



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 26 November

We had the most wonderful community celebration on Thursday, when our friends from the United States of America shared with us the importance and history behind Thanksgiving. Mrs Larkins led an assembly and then gave out mini pumpkin pies for each child and member of staff within the school. This tremendous feat was orchestrated by Mrs Patterson, who brought together a team of willing volunteers to present us with this much-loved dessert. Many children and staff had never tried this delicacy and it certainly went down a treat across the school. Thank you so much for sharing this poignant celebration with us. Happy Thanksgiving!

The same day, we had a group of visiting headteachers from across the island. The highlight of their visit was the opportunity to walk around the school and visit classes. Their comments were exceptionally positive as they commented upon the positive relationships, friendly staff, confident pupils, high quality environment and inspiring atmosphere – it was certainly a very proud moment for me to have the school and its pupils speak for itself. They certainly felt the HEART values of our school and saw in action 'roots to grow and wings to fly'!

As we approach the end of term, we often see members of staff leave us due to posting. On this occasion, we say farewell and good luck to Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Mulholland. Both have been much valued LSAs and offered a significant level of support to pupils and teachers. You will both be missed - we wish you all the best for your posting and good luck in the future.

Finally, you will have seen the news coming out from the ROC regarding the run up to Christmas and the implications for children and schools. As BFC work through the latest restrictions, we wait to see how this might impact on our planned activities. I think it is safe to say that the school concert planned for the 13 December is now cancelled, but we will be looking to see how we can make alternative arrangements, through the use of media, to present some of the songs to you. We will keep you informed of any changes via the school comms systems.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headmaster

