



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 22 November 2019

A visit and special assembly from SBA police kicked off our road safety awareness week on Monday. Children were introduced to the basic principles of road safety, which would be followed up during the week. A poster competition was launched – there is still time to enter as the closing date is Monday 25 November – for children to advertise how to keep safe on the roads (and paths) under this year's theme, 'Step up for safe streets'.

An open afternoon organised by the emergency services for FS – Y4 was used to further reinforce our safety on the roads campaign this week. Children had a tremendous time exploring the vehicles and asking brilliant questions. However, the request by the children to have me arrested came as somewhat of a surprise, particularly as I was escorting two visitors around the school! Fortunately, the very nice gentleman who arrested me let me go and I continued the visit – it must have been a case of mistaken identity!

The road safety theme continued with Y5 and Y6 who had a most excellent road traffic simulation prepared for them. They listened in awe of what was going on; each aspect was brilliantly narrated so that the children could appreciate the chain of events, and discuss prevention too. Thank you so much to all involved in setting up this unique experience for our children, it is much appreciated.

Related to road safety is the issue of children coming to school on their bikes and scooters. I have had a number of reports of children leaping off the curbs and onto the road without looking – and sometimes into the path of cars. Please could you take the time to support our reminder to children about stopping and looking before crossing or joining a road? Many thanks – let's stay safe.

Finally, this week we had a number of runners from KS2 who represented the school at the MoD Schools, BFC, cross country championships. I was delighted to see our runners display excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and effort – and for their endeavours the Y3/4 team were crowned champions and the Y5/6 team runners up. Well done to all of our runners and of course the coaching team! Individually I would like to congratulate Sienna (Gold) and Lottie (Silver) for the Y3/4 girls, Alfie (Gold) and Jayden (Bronze) for the Y5/6 boys and Peyton (Silver) and Milly (Bronze) for the Y5/6 girls. You were all magnificent!

Have a great weekend.

Ben Turner
Headmaster

