Nicosia, 23 October 2015 - As part of events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, members of the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus’s (UNFICYP) Public Information Office visited the Falcon School in Nicosia on 23 October to talk to students about the history and the work of the UN in Cyprus.

The students, who ranged from six to 13 years of age, were enthralled by the presentation, asking numerous questions about the United Nations and its work to prevent conflict and negotiate during international disputes; many had made flags, both of the UN and their home countries. The UNFICYP presentation – made by civilian and military public information officers – touched on the history of the UN, the history of UNFICYP and the Mission’s military and civil affairs work.

“We loved meeting and talking to the children, and thank the administration of the Falcon School for this opportunity,” said Keisha Rukikaire, UNFICYP Public Information Officer. “The initiative to visit schools is one UNFICYP is keen to continue, as we seek to improve local knowledge of UNFICYP and its purpose on the island.”

This year’s UN Day - celebrated globally on 24 October – was held under the theme, “Stronger UN. Better World.”