



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Happy New Year and welcome back (or to, if you have just arrived!) to an exciting year ahead. This is especially true for Sallyann Taylor who gave birth to a baby girl, Beatrice, just before the Christmas break. Congratulations to all of the family and best wishes!

Despite the coughs and sniffles there is a buzz of energy about the school which is just the tonic we all need to recover from the excesses of the Christmas period. During the assembly on Monday I spoke to the children about my many failed attempts to set New Year's resolutions which would result in a healthier me – but shared the one that has worked in more recent years – BTBYC, or '*Be the Best You Can*'.

Y4 certainly made a good go at reflecting BTBYC in their incredible topic launch on Wednesday. The letters home on Tuesday night built the anticipation of an incredible day to follow, as Hogwarts came alive in Akrotiri School! Perhaps a first for the island, Quidditch was the game for the day and I'm delighted to report that no-one fell off their broomsticks! I look forward to seeing how the topic develops over the next few weeks.

Not to be outdone, Y2 embarked on a twilight trip to Kolossi Castle. They took great pleasure in pointing out the castle features learned in class and could identify where some features were missing. Amongst finding dragons and re-enacting bowmen on the roof, the children contrasted the sights, sounds and smells of the castle in light and after sunset. I am really looking forward to reading their descriptive settings following the inspiring visit.

Finally, you will have noticed our grand new sign at the front of school leaving no doubt who we are and what our aim is – this is part of the ongoing environmental improvements planned for the school. We now have our sights on the library and music block. The vision here is to create a building that makes you feel like you are entering a concert hall on one side and a world of books on the other. If you have ideas or an artistic flair and would like to be involved, please contact me via the main office and I'll put you in touch with the working party.

In this Olympic year we're certainly starting to 'feel Olympic'!

Have a great weekend.

Ben Turner

Headmaster

