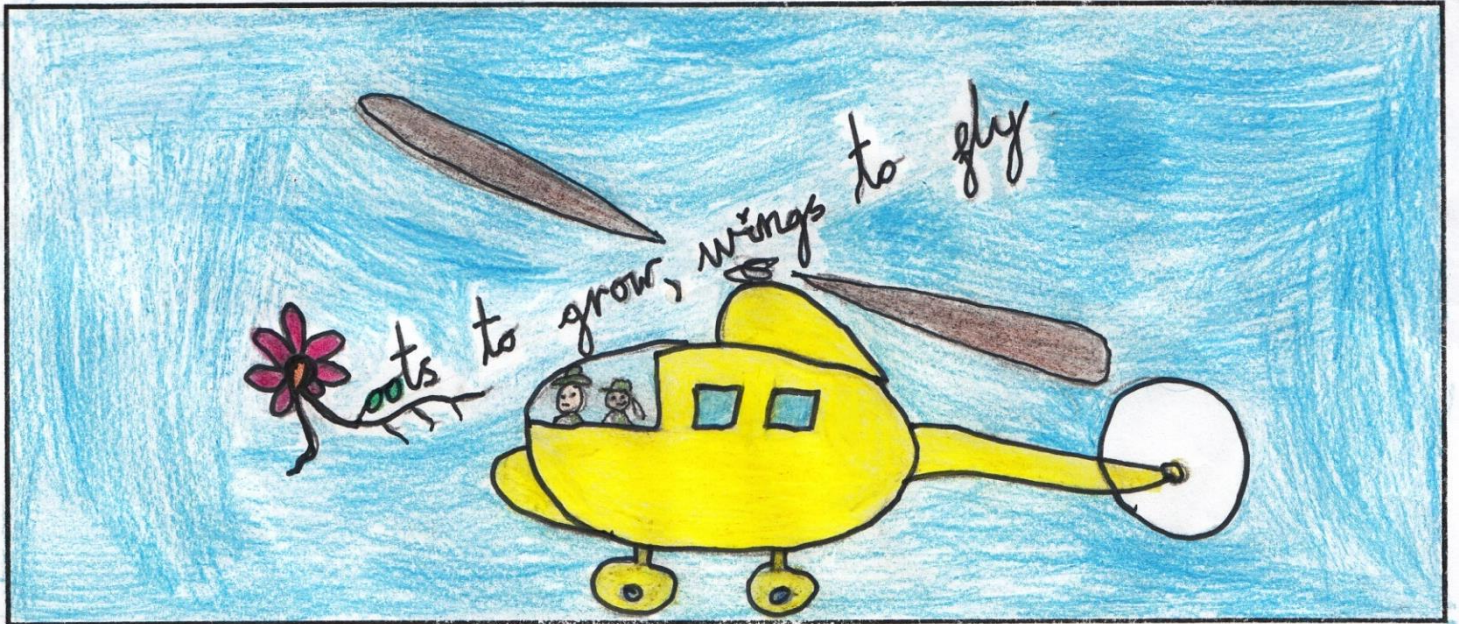


Akrotiri School Newsletter

Monday 23rd July 2018



Stars and Golden Mentions

Eleah
Noah
Alfie
Olivia
Amelie
Charlie
Fin
Isabel
Aaliyah
Henry

Eliza
Tyler
Harry
James
Amara
Zara
Deepshika
Maisie

CONGRATULATIONS

**Stars and
Golden Mentions of the
week ending 6th July
2018**

**Stars and
Golden Mentions of the
week ending 29th June
2018**

**Noah
Elouise
Quinn
Isla
Oliver
Miah
Finnley
Joshua
Rhys
Lily
Deena
Lawrence
Joshua
Daniel
Darcy
Lucy
Alfie**

**Hugo
William
Kenna
Tayten
Jamie
Ella-Mai
Lily
Alfie
Conor
Niamh
Demi-Louise
Naila
Kobi
Cameron
Noah
Charlie
Harvey
Evie
Jadyn**



Deputy Head Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Holidays!

As we approach the end of another exciting year at school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday! To those of you who are leaving, we wish you all the best for your next adventure. We look forward to seeing those children returning to school on Wednesday 5th September, along with all our new families.

Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to 4 teachers this week - Mrs Davies, Mr Davies, Miss Plant and Mrs Stevens. They are all returning to the UK to teach and are looking forward to living closer to their families. They have all been a great asset to our school and have contributed so much to their own classes, and to wider school life. We will really miss them when they leave and wish them all the best on their new adventures.

We will also be saying goodbye to a number of support staff across both FS and main school – Kimberley Aherne, Natalie Fearn, Carrie Morgan, Jason Parr and Susie Patterson. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and support. We could not provide such high quality education without our wonderful support staff. Good luck on your next adventures!

In September we are really looking forward to welcoming to school Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Hanslip in FS2, Mr Charalambous in Y1 and Mr Ball in Y4.

Children's University

In previous years, MoD Schools took part in the Children's University Programme. Unfortunately, MoD Schools no longer support this programme. However we realise that some children have diligently noted their activities since last June and would like to receive a certificate in recognition of their hard work. We will arrange a celebration assembly, in the first half of the autumn term, for all children with outstanding hours from June 2017 - July 2018 to receive their certificate. All participants will be advised of the date as soon as known. In September please let Gill Eardley know how many hours are outstanding for the period above. gill.eardley@modschools.org or telephone 25275755 or pop into the school office.

Contact information

Please remember to advise the school offices if you have changed your telephone and e-mail contact information. In the autumn term, we will be sending a trial message to check that parents are receiving our messages. The message will be sent on Monday 10th September by text and e-mail. If you do not receive it, please let us know.

Facebook

Please remember that we have a FB page. It is easy to join, answer the 3 simple statements and you will be approved. From the autumn term, we hope to use the page more regularly.

Newsletter

From the autumn term we will cease to send a paper copy home unless you especially ask for one. The Newsletter is always uploaded onto the website and notified through the FB page. We will also forward the link by e-mail/text message. As before, please ensure that we have both current telephone and e-mail contact information. We are also looking at what will be included in the future and how often we will send it home. Please speak to us if you have any comments.

Louise Henry
Deputy Headteacher

Members of Staff and Year Groups - September 2018-2019

Foundation Stage 1	Mrs Michelle Boyd	Seahorses
	Miss Lucy King	Geckos
Foundation Stage 2	Mrs Lindsay Winslade	Owls
	Mrs Wendy Sinclair (Miss Ashleigh Cooper)	Mice
	Mrs Sallyann Taylor	Foxes
	Mrs Emily Hanslip	Bats
Year 1	Mrs Emma Bowles	Vipers
	Miss Amanda Lowe	Whipsnakes
	Mr Andreas Charalambous	Lizards
Year 2	Mrs Charlotte Brett	Caterpillars
	Mr James Bennington	Mantis
	Miss Vicky Flynn	Scorpions
Year 3	Mr Paul McCool	Starfishes
	Mrs Andrea Kemble	Octopuses
	Miss Shonagh MacKenzie	Sharks
Year 4	Miss Fiona Kirby	Dolphins
	Mr Antony Ball	Seals
Year 5	Mrs Kristy Ashford	Pelicans
	Mrs Tracy Gibbs	Flamingos
Year 6	Mr Michael Collins	Falcons
	Mrs Lisa Humphries	Mouflons

GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH

Hello parents and children of Akrotiri School,

The temperature is hotting up so I want to take this opportunity to remind us of what we can do to stay safe in the glorious Cypriot sun.

Slip! on a shirt (at school the uniform covers that one)

Slap! on a hat (no hat, no play)

Slop! on sunscreen (Factor 50 water resistant every morning before school)

Slide! on sunglasses (they are allowed in school, they need to have CE marked labels to guarantee UV protection)

Stay! in the shade

Slurp! loads of water

Talking of water, we know drinking 8 glasses (2 litres / 3.5 pints) is what we need to be aiming for each day, but this increases when it's hot.

You'll know if you're not drinking enough, as you'll feel thirsty (at this point you've already lost 1% of water in your body, by 2% you're officially dehydrated).

Also feeling dizzy, tired, having headaches and your urine will decrease in volume and go darker.

Talking of urine, this month I'm launching the new 'wee charts' in the school assemblies. Look out for them in every loo around school – yes, the staff loos too 😊.

Enjoy the sun, safely x

Victoria Critchley
School Governor

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING **MEDICATION IN SCHOOL**

In accordance with advice given to us; we are not able to keep or store in school, medication pertaining to Individual Healthcare Plans, over the holidays.

As the end of the school year fast approaches, may we remind parents that all medication held in school for your child should be collected by an adult on the last day of term (**Tuesday 24 July**) **from the classroom at 1200hrs** and brought back into school via the relevant school office on the first day of the new term (Wednesday 5th September).

Please take this opportunity to check expiry dates on medication and if necessary, review with health professionals, in order to advise us of any changes required to the plan and/or medication for the new academic year.

Any medication which remains uncollected by the general closure of the school buildings and gates (approximately 1330 hrs) will be sent to the school office and from there, if it remains uncollected by Friday 27th July, will be returned to the SMC.

Thank you for your co-operation.

New Families registration

The school will be open for
registration on:

Thursday 30th August
From 0900 to 1100 hrs

**(PLEASE BRING IN ALL RECORDS FROM YOUR CHILD'S
PREVIOUS SCHOOL)**

For any new **Foundation 1 (3+)** &
Foundation 2 (4+) age children, please also
bring along your child's
BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT



Eight children from Year 4 and 5 classes went to KRS School along with some children from Episkopi School. They took part in an enrichment day for Art.

The theme for the day was the Royal Wedding and the children created their own funky foam printing block which was then used to create some bunting!

The second task involved icing cakes and biscuits using two different techniques. The results were amazing and they had a fantastic day!



GO KART DAY!

Eight lucky Y5 students were picked to build and race two go karts. Each one was worth £1000. Four children from each class were picked. They were: Kyra, Josh, Finlay, Amara, Sebastian, Maisie, Harry, Rosa and Chloe. As a result of Rosa being absent on the race day Chloe replaced her for the race. The go kart from Mrs Ashford's class was called the Jungle Cats and the go kart from Mrs Robert's class was called the Red Flamingos. It took the children three days to build both go karts from scratch. I think it is very good to do things like this because we learned lots about frames, axles, steering and many other things. When asked about the race, Chloe Clarke said, 'It was the first time I'd ever raced the go karts so I was pretty nervous at first but I soon got the hang of it! I was absolutely astonished that we won as our cart broke down.' Mia (a Year 5 student) said, 'It was a very exciting experience to see eight students race! The go karts were very good and it was amazing that they built them on their own from scratch.'

Mr Tomlin and Mr McCool supervised a team each and both said that all the children were fantastic engineers, enthusiastic problem solvers and professional drivers!

Chloe and Kyra



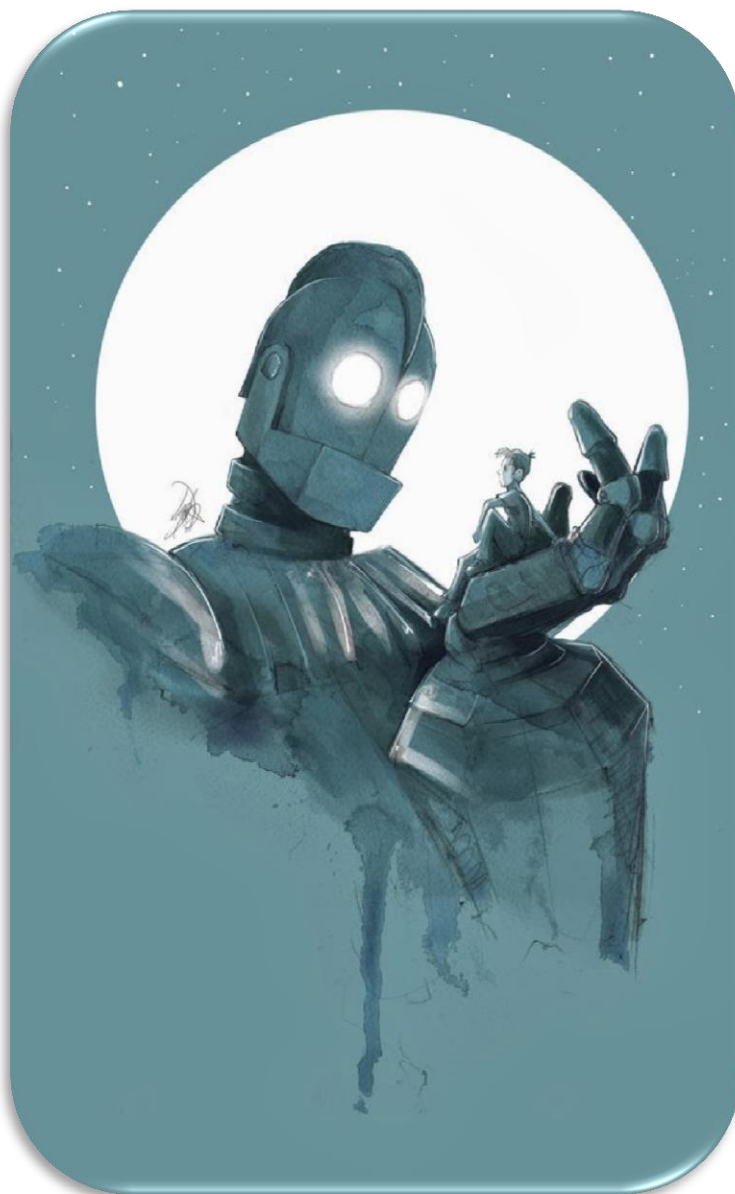
Year 1 had a lovely day at the Motor Museum. We saw different gadgets from different times and compared them to ones we used today. We then looked at all the cars and said how they were different. Some cars didn't have seatbelts, some had to be started by turning a crank on the front and others had headlights which were candles! We also saw police cars, ambulances, buses, fire engines and cars belonging to famous people.



Year 2 have had a great few weeks learning about 'Sports' and 'Keeping Healthy' in our 'Bounce' Topic and we've had a few visitors to inspire us. Mrs Parr came into school to talk about the triathlons she competes in. We had a look at her special equipment and some of her favourite medals and trophies. Mrs Conway-Wallace also came in to do Vibe youth classes with us to show us how to stay fit. It was great fun too! We are so proud of how much the children have achieved this year and we know they are all looking forward to the big move into Year 3 in September. Thank you for all your support this year.



Year 3 pupils have been busy working on the novel 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes, between writing news reports and designing and creating their own 'Iron Men' with eyes which can be switched on and off.



Year 4 Kirby recently performed their Viking Assembly to the Key Stage 2 children. They made me so proud with their confidence, enthusiasm and smiles. I loved to see their independence. Here is what they thought:

Grace, Millie R and Chloe: *'We were nervous when we did our parts but afterwards we felt proud.'*

Darcy, Millie B, Lilly (and a thesaurus!): *'Despite the fact that we were a little nervous at the beginning, throughout the elements of the spectacular assembly, we performed our finest.'*

James: *'I enjoyed singing the Viking song because my sister Emily joined in and she laughed.'*

Mia, Milly and Summer: *'Our class assembly was really fun. We loved singing the song and we think the audience enjoyed it too. At first, we were nervous, but we did it and we got pleasure from performing.'*

Emma and Kathryn: *'We enjoyed seeing all the people laughing when we sang our Viking song.'*

Lilian, Freya and Amelia: *'When we were doing the dance, we felt nervous but we were excited. The assembly went better than planned!'*

Tom and Logan: *'We enjoyed doing our "Did you know" facts because we found out new things that we didn't know before. We also liked the "Heave Ho" Viking song.'*

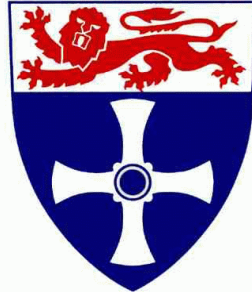
Noah and Luke: *'Our favourite part was singing the Viking song because everyone sang along!'*

Charlie and Henry: *'Doing the dance was very difficult because we had to move really slowly. The audience enjoyed it so it was worth it!'*



Year 5 STEM Day Newcastle University Graduate Ambassador Day

UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE



Team work was essential at the creating stage!

I would like to be an electrical engineer – today has inspired me.



Workshop 1 - Think like a Scientist

This workshop uncovers new types of scientists by breaking down the myths and stereotypes. Children will predict, experiment and observe during interactive STEM demonstrations.

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Children will learn about the different kinds of engineering, some of the specific scientific principles behind it and how it transforms the world around us. The interactive session includes hands-on demos, myth busting and an interactive bridge building activity.

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Workshop 3 – Soldiers possessions

An interactive activity to will help children appreciate that non-textual sources such as artefacts are an important source of information from the past. Children will work in groups to investigate four genuine objects which were among the personal possessions of a soldier fighting in the trenches during World War 1.



I really enjoyed the day and have ambitions to be a scientist. I would specialise in zoology.

We were creative and broke up the marshmallows. They were sticky inside and this acted as a cement. It also went a lot further when stabilising the bridge.

Year 6 recently received the fabulous models they had made on their recent visit to a local pottery. Practically all the clay boats they had made survived the kiln intact and children were extremely proud of their finished models.

Our residential visit to Droushia Heights was once again a great success and all the children returned safely to school tired, happy and keen to do it all again! Our thanks go to Zephyros Sports who provided a fabulous programme of exciting opportunities for all children.

We had a wonderful time sharing our Y6 Leavers' Assembly, to celebrate the end of your child's primary education, with everyone on Friday.





Akrotiri School Calendar

2018/2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

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

SPRING TERM 2019

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

SUMMER TERM 2019

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

SUMMER STORY TIME

25th JULY 1000 - 1100

**AT AKROTIRI
LIBRARY,
CHILDREN STORIES,
COLOURING
ACTIVITIES
AND TREATS**



**Story tellers for Story Times
in the Akrotiri Library**

Story tellers are required for future Story Times in the Akrotiri Library. It is open to all personnel and/or their dependants. You should be enthusiastic, upbeat and expressive.

Please apply to the e-mail address:
Antony.Haralambous914@mod.gov.uk

OR Contact 25276162.