



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 4 February

This week has focussed on children's mental health and wellbeing with a number of activities going on across the school as a response to 'Children's Mental Health Week 2021'. I have been pleased to see, first-hand, children engaging in meaningful discussions across Y1 and Y4 exploring the theme 'express yourself'. One of my main drivers is to create an ethos and culture whereby all children are able to celebrate and express their individuality without fear of being victimised. We live in a wonderfully rich and diverse world where we should all understand and accept how we are equally different.

In demonstrating our empathy for others, I am delighted with the positive response that we had to the mufti charity effort to support a young boy from Akrotiri Village. We raised in excess of €700 which will go towards the travel and sustenance costs for the family when they go to Germany for specialist treatment. Thank you for this incredible support which has been very gratefully received by the family.

Along with other members of the SLT, I have had the privilege of exploring learning in various year groups this week. We have explored the learning within the context of our teaching and learning model and engaged in fascinating discussions with staff and children. Thank you to all who have been involved this week – we look forward to further exploration next week.

Finally, this week we learned the very sad news that Capt Sir Tom died. Tragically, it was to the very virus that inspired his tremendous fund-raising effort which exceeded £3.3m for the NHS. He will live long in the memory of a newly established national treasure and will serve as an inspiration of resilience to us all – not only for his recent efforts - but for his long and successful life. Rest in Peace.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headmaster

