forums, where she raises the concerns of RAF families and pushes for improvements to be made.

What can AFF help with?

There are several issues that can affect families assigned to Cyprus, regardless of which Service they work for.

Employment for family members is an issue that is consistently raised by both Army and RAF families across all British Forces Cyprus (BFC) bases.

Childcare is another topic that is often raised by both Army and RAF families. Childminders are few and far between in Cyprus, so whilst several of the BFC bases have incredible new early years facilities, a lot of families stationed there would like longer opening hours, enabling more spouses to access employment opportunities. As AFF's Co-ordinators work closely with the welfare teams, they are in a position to be able to voice your concerns and try to influence accordingly.

Other issues that AFF can help RAF families stationed in Cyprus with include housing, visa and citizenship questions and other enquiries from our Foreign & Commonwealth families, health and other additional needs.

All of the enquiries that AFF receives can be recorded anonymously. AFF collects information from its Co-ordinators across the globe, identifies key trends, investigates them further and then uses this evidence to lobby the chain of command or other relevant agencies. This often results in a change of policy helps to improve families' lives.

Get in touch

To get in touch with your local AFF Co-ordinator in Cyprus, contact:

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