



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 8 November 2019

Hopes of returning to school refreshed after a half term break appear to be compromised after a busy break! I'm sure this was the same for many of you. However, with the scaffolding now down and the roof works completed, seeing the school as a blank canvas has revitalised the soul. Huge thanks to children and staff who have come together well to reflect the pride that is shown in the classrooms out into the wider school. I have been really pleased with the response from everyone to ensure our outside environment is in good order, litter and equipment free, bikes and scooters neatly stored and flora softening some of the concreted areas. It is starting to look amazing.

Similar artistic feats have been achieved during this week's run up to Remembrance Sunday – every year group has responded enthusiastically and conscientiously to SSgt Blayney's request for Remembrance inspired display boards. We are proud and thrilled to have the boards used on Sunday at the Station Service of Remembrance; make sure you have a look, the detail and quality is outstanding,

I was also proud to show around two visitors on Thursday. Both of whom were very impressed with the look and feel of the school and the clear direction in which it is going. Andy Yeoman, Assistant Chief Education Officer (Upavon) and Nicola Goulding, Assistant Chief Education Officer (BFC), have recently joined MoD Schools and were on an engagement and familiarisation visit.

On the same day the children demonstrated excellent resilience and determination to complete the running event organised by Mr Collins. A huge effort was exerted by all children and they did superbly with your excellent support. Thank you to all those who were able to come and cheer the children on – they really appreciated it.

In other recent sporting events, although disappointment for England fans, the lifting of the Rugby World Cup by South Africa's Siya Kolisi was a tremendous moment in history. The first black player appointed captain in 128 years of Springboks' history showed immense leadership and his after-match comments resonate well "We can achieve anything if we work together". A motivating thought which sums up what we can achieve as a school community, if we do exactly that.

Finally, there was a fierce sight on the playground today as Y4 re-enacted a battle as part of their 'Invader and Settlers' topic. The costumes, effort and understanding of the aspects that they were re-enacting demonstrated great learning from an engaging period of history. Well done to all involved – although, in the actual battles I'm sure they were much less smiley!!

Have a great weekend.

Ben Turner

Headmaster

