



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

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To complete this very strange term, I have a number of sincere thanks to make. Firstly, to you, the parents and children of Akrotiri School who have come together brilliantly and adapted to a new way of learning. Also, to the teachers and staff of the school who have adapted equally as brilliantly in supporting and innovating learning remotely. This has been a steep learning curve for us all and we have had to dig deep into our arsenal of pedagogy to ensure we support learning to the best of ability.

Your feedback has been invaluable in helping us to shape and support the learning opportunities which are being made available – please keep us informed if you have further feedback. We will continue to innovate as we move into the summer term. The diary writing has been an area that we are receiving feedback on and, as a result, we suggest that the expectation is revised. Starting after the Easter break, we would like children to complete an entry per week (clearly, if children are enjoying the daily entry then they are free to continue this). To help the process, in addition to recording what they have been up to, children could consider the COVID19 statistics, tracking the development of a plant (photos or description), comment on the weather and temperature, identify types of birds they have seen or track what they are reading.

Today has been a highlight of the remote learning so far. To see the tremendous effort that you have made with our children is breath-taking! The Easter displays were exceptional – from the traditional to the innovative, from live displays to food offerings – it was brilliant to be a part of and will live long in the memory. 1130 was the sing-a-long with Bruno Mars; I hope you enjoyed it and sang out loud. I look forward to seeing the videos online later.

The new remote learning overviews for the first week back after Easter will be uploaded by the teachers at 8am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. However, please remember that the next two weeks are the Easter holidays! You all deserve a much-needed break – enjoy the opportunity to relax and have fun.

Have an 'egg'cellent Easter.

Ben Turner

Headmaster

