



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 22 January

The regular cycle of postings struck again this week and we say a very sad farewell to Amanda Skinner. Amanda has been a huge source of support to the school and me since I took up the post and leaves a very strong legacy of SHEF practice throughout the school. Always representing the school professionally and passionately, Amanda will leave a large gap. We wish her all the best with the move. More recently, Katharine Skinner joined us as an LSA and has supported teaching and learning in the early years. She has built up experience quickly and we wish her all the best for the future too.

You may have seen the Diplodocus updates on the school Facebook page recently. There has been a lot of excitement from the FS1 classes as they have started to investigate this strange sighting. To top it off, suspected 'eggs' have been discovered and the children have been seeking ways to look after them. We're all looking forward to seeing what happens next...

This week, children have engaged in some assessments which will support our standardisation and judgements. Children may have spoken about them during the week, but we have tried to keep them as low key as possible. The assessments have been along the lines of the reading comprehensions included in the Accelerated Reader system and the typical maths questions found in the White Rose maths online. These are internal to school and form part of our ongoing assessments.

Finally, we have been making significant progress with our virtual video tours recently. Children have been engaging brilliantly and I'm very excited to see the final outcome. This will be a great way for new pupils and families to have a clear overview of the school before they arrive – and a lasting memory for those who leave.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headmaster

