



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

### #01

Friday 4 September 2020

With the heat ramped up in the latter part of the week, it reflected the hot discussions around the class names for this 20/21 academic year. With the Olympics postponed to next year (fingers crossed!), we have decided to name our classes after Olympic countries. Children and teachers have been researching and identifying countries which they would like to reflect over the course of the next year.

The rationale for this is that it gives each class an identity and a sense of belonging and ownership, encourages children come together as a team, requires research and knowledge building as well as acknowledging a major world event. Each class will continue to research the country, reflect on themselves as learners and set the foundations for a successful year ahead as they move into next week, alongside a daily diet of maths and English.

Class	Country	Class	Country
FS1 Taylor	Great Britain	FS1 Brett	Cyprus
FS2 Chong	Belgium	FS2 Sinclair	Canada
FS2 Kearns	Ireland	FS2 Robinson	Germany
Y1 Cooper	Spain	Y1 Bennington/Gibbs	France
Y1 Kemble	Greece	Y2 Cooper	Italy
Y2 Flynn	South Africa	Y2 Kirby	China
Y3 Goddard	Jamaica	Y3 Ball	Japan
Y3 McKenna	Netherlands	Y4 Lowe	Brazil
Y4 Mackenzie	Mexico	Y4 Clarke	USA
Y5 McKenna	Fiji	Y5 Ashford	Australia
Y6 Cotter	Madagascar	Y6 Collins	India
Y6 Humphries	New Zealand		

Thank you for your patience this week whilst we have adapted to and adjusted our morning routines. As you will appreciate, getting 500+ pupils into school with limited access points has been a challenge, but the children have responded tremendously. I have been extremely impressed with the positive attitudes displayed throughout; it bodes well for the year ahead.

In my last letter to you I mentioned implementing a single platform for communication throughout the school. We have decided that Seesaw will be our platform, as it allows functionality from FS to Y6. The introduction to this should be rolled out by the end of next week; from then, regular communication from your class teacher will commence.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Ben Turner

Headmaster

