



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

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Friday 13 December 2019

Monday saw the second of our advent assemblies. The candle of *peace* was lit and we talked about images of peace, being at peace with yourself and others, Jesus' wish for peace in the world and about making the time for peace at Christmas in amongst the busyness that the season always brings.

It struck me this week that we are only about 400km from Bethlehem, and the poignancy of that fact has struck a chord with me. We talk about the uniqueness of our context, but when you remind yourself that a short distance from here Jesus was born, it has taken me closer to the essence of Christmas.

This fact has been reinforced this week in what has been a privilege for me to attend all of the Christmas performances in school; it has been somewhat of a marathon, but then again, I am not a sprinter. The children and staff have done tremendously well to put together engaging and entertaining performances which have certainly put us in the Christmas mood.

The Christmas mood was enhanced further with the outstanding Christmas lunch that 380 of us sat down to enjoy at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess on Thursday. Despite the rain, we got to the venue to be greeted by the most fabulous singing from the Rainbow, Brownies and Guides. During the meal a representation from the Military Wives' Choir, RAF Akrotiri, continued with the entertainment. Andreas and his team made us feel so welcome and the food was delicious! Of course, this couldn't have happened without the strong relationship with the station and the idea and organisation from Mrs Gibbs. It was a truly memorable occasion, which really demonstrated the strength of the staff as a whole and the magnificent children that we have. Thank you!

With one more performance next week and the last two candles – I think we'll all be truly prepared for the fun to come.

Have a great weekend.

Ben Turner

Headmaster

