

Akrotiri School Friday Feeling #010

Friday 12 November

This week has focussed on remembrance in a very special way. Following on from the INSET that teachers engaged in before half term around provocations and developing curiosity, our front entrance has reflected remembrance through a show of original artefacts, resources and provocation questions. This has filtered into classes where children have been considering why we remember at this time of year and what it means to many of us to remember at other points of the year too.

On 11 November, we gathered as a school with Mr Bennington and Padre Stew to pray and observe a two minutes silence. Darcey read brilliantly McCrae's, In Flanders Fields, and the children demonstrated upmost respect during the Last Post and Reveille. The children were a credit to our military community.

Today, we had the most incredible end to the week. The whole school lined the finishing section of the 457 march and clapped in all of the participants – they reported that it gave a great boast over the finishing line after a hot and heavy 10km. Accompanying the applauding children, we were lucky to experience the incredible sound of the band of the Brigade of Gurkhas. To reward our efforts, we were then invited to join the ranks of the band, which the children enthusiastically did. Within seconds, the children were performing complicated peeling off and wheel manoeuvres – we're thinking of hiring the band for every playtime!!

Tonight, the station is putting on a fireworks display, which I am sure we are all very much looking forward to. It should be a tremendous way to finish off a poignant week before the remembrance service on Sunday. Stay safe.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner Headmaster

