



Akrotiri School

Summer Sizzler

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It has been a scorching end to the school year which has culminated in a lot of water-based learning – from forest school to the classroom! During a year where we hoped we would see an easing of restrictive measures, we appear to be right back in the throes of COVID fatigue and I sincerely hope that everybody manages to get to where they hope to be over the summer holidays. Despite this uncertain ending, we can be thankful that we have remained open all year. This is in stark contrast to schools in the UK who have had long periods of closure and a return to distant learning.

Over the course of the year we have seen many improvements - from the grounds, which have been lovingly transformed under the leadership of Marinos, to the curriculum offer, which we continue to refine and improve as a team together. The team is all important – without which we can't operate as one. Our aim is clear, 'roots to grow and wings to fly' and this vision is certainly coming into sharp focus as we advance forwards across all areas of our output. We have the opportunity and potential to achieve world class standards, if we operate as one.

Whilst the output of the Music Service has been compromised because of staff movement, we continue to work with the authority and the service to look at ways to mitigate the loss and offer music tuition until a longer-term solution is found. If your children have 1:1 tuition you will have been contacted by the centre recently, but please be assured that we are looking at solutions to overcome what we hope will be a short-term problem.

At this time of term there are many mixed emotions. Excitement of moving on, or loss at leaving friends behind or seeing friends go, these are the cyclical feelings that we, in a military environment, experience all too often. To all of our children leaving, I wish you the very best for the future and thank you for your time with us. To the staff who are either leaving posts or moving on; Mrs McKenna, Mrs Goddard, Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Oakley, Mrs Jones, Mrs Lamb, Mrs Whitman, Mrs Handley, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Honhold, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Farrell who goes on maternity leave, thank you for your commitment and support of the school and children. Very best wishes and good luck for the future.

Looking ahead to the future, children will restart school on Thursday 2 September. The entrances currently used will continue until we have confirmation of reduced restrictions. I sincerely hope that next year we will see a return to cross-bubble working, school performances and seeing more parents in school. We recently had a glimpse of this at the Y6 leavers' assembly and it certainly reminded me of the richness that live performance brings to a school. Tomorrow morning, we will say farewell to all leavers at the end of year assembly.

Thank you for your support and engagement, albeit distanced, over the year. I look towards to further development and success in 21/22.

Have a wonderful summer break.

Ben Turner
Headmaster

