



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 20 November

After the apocalyptic storm last night, the school has been a hive of activity in an attempt to dry out, or at least reduce the amount of water that somehow managed to enter the building via pretty much any which way possible. I am glad to report that it did not cause any lasting damage – but it is very wet underfoot! Wellington boots would have been the best choice of footwear today.

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need effort this year – albeit a little differently to previous years. Children engaged in the five to thrive activities as per the BBC website on Monday and this feeds well into our focus on anti-bullying next week.

We kick off with an 'Odd Socks' day on Monday – a letter has gone out today – which will launch the anti-bullying week. Mr Collins has worked with teachers to set up some thoughtful activities which will challenge bullying and promote kindness. I look forward to exploring this theme further next week. Of course, promoting anti-bullying and dealing robustly with this sort of unacceptable behaviour is something which is always on our agenda.

With regard to learning, I had a very enjoyable visit to classes in KS1 and Y3 with Mrs Robinson this week. We had the opportunity to talk with children and they delighted in showing the great progress they had made since the beginning of term. Again, I have been so impressed with the continued positive response to learning that the children display in spite of the context that we find ourselves in. They are so accepting of the mask wearing adults and other restrictions that we are working within.

This week teachers have continued to engage with you via TEAMS. Whilst I know there have been some technical difficulties, the overwhelming majority of meetings have taken place successfully and have been very productive. Thank you for your positive engagement.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headmaster

