



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

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As we come to the end of one of the strangest years in possibly a couple of generations - perhaps going back to WW2 in terms of the global impact – we say farewell to our latest cohort of Y6. Still now, we feel the impact of COVID19 on our everyday lives, although lucky that we are here in Cyprus one of the countries with the best record globally. Many huge events have been postponed or cancelled - the Olympics, the Euros, delay of the premiership, award ceremonies, the new Bond film, Eurovision, countless musical theatre and concert events and of course SATs!! But SATs doesn't tell us anything we don't already know about our Y6 – a unique class of COVID2020 – they proved this with the tremendous way that they came back to school and got stuck into learning.

Last night we spent the evening in a glorious setting, the school courtyard under the stars, to celebrate their time at Akrotiri School and wish them the best of luck for the future. The thought I left them with was that as they grow older choices and independence are theirs. So , to Y6; You choose the path – ensure it makes a difference.

Next week we have just a couple of days to go. Group 'A' on Monday, finishing at 1300, and group 'B' on Tuesday, finishing at 1200. This will be an opportunity to round off the year and celebrate the successes and children are invited to wear 'mufti' (non-uniform). Well done to all the pupils and thank you to the wonderful staff of Akrotiri who have worked hard to maintain learning, in partnership with parents, through lockdown and into our phased return.

We continue to add to and strengthen our staff and after a successful round of interviews, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Chong has been appointed as a fulltime member of staff, initially in FS2. We also appointed another teacher, who will initially join the team in Y1, and is expected to arrive by January. I am thrilled to have them both onboard.

I had the pleasure of learning more about the Rainbows gold award today from not one, but two young ladies in Y2, Kaitlynn and Elouise. This prestigious award comes after all badges have been earned and then giving a presentation on aspects of their Rainbow life. Both girls have now made the transition to Brownies and are very excited to embark on new challenges. Congratulations!

Have wonderful weekend.

Ben Turner  
Headmaster

