



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

### #037

Friday 09 July

Thank you for your engagement with the recent celebration of American Independence – the children and staff had a super time learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> July as well as coming into school wearing colours and clothes representative of the USA. Children sampled the cuisine, music and sports of our cousins from across the pond. There was a definite party atmosphere enjoyed by all.

In less celebratory news, you will have seen the numbers of COVID cases in both Cyprus and the bases rising recently. Many of us have had enforced isolation restrictions placed upon us and we have had to close down another class bubble this week, in addition to the two last week. Whilst this is frustrating for all concerned, it should be noted that because of the stringent procedures that we have in school, particularly through the class bubble arrangements, we have been able to limit close contacts and therefore the impact has been felt by fewer children and families. In terms of our ability to minimise any negative impact on the operational output of the station, this has been successful. We continue to operate well within our risk assessment ensuring a safe environment for our staff and children to work and learn in terms of limiting potential transfer within the school. Adhering to rules and procedures externally will further reduce the risk of the virus being brought into school.

With the current isolation situation and the fallout from this, we have had to revise how we were going to run our transition sessions. Instead of the new classes coming together and risking cross-bubbling, children will remain in their existing class and now take the opportunity to look at the new year group area and have their new class and teacher pointed out. We have built in a comprehensive opportunity for children to get to know each other and establish new routines to bond as a team when we return in September.

Reports will be going home today. Where we have families in isolation or absent children, we will endeavour to deliver reports home. Clearly, we are running on reduced staffing capacity, but still hope to achieve this aim. Thank you for your co-operation.

The prize giving for the CBF poetry competition took place earlier today. I am delighted that we were represented by the KS1 winner, Evie K, and the KS2 runner up, Llewelyn S. Congratulations to both children and well done to everyone who entered, the overall quality of Akrotiri entrants was excellent.

Finally, the question to answer this weekend is 'Is it coming home?' ..... Good luck England!!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner  
Headmaster

